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Town of Paris.

Transportation.

On December 14th, 1904, the Superintending School Committee of the town of Paris will consider bids for the transportation of pupils for the ensuing term or terms in the following districts, viz: Bolster, Forbes, Snow's Falls, Whittemore, Starns Hill districts, so-called. All bids must be in writing, sealed, and presented to the undersigned before noon of December 14th, 1904. Information as to routes may be had of the Superintendent of Schools.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

ALTON C. WHEELER, Supt. of Schools.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of

DANIEL BISBEE, late of Canton,

in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

Nov. 15th, 1904. ANSEL G. STAPLES.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of BION M. GREELY, Bankrupt. } *In Bankruptcy.*

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

BION M. GREELY, of Paris, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 26th day of December, 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 bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 19th day of October, A. D. 1904.

BION M. GREELY, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 26th day of Nov., A. D. 1904, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 16th day of Dec., A. D. 1904, 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 26th day of Nov., A. D. 1904.

[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

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The National Grange.

IN SESSION IN NOVEMBER AT PORTLAND, OREGON—AN INTERESTING REPORT.

The national grange met in 38th annual session at Portland, Ore., Nov. 16. The armory where the meetings were held was elaborately decorated and a notable feature was the fruit exhibit from Oregon and Washington. At the evening public session Augustus High, past master of the Washington state grange, presided. Gov. Chamberlain of the state of Washington delivered the address of welcome and National Master Jones responded in his characteristic vein. Mayor Williams of Portland extended the hospitalities of the city and Gov. Bachelder of New Hampshire responded to his words of welcome. Speeches were also made by B. G. Leedy, master of the Oregon state grange, and by Hon. E. B. Norris, master of the New York state grange.

National Master Jones delivered an address which was an exhaustive treatment of the various subjects that present themselves for the consideration of the national body. Twenty-five thousand copies of the address were ordered printed.

Abernethy grange of Oregon presented the presiding officer with a gavel made from the wood of two historic cherry trees. The seed of a tree from which the gavel was produced was planted by Rev. A. F. Waller, a Methodist minister, who went to Oregon in the early 40's as a missionary. The tree grew on the main street of Portland undisturbed for 60 years, being removed only four years ago.

At the second day's session the national officers made their reports. National Treasurer, Mrs. E. S. McDowell of Rome, N. Y., reported balances and receipts for the year to be $52,716.85, expenses $19,513.10, leaving a balance on hand of $33,203.75.

The roll call of states showed the grange to be in flourishing condition everywhere. New Hampshire reports 266 subordinate and 19 Pomona granges and a grange fire insurance organization having more than $7,000,000 in policies. More than 100 members of the order have just been elected to serve in the New Hampshire legislature and a grange school law will probably be enacted this winter. Connecticut reported 121 granges and a growth in membership. Minnesota reported gains during the year. Ohio has organized 25 new granges and traveling libraries are a grange feature there. Pennsylvania reports 7,000 new members this year and grange life insurance is becoming a feature of the order in that state. South Carolina reported the order in a flourishing condition. In Wisconsin the grange has forged ahead. Maine makes a banner report. That state has now 24 Pomona granges and 374 granges all told in the state. It has organized 28 subordinate granges the past year and the total state membership is 47,772. Thirteen new grange halls were dedicated the past year and the cost, on the average, was $4,700 although one cost $14,500. One grange has a membership of 784 with a possibility of making it 850 before the end of the year.

Illinois reported an increase of about 20 per cent in membership. Delaware reported that field work during the past year had received more attention with good results. In Illinois prizes were offered by the state grange for increased membership and seven members of the grange in that state were recently elected to the state legislature. The insurance feature is prosperous in that state. Vermont has added 13 new granges the past year with a net membership of about 1000. Worthy Master Norris of the New York state grange said that the past year had been a very prosperous one for the order in the state, 32 new granges having been organized, three Pomonas and seven halls dedicated. The gain in membership the past year is between 5,000 and 6,000. He recounted the work done during the summer months at the field meetings, state fair, Chautauqua and Thousand Islands, in all of which much interest was taken. The state of Washington reported 15 granges organized, one Pomona, a net gain in membership of 36 per cent.

Kansas has added 6,000 to the membership during the past year. One fire insurance company carries risks to the value of more than $3,200,000. Rhode Island reported fair prosperity for the grange. Mutual fire insurance companies report a saving of 50 per cent on the cost of insurance. Maryland reported good progress. Michigan has added 81 granges the past year, making 719 granges in the state with 44,013 members. There are about 20 county and district fire insurance companies in the state, the average cost of insurance on each thousand being $1.25 per annum. They have $20,000 in the state treasury. Four hundred grange halls are owned by subordinate granges. There are 24 in one county. West Virginia is rapidly coming to the front. There is about 100 granges in good standing. New Jersey has increased its membership about 2,000 the past year. There are about $8,000,000 worth of property insurance in grange fire insurance companies which have been in existence 25 years.

The executive committee's report showed that the property of the national grange consists of 29 farm mortgages amounting to $46,306, deposits in savings banks $12,712, amount in fiscal agency $20,490, a total investment of $60,199, or a total of $80,690, which shows an increase during the year of $9,293,367.

A strong resolution was adopted in favor of the parcels post. The committee emphasized the fact that the rural mail service now has the machinery for a most efficient parcels post system and that the rural free delivery system is incomplete without the addition of provisions for the delivery of parcels. The committee did not advocate a parcels rate that would drive the express companies into bankruptcy but thought that the people had a right to demand of congress an extension of the usefulness of the system of parcels delivery. On the question of public highways the committee presented a strong resolution favoring the passage of house bill 10,765 for national aid for highways and they urged the state masters to take these matters up immediately in their several states.

The committee on finances recommended the following salaries: $500 per year and three dollars per day and actual traveling expenses while away from his office for the Worthy Master; $400 and the same per diem for the Worthy Lecturer; $1200 for the Worthy Secretary and traveling expenses when necessary; $400 for the Worthy Treasurer and traveling expenses; three dollars per day and expenses for the member of the executive committee. It was also recommended that $7,000 be set aside as a lecture and extension fund.

A proposition to institute a life insurance department for members of the National grange has been considered by the National Grange and, after discussion, was referred back to the special committe for revision.

The committee on transportation submitted its report which was unanimously adopted. It favors a more effective interstate commerce law.

The report of the legislative committee was also adopted, recommending the extension of rural free delivery system, postal savings banks, direct election of United State Senators, governmental control of large corporations, enlarged duties of the interstate commerce commission, a pure food law, extension of the market for farm products in foreign countries, construction of a ship canal from the Mississippi river to the great lakes and from the great lakes to the Atlantic ocean, the construction of the isthmus canal, national aid for highways and vigorous opposition to any attempt to repeal the Grout oleomargarine law.—New England Farmer.

Fertilizers and Cover Crops.

V. P. DeCoster, of Buckfield, raises his own trees from seed, his staple dressing being barnyard manure. He had an orchard where sheep had run, and there was not one apple in ten that was not a perfect specimen. S. H. Dawes said his orchard is in grass land, as three-quarters of the orchards of Maine are, and never had he raised so large a crop of grass as the present year; the aftermath formed so soft a carpet that apples dropped from the trees without injury. He allows sheep to run in the orchard part of the time. He raised 948 barrels of apples and seventy of pears, and his apples took first prize in the state exhibit. Mr. Dawes stated that he bought three tons of chemicals and mixed them himself. This is his formula and method of application: Nitrate of soda, 350 pounds; sulphate of ammonia, 150 pounds; sulphate of potash, 230 pounds; acid phosphate, 220 pounds; keiserit 50 pounds. All are thoroughly mixed and sown on the surface under the tree, out a little farther than the limbs extend, at the rate of ten pounds to a medium sized tree, from May 1 to 10, or as soon as the blossom buds begin to open.

Professor Munson, in his talk of experiments and results, favored cover crops, cultivation and high grade fertilizer, his formula being 3 per cent nitrogen, 8 per cent potash and 6 per cent phosphoric acid.—Tribune Farmer.

Marketing the Crop.

Dr. Twitchell, in an able paper on "Our Markets," took the ground that fewer varieties of apples should be planted in Maine, and that more attention should be paid to having good color, backed by quality, together with a better size and shape. The box he considered preferable to the barrel as a package, and he would use only the best apples put up attractively.

In regard to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tailed moths, he thought it obligatory upon the state to take the financial part of the matter in charge, and discussion by the society should be followed by some organized movement to this end, else it were well nigh useless.

He said that there should be a fruit marks act whereby the correct branding of fruit would be assured, which, to be thoroughly effective should be national; legislation in this direction he considered desirable. He read the requirements of a similar act in Canada and spoke of the excellent results therefrom.

Taking up the subject of fairs he spoke of the large premiums awarded in the races and of the small amounts offered for fruits and flowers. He advised that the matter be taken up by the society. Pursuant to the suggestions offered, committees were appointed before the close of the session to look after the points in question.

Professor Munson urged upon the assembly the importance of a broad agricultural education, as working in the old ruts is largely responsible for the young men of the rural communities leaving the farm for other employments.—Tribune Farmer.

Jerseys For Profit.

While the experts are figuring out all the details of the great dairy demonstration held at St. Louis last summer, which takes time, that part of the public interested are eagerly awaiting the official results. Some figures are already at hand, however, from reliable sources. In Test "A"—herds and individual cows entered for demonstrating the economic production of butterfat and butter—the Jersey herd is far in the lead, with the Holsteins second. As there were 25 Jerseys and but 15 Holsteins entered in this test, it is necessary, for comparison, to take the average net profit per cow. The Jersey herd yielded during the one hundred and twenty days, 124,524.2 lbs. milk, containing 5,810.69 lbs. fat, equivalent to 6,844.99 lbs. butter, which, valued at 25 cents per pound, amounts to $1,711.25. The feed consumed cost $722.40, leaving a net profit to the credit of the Jersey herd of $988.85, or a profit of $39.55 per cow for the 120 days.

The net profit of the Holstein herd is $438, or $29 per cow. Thus the Jerseys have surpassed the Holsteins as profitable buttermakers by $10 per head.

In regard to the relative standing of individual cows, four Jerseys lead all the herds in net profit, while the best Holstein comes fifth, followed by ten Jerseys. In the best fifteen cows there is but one Holstein; in the twenty leading cows there are but three Holsteins.

The figures given may be somewhat modified by the final official computations, but no material alteration is likely. What has been demonstrated in Test "A" is plainly—"Jerseys for profit."—Cor. in Maine Farmer.

The Golden Corn.

The National grange led by that loyal friend of agriculture, Gov. Bachelder of New Hampshire, wisely, we think, adopted for its national floral emblem the Indian corn, thus recognizing the supreme value of this important article of food for man and beast and also setting its mark of approval on that which comes only as the result of the skill and labor of the farmers. A few years ago and even the members of the granges were led to endorse the goldenrod as a state emblem and in some sections the field daisy was advocated. That such movements resulted from impulse was readily to be seen and because the weed selected was without intrinsic worth and did not represent thought, purpose or labor on the part of any one, it was soon forgotten. Now the patrons will have a floral emblem which has some significance. It speaks not alone of the results of honest labor but of life for the masses as well as animals. No more appropriate emblem could have been selected and the members of the National grange proved their loyalty to the industry which called the order into existence, by promptly adopting the golden corn.—Maine Farmer.

To Relieve a Choking Cow.

A writer in Farming World gives the following method to relieve a choking cow:

Take a piece of round stick about 12 inches long, about as large around as a pitchfork handle, open the cow's mouth, put the piece of wood crosswise as a bit in a horse's mouth, with a piece of small cord reaching round the head to keep it in place as bit and bridle in an animal's mouth. The work is done, and you need give the animal no more attention.

It is the great flow of saliva from the irritation of the throat which causes the bloating, which soon proves fatal, and also swells whatever may be lodged in the throat until suffocation takes place. I have stood by an animal dangerously bloated, and after this treatment in a few minutes have witnessed at least a gallon of slimy saliva discharged from the mouth, and the swelling entirely gone. The animal can cough the offending obstruction out with very little effort, when the throat is entirely free from saliva.—New England Farmer.

Some cows seem to enjoy the lively jigs we sometimes whistle at milking time, and others do not like them so well, but prefer the old-fashioned, "long-horned" tunes our grandfathers used to sing at meeting. Suit your tunes to the temperament of the cow you are milking. There is fitness in all things, and this will best fit into your returns at the end of the season.

The Heart's Highway

... By ...

MARY E. WILKINS

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[CONTINUED.]

My Lord Robert Ealing, who had come to the ball at Cavendish Court that long last year, was a distant kinsman of our family and unwedded, but a man who went through the world with a silly leer of willingness toward all womankind. And 'twas this very trait perhaps which accounted for his remaining unwedded, although a lord, though the fact that his estates were encumbered may have had somewhat to do with it. Be that as it may, he lived alone, except for a few old servants, and was turned sixty when, long after my transportation, he wedded his cook, who gave him three daughters and one son, to whom the estate went, but the ring and the letter came to the Chelmsfords. The letter, which I afterward saw, was a most curious thing, both as to composition and spelling and chirography, for his lordship was no scholar. And since the letter is but short I may perhaps as well give it entire. After this wise it ran, being addressed to Colonel John Chelmsford, who was his cousin, though considerably younger:

Dear Cousin (so wrote my Lord Ealing).—When this reaches you I shall be laid in silent tomb, where, perchance, I shall be more at peace than I have ever ben in a wurld, which either fitted me not, or I did not fit. At all odds there was a sore misfit betwixt us in some way. If it was the blam of the world, good ridance and parden, if it was my blam, let them which made me come to acount fo'rt. I send herewith my great emruld ringg, with dimends which I suspect hath been the means of sending an inosent man into slavery. I had a mind some years agone to wed with Caterin Cavendish, and she bein a hard made to approche, having ever a stiff turn of the sholder toward me, though I knew not why, I was not willin to resk my sute by word of mouth, nor having never a gift in writin by letter. And so, knowin that mades like well such things, I bethought me of my emruld ring, and on the night of the ball, I being upstair in to lay off my hatt and cloak, stole privily into Catherin's chamber, she being a-dancin below, and I laid the ring on her dresing table, thinkin that she would see it when she entered, and know it for a love token.

And then I went myself below, and Caterin, she would have none of me, and made up such a face of ice when I approached, that methought I had maybe wasted my emruld ring. So after a little up the stare I stole, and the ring was not where I had put it. Then thinkin that the ring had been stole, and I had neither that nor the made, I raised a great hue and cry, and demanded that a search be maid, and the ring was found on Master Wingfield, and he was therefor transported, and I had my ring again, and myself knew not the true fact of the case until a year agone.

Then feeling that I had not much longer to live, I writ this, thinking that Master Wingfield was in a rich country, and not in sufferin, and a few months more would make not much odds to him. The faca of the case, cousin, I knew from Madam Cavendish's old servant woman Charlotte, who came to my sister when the Cavendishs left for Virginia, having a fear of the sea, and later when my sister died, to my wife, and died but a year agone, and in her deathbed told me what she knew. She told me truly, that she did see Madam Cavendish on the night of the ball go into Caterin's chamber, and espying my emruld ring on her dressing table, take it up and look at it with exceeding astonishment, and then lay it down not on the spot whereon I had left it, but on the prayer book on the little stand beside her bed, and then go downstairs, frowning.

Then this same Charlotte, having litle interest in life as to her own affairs, and forced to suck others, if she would keep her wits nourished, being watchful, saw me enter, and miss the ring, and heard the hue and cry which I raised. And then she still watching, saw Master Harry Wingfield, who with others was searching the house for the lost treasure, stop as he was passing the open door of Caterin's chamber, because the green light of the emruld fixed his eyes, and rush in and secrete the ring upon his person. This Charlotte saw, and told Madam Cavendish, who bound her over to secresy to save the honour of the family, believing that her own granddaughter Caterin was the thief.

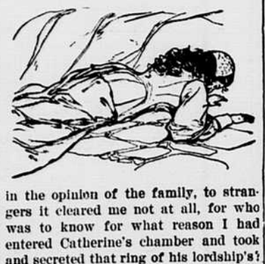
This epistle, cousin, is to prove to you that Caterin was no thief, but simply a cold maid, who hath no love for either hearts or gems, but of that I complain not, havin as I believe, wedded wisely, if not to please my famly, and three daughters and a son, hath my Betty given me, and most exceedin fine tarts hath she made, and puddens, and I die content, with this last writ to thee, cousin, to clear Caterin Cavendish, and may be of an inosent gentleman likewise.

No more from thy cousin

EALING.

One strange feature there was about this letter, which the writer had not foreseen—while it cleared me well enough

Catherine throws herself on the floor of Harry's cell



in the opinion of the family, to strangers it cleared me not at all, for who was to know for what reason I had entered Catherine's chamber and took and secreted that ring of his lordship's? Strict silence had I maintained, and so had Madam Cavendish all these years, and naught in that letter would clear me before any court of law. Catherine being the only one whose innocence was made plain, I could now tell my story with no fear of doing her harm, but let those believe my part of it who would! Still I may say here that I verily believe that I was at last cleared in the minds of all who knew me well, and for others I cared not.

My term expired soon after that date, and though I chose to remain in Virginia and not return to England, yet my half brother, John Chelmsford, when confronted by any gate of injustice leaped it like an English gentleman, with no ado. And yet after I heard that letter I knew that I was a convict still, and knew that for some I would be until the end of the chapter, and when I grew a little stronger that wild hope that now I might have Mary dimmed within me, for how could I allow her to wed a man with a stain upon his honor?

It was three days after this, my brother and various others striving all the time, but with no effect, to secure my release, that Mary herself came to see me. Catherine, as I afterward discovered, had unlocked her chamber door and set her free while her grandmother slept, and the girl had mounted Merry Roger and come straight to me, not caring who knew.

I heard the key grate in the lock, and turned my eyes, and there she was, the blessing of my whole life, though I felt that I must not take it. Close to me she came and knelt, and leaned her cheek against mine, and stroked back my wild hair.

"Harry, Harry,' she whispered, and all her dear face was tremulous with love and joy.

"Thou art no convict, Harry," she said. "Thou didst not steal the ring,

Mary confesses her love

but that I knew before, and I know not any better now, and I love thee no better now. And I would have been thine in any case."

"I am still a convict, sweetheart," I said, but, I fear, weakly.

"Harry," she cried out, "thou wilt not let that stand betwixt us now?"

"How can I let thee wed with a convict if I love thee?" I said. "And know you not that this letter of my Lord Ealing's clears me not legally?"

"That I know," she answered, frowning, "because thy brother hath consulted half the lawyers in England ere he came. I know that, my poor Harry, but what is that to us?"

"I cannot let thee wed a convict, a man with his honor stained, dear heart," I said.

Then she fixed her blue eyes upon mine with such a look as never I saw in mortal woman. She knew at that time what sentence had been fixed upon me for my share in the tobacco riot, but I did not know, and then and there she formed such a purpose as sure no maid, however great her love for a man, formed before.

"Wait and see what manner of woman she is who loves thee, Harry," she said.

CHAPTER XXI.

I LAY in prison until the 29th day of May, Royal Oak day. I know not quite how it came to pass, but none of my brother's efforts toward my release met with any success. I heard afterward some whispers as to the cause being that so many of high degree were concerned in the riots, and that if I, a poor devil of a convict tutor, were let off too cheaply, why, then the rest of them must be let loose only at a rope's end, and that it would never do to send me back to Drake Hill scot free while Sir Humphrey Hyde and Major Robert Beverly and my Lord Estes and others were in durance, and some high in office in great danger of discovery.

At all events, whatever may have been the reason, my release could not be effected, and in prison I lay for all those days, but with more comfort, since either Catherine or Mary—Mary I think it must have been—made a curtain for my window which kept out that burning eye of the western sun and also fashioned a gnat veil to overspread my pallet, so the flies could not get at me. I knew there were others in prison, but knew not that three of them were led forth to be hung, which might have been my fate had I been a free man, nor knew that another was released on condition that he build a bridge over Dragon's swamp.

This last chance my friends had striven sorely to get for me, but had not succeeded, though they had offered large sums, my brother being willing to tax the estate heavily. Some covert will there was at work against me, and it may be I could mention it, but I like not mentioning covert wills, but only such as be downright and exercised openly in the faces of all men. I lay there not so uncomfortably, being aware of a great delight that the tobacco was cut, whether or no, as indeed it was on many plantations, and the king cheated out of great wealth.

This end of proceedings, with no Bacon to lead us, did not surprise nor disappoint me. Then, too, the fact that I was cleared of suspicion of theft in the eyes of her I loved and her family, at least, filled me with an ecstasy which sometimes awoke me from slumber like a pain. And though I was quite resolved not to let that beloved maid fling away herself upon me unless my innocence was proved world wide, and to shield her at all costs to myself, yet sometimes the hope that in after years I might be able to wed her and not injure her started up within me.

She came to see me whenever she could steal away, Madam Cavendish being still in that state of hatred against me for my participation in the riot, though otherwise disposed enough to give her consent to our marriage on the spot. And every day came my brother John and Catherine, and now and then Parson Downs. And the parson used to bring me choice spirits in his pocket, and tobacco, though I could touch only the latter for fear of inflaming my wounds, and he used to sit and read me some of Will Shakespeare's plays, which he bore under his cassock, and a prayer book openly in hand, that being the only touch of hypocrisy which ever I saw about Parson Downs.

"Lord, Harry, thou dost not want prayers," he would say, "but rather, being fallen as thou art, in an evil sink of human happenings, somewhat about them, and none hath so mastered the furthest roots of men's hearts as Will Shakespeare. 'Tis him and a pipe thou needst, lad." So saying, down he would sit himself betwixt me and the fiery western window, and I got to believe more in his Christianity than ever I had done when I had heard him hold forth from the pulpit.

'Twas from him I knew the sad penalty which they fixed upon for me for the 29th of May, that being Royal Oak day, when they celebrated the Restoration in England and more or less in the colonies and on which a great junketing had been arranged, with races and wrestling and various sports.

Parson Downs came to me the afternoon of the 28th and sat gazing at me with a melancholy air, nor offered to read Will Shakespeare, though he filled my pipe and pressed hard upon me a cup of Burgundy.

"'Twill give thee heart, Harry," he said, "and surely now thy wounds be so far healed 'twill not inflame them, and, in any case, why should good spirit inflame wounds? Smoke hard as thou canst, poor Harry, if thou wilt not drink, for I have something to tell thee, and there is that about our good tobacco of Virginia—now we have rescued it, betwixt you and me, from royal freebooters—which is soothing to the nerves and tending to allay evil anticipations."

Then, as I lay puffing away something feebly at my pipe, still with enjoyment, he unfolded his evil news to me. It seemed that my brother had commissioned him so to do.

"'Tis a shame, Harry," he said, "and I will assure thee that all that could be done hath been, and if now there were less on guard and a place where thou couldst hide with safety the fleetest horse in the colony is outside, if thou wert strong enough to sit him. And so thou escaped I would care not if never I saw him again, though I paid a pretty penny for him and love him better than ever I loved any woman, since he springs to order and stands without hitching and with never a word of nagging in my ears to make me pay penance for the service. What a man with a good horse and good wine and good tobacco wanteth a wife for passeth my understanding, but I know thou art young and the maid is a fair one. Faith, and she was in such sore affliction this morning because of thee, Harry, as might well console any man. Had she been Bacon's widow she had not wedded again, but gone widow to her death.

"Thou shouldst have seen her, lad, when I ventured to strive to comfort her with the reflection that her suffering in thy behalf was not so grievous as was Bacon's wife's for his death, for thou art to have thy life, my poor Harry, and no great hurt, though it may be somewhat wearisome if the sun be hot. But Mistress Mary Cavendish flew out at me in such wise, though she hath known all along to what fate thou wert probably destined, and said such harsh things of poor Madam Bacon that I was minded to retreat. Keep Mary Cavendish's love, when she be wedded to thee, Harry, for there is little compromise with her for faults, unless she loveth, and she hath found out that Cicely Hyde betrayed the plans of the plant cutters, and for her and Madam Bacon her sweet tongue was like a fiery lash, and Catherine was as bad, though silent. Catherine, unless I be greatly mistaken, will wed thy brother John, but unless I be more greatly mistaken, she loveth thee. And now, my poor Harry, wouldst know what they will do to thee tomorrow?"

I nodded my head.

"They will even set thee in the stocks, Harry, at the New field, before all the people at the sports," said Parson Downs.

I truly think that if Parson Downs had informed me that I was to be put to the rack or lose my head it would not have so cut me to the heart. Something there was about a gentleman of England being set in the stocks which detracted not only from the dignity of the punishment, but that of the offense. I would not have believed they would have done that to me, and can hardly believe it now. Such a punishment had never entered into my imagination, I being a gentleman born and bred and my crime being a grave one, whereas the stocks were commonly regarded for the common folk who had committed petty offenses, such as swearing on Sabbath breaking. I could not for some time realize it, and lay staring at Parson Downs, while he tried to force the Burgundy upon me and started in alarm at my paleness.

Parson Downs unfolds his evil news

"Why, confound it, Harry," he cried, "I tell thee, lad, do not look so. Hadst thou killed Rob Waller instead of wounding him it would have been thy life instead of thy pride thou hadst forfeited."

"I wish to God I had!" I burst out, yet dully, for still I only half realized it all.

"Nay, Harry," declared the parson, "thy life is of more moment than thy pride, and as to that, what will it hurt thee to sit in the stocks an hour or so for such a cause? 'Twill be forgot in a week's time. I pray thee, have some Burgundy, Harry; 'twill put some life into thee."

"'Twill never be forgot by me," said I and indeed it never has been, and I know not why it seemed then and seems now of a finer sting of bitterness than my transportation for theft.

Presently I, growing fully alive to the state of the matters, wrought up myself into such a fever of wrath and remonstrance that it was a wonder that my wounds did not open. I swore that submit to such an indignity I would not; that all the authorities in the colony should not force me to sit in the stocks; that I would have my life first, and I looked about wildly for my own sword or pistols, and seeing them not besought the parson for his. He strove in vain to comfort me. I was weakened by my wounds and there was, I suppose, something of fever still lingering in my veins for all the bleeding, and for a space I was like a madman at the thought of the ignominy to which they would put me. I besought that the lieutenant governor should be summoned and be petitioned to make my offense a capital one. I strove to rise from my couch, and the vague thought of finding a weapon and committing some crime so grave that the stocks would be out of the question as a punishment for it was in my fevered brain.

"As well go to a branch of a locust tree blown by the May wind with honey for all seeking noses as to Chichely," said Parson Downs. "And as for the burgesses, they are afraid of their own necks, and some of us there be would rather have thee sit in stocks than lose thy life, for we hold thy life dear, Harry, and some punishment it must be for thee, for thou didst shoot a king's officer, though with a poor aim, Harry."

Then I said again, with my heart like a drum in my ears, that I wished it had been better, though naught I had against Robert Waller, and as I learned afterward he had striven all he dared for my release, but the militia, being under some suspicion themselves, had to act with caution in those days.

Presently, while the parson was yet with me, my brother John came in, and verily, for the first time, I realized that we were of one blood. Down on his knees beside me he went.

"Oh, Harry," he cried, "I have done all that I could for thee, and vengeance I will have of some for this, and they shall suffer for it, that I promise thee. To fix such a penalty as this upon one of our blood!"

"John," I whispered, grasping his hand hard, "I pray thee"—

Catherine interrupts an interview

But he guessed my meaning. "Nay, Harry," he cried, "better this, for if I went back to our mother and told her that thou wert dead, after her long slight of thee and the long wrong we have all done thee, it would be a sorer fate for her than the stocks for thee."

But I pleaded with him by the common blood in our veins to save me from this ignominy, and my fever increased, and he knew not how to quiet me. Then in came Catherine Cavendish, and what she said had some weight with me.

"For shame!" she said, standing over me, with her face as white as death, but with resolution in her eyes. "For shame, Harry Wingfield! Full easy it is to be brave on the battlefield, but it takes a hero to quail not when his vanity be assailed. Have not as good men as thou, and better, sat in the stocks? And think you that it will make any difference to us, except as we suffer with you? And 'tis harder for my poor sister than for thee, but she makes no complaint, nor sheds a tear, but goes about with her face like the dead and such a look in her eyes as never I saw there before. And she told me to say to thee that she could not come today, but that she would make amends and that thou hadst no cause to overworry, and I know not what she meant, but this much I do know, a brave man is a brave man whether it be the scaffold or the stocks, and—and—thou hast gotten thyself into a fever, Harry."

With that she bade my brother John get some cold water from the jailer, and she bathed my head and arranged my bandages with that same skill which she had showed at the time when I was bruised by the mad horse, and my brother looked on as if only half pleased, yet full of pity. And Catherine, as she bathed my head, told me how Major Beverly and Sir Humphrey were yet confined on shipboard, and Dick Barry was in the prison not far from me, and Nick and Ralph Drake were in hiding, but my Lord Estes was scot free on account of his relationship to Governor Culpeper, and had been to Drake Hill, but Mary would not see him.

And she said, furthermore, that her grandmother did not know that I was to be set in the stocks, and they dared not tell her, as she was grown so feeble since the riot—at one time inveighing against me for my disloyalty and saying that I should never have Mary, though I was cleared of my disgrace and no more a convict, and at another time weeping like a child over her poor Harry, who had already suffered so much and was now in prison.

Catherine in that way, which none but a woman hath, since it pertains both to love and authority, brought me to my senses, and I grew both brave and shamed at the same time, and yet for she had gone never was anything like the sting of that ignominy which was prepared for me on the morrow. Many a time had I seen men in the stocks, and passed them by with no ridicule, for that, it seemed to me, belonged to the same class of folk as the culprits, but with a sort of contempt which held them as less than men and below pity even. The thought that some day I, too, was to sit there had never entered my head. I looked at my two feet upholding the coverlid and pictured to myself how they would look protruding from the boards of the stocks.

I recalled the faces of all I had ever seen therein and wondered whether I would look like this or that one. I remembered seeing them pelted by mischievous boys, and as the dusk thickened it seemed alive with jeering faces and my ears rang with jibes. I said to myself that now Mary Cavendish was farther from me than ever before. Some dignity of wretchedness there might be in the fate of a convict condemned unjustly, but none in the fate of a man who sat in the stocks for all the people to gaze and laugh at.

I said to myself that that cruelest fate of any—to be made ridiculous in the eyes of love—was come to me, and love henceforth was over and gone. And thinking so, those grinning and jibbering faces multiplied, and the air rang with laughter, and I trow I was in a high fever all night.

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An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofula—as ugly as ever since time immemorial.

It causes bunches in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.

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A Frank Tribute.

"She is beautiful," said the studious girl, "but she is not accomplished."

"My dear," answered Miss Cayenne, "there is no accomplishment more difficult than being beautiful."—Washington Star.

How Trousers Came to Be Popular.

Trousers came into use for general wear with the French revolution. The gentlemen, the supporters of royalty and sound constitutional principles, wore breeches. The "sans culottes," who denounced every one who wore breeches, finally went beyond their opponents and wore twice as much cloth around their legs—in a word, adopted the modern trousers and made them the badge of a party. Napoleon, who was too thin at one period of his life and too stout at another to look his best in small clothes, nevertheless wore them on state occasions after he had been crowned emperor. His army was the first that wore trousers, and they kept progress step by step with the march of the French legions.

The French trousers were seen in Egypt, in Spain, in Italy, in Germany, in Poland and in Russia, and with them the neat gaiter. People thought that the manner in which a great conquering nation clad its legs was the correct model, and when the trousers wearers marched over the wearers of pigtails and knee breeches at Jena and Auerstadt a decision was given from which the world did not care to appeal.

The Defiant Tomato.

"It has happened to me several times in my life," says Thomas E. Watson in Bethany, "to be arrested, convicted and sentenced to dine with other well dressed convicts, male and female, at a swell dinner—one of those formal functions where solemn flunkies bring you one thing only to eat at a time. When you have pecked awhile at that one thing, whatever it may be, solemn flunkies take it away and bring you another plate and some other thing to peck at awhile.

"Sometimes it happens that this one thing is a big, defiant looking tomato. To sit in one's chair, g

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Christmas Gifts.
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500 Farms Sold.
Automobiles.
Probate Notices.
Two Petitions for Discharge in Bankruptcy.
Bankruptcy Notice.
Useful Gifts for Christmas.

The President's Message.

President Roosevelt's message delivered at the opening of congress last week is a long document, as is to be expected in a paper relating to the affairs of this great country. In full it would make some thirteen columns of the Democrat. For the following brief summary of its principal points we are indebted to the Boston Herald:

The cost of doing government business should be regulated with the same rigid scrutiny as the cost of doing a private business.

All encouragement should be given labor organizations so long as they are conducted with a decent regard for the rights of others.

The ever-increasing casualty list upon railroads is a matter of grave concern, and urgently calls for action by Congress.

The American people need to continue to show the very qualities that they have shown—moderation, good sense, the earnest desire to avoid doing any damage, and yet the quiet determination to proceed, step by step, in eliminating, or, at least, in minimizing, whatever of mischief or of evil there is to interstate commerce in the conduct of great corporations.

We should not permit overcrowding in cities.

There should be severe child labor and factory inspection laws.

All questions of tariff and finance sink into utter insignificance when compared with the tremendous, the vital importance, of trying to shape conditions so that the duties of the man as the breadwinner and of the woman as the worker and housewife can be fulfilled under reasonably favorable circumstances.

Limits of the Yellowstone Park should be extended southward. The canyon of the Colorado should be made a national park.

Our consular system needs improvement.

It is desirable to enact a proper national quarantine law.

Every silver dollar should be made by law redeemable in gold, at the option of the holder.

There should be a comprehensive revision of the naturalization laws.

There is no danger of having too many immigrants of the right kind.

I recommend the enactment of a law directed against bribery and corruption in federal elections.

Alaska should have a delegate in Congress.

The goal to set before us as a nation is the attainment of the peace of justice, of the peace which comes when each nation is not merely safeguarded in its own rights, but scrupulously recognizes and performs its duty toward others.

Until some method is devised by which there shall be a degree of international control over offending nations it would be a wicked thing for the most civilized powers, for those with most sense of international obligations and with keenest and most generous appreciation of the difference between right and wrong, to disarm.

I most earnestly recommend that there be no halt in the work of upbuilding the American navy.

Our voice is now potent for peace, and is so potent because we are not afraid of war.

Our chief reason for continuing to hold the Philippines must be that we ought, in good faith, to try to do our share of the world's work.

Maine News Notes.

Maine's R. F. D. routes now number 325 and many applications are now under consideration at Washington.

Rev. H. S. Burrage, D. D., of Portland, editor of Zion's Advocate, has been appointed chaplain of the soldiers' home at Togus.

Frank Millet, who occupied rooms over a store in Lisbon, was asphyxiated by coal gas Wednesday morning. Deceased, who was 35 years old, was driver of an express and mail wagon.

Hon. James P. Baxter, Republican, was re-elected mayor of Portland Monday over Nathan Clifford, Democrat, by 1027 majority, against 1619 a year ago. The vote of both parties fell off about 20 per cent. The Republicans elected their full ward ticket in seven of the nine wards.

It is reported that the prison inspectors have decided that the prisoners in the county jails must work. About half the jails in the state now have work shops. The remainder of the counties will be required to establish some form of employment for their prisoners as fast as is practicable.

Fred L. Crockett and Thoms R. Breckenridge, Maine Central employes held responsible for the accident at Barkerville, Sept. 26, were arraigned at Lewiston on the 3d on the charge of manslaughter. They waived examination and were held in $1,000 each for the January grand jury. Crockett obtained bail at once, but Breckenridge has not yet done so.

An unusual indictment was among those returned by the grand jury in the United States court at Portland last week. The person indicted was Grant Rogers of Auburn, the somewhat celebrated temperance reformer, ex-county attorney of Sagadahoc, and lately the candidate of the Prohibition party for Governor. The indictment charged him with using the United States mail to defraud the good name of a firm of Boston liquor dealers. Mr. Rogers was charged with mailing to a Boston liquor firm an envelope addressed to them, with the words, "Ungodly Rumsellers," added under the firm name and elsewhere on the envelope these words: "God and decent men despise importers and wholesale dealers in Wine and Spirits On the road to Hell.—Ungodly Rumsellers." In the court Friday morning Mr. Rogers paid a fine of five dollars, without costs, and was discharged.

Hotel and Dwelling Burned.

Fire at Lovell Saturday afternoon destroyed the American House, and a house adjoining the hotel owned by Mrs. Frank H. Swett. The fire started in the hotel from some unknown cause. The hotel loss is estimated at about $10,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

Corn Shop Burned at Fryeburg.

One of the corn shops of H. C. Baxter & Brother at Fryeburg was burned about midnight of Saturday. It was insured for $500. Corn, beans and machinery were burned to the value of $2000 to $3000; insured. Cause of the fire unknown.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. E. O. Taylor, pastor Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 11:45 A. M.

The Grafton deer hunting expedition is showing results. P. F. Ripley and Albion Andrews returned about the middle of last week, the former bringing a one hundred and fifty pound buck and the latter a smaller, but very fat one, weighing about eighty pounds. Later in the week Herbert Scribner and Frank Bennett returned each bringing a good deer.

John L. Yates, who has been employed by H. L. Scribner for the past two years, has accepted a position in a meat market in Colebrook, N. H. Mr. Yates went to Colebrook last Thursday, and his family will remove to that place a few weeks later.

There will be a social dance at Academy Hall Wednesday evening of this week. This is the first of a series of dances to be held every other week. Music by Stearns' Orchestra. Dancing 50 cents per couple. Some good times expected.

The two Sunday Schools will unite in Christmas exercises, by invitation of the Universalist school. The programme has not yet been arranged.

Mrs. Fred Shaw is to be the new assistant at the Paris Hill post office.

George W. Cole lost a valuable work horse Saturday night. The horse became lame and one leg swelled up very badly, finally causing death.

William E. Atwood is at home from Hebron Academy for the Christmas vacation.

J. M. Thayer has moved the barn purchased with the Jackson farm on to the land south of his residence.

Walter Woodward, who has been very sick at W. H. Cummings' for several weeks, has so far recovered as to return to his home in Quincy, Mass., Monday.

Buckfield.

Salathiel Tilton, Mrs. Wm. Record, and Lucius Record remain poorly.

Mrs. R. H. Morrill, who while visiting in New York, was stricken with appendicitis, her husband writes is doing well.

Fred Atwood of Rumford came down and clerked for his father while he went to Boston.

Another invoice of books have been presented to the library by Ex-Secretary Long.

Geo. Holland has moved up to his place at the lower end of the village, leaving his son Charles to carry on the town farm.

I grafted a sprout from a Baldwin a few years since. This year it bore eleven apples, and almost every one declares they are Kings.

I saw T. R. Chase's name mentioned in the Democrat not long since. Used to know Thad. Say to him, I hold him in pleasant remembrance. But few left.

John seems to be launching out for deep water. Better paddle on the surface, John, or get a Holland submarine.

O. E. Waite wears a very pretty driver's badge. We tried to dicker for it, but Gene was not in a mood.

Sheriff-elect McIntire was in town Thursday.

I suppose my neighbor was offended when a child slid against him and stood him on his head. They said he was.

Rumford Falls.

A fire that is supposed to have had its origin in a defective heating apparatus in the cellar, on Sunday morning, the 4th, partially destroyed the "Blue Store," so-called, owned by M. W. Sanders and occupied by Charles Israelson, clothing dealer, and several tenements, causing a total loss of $10,000 or over. Mr. Israelson carried a stock valued at $15,000 upon which there was $10,000 insurance and very little of his property was saved. The building was insured for $9,000 and it is believed that it can be repaired as the upper portion was not badly damaged by the flames. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Laduke, who kept a boarding house on the second floor, lost most of their possessions and were but partially insured. So dense was the smoke in their apartments that they were forced to make a hurried exit by a rear door. Another family on the third floor saved but little of their personal effects and had no insurance. A similar fire occurred in this same building about a year ago.

East Hebron.

Cold weather is the general topic, and severe colds still are among us.

Rev. A. E. Kelley will leave us this week. He gave his farewell sermon last Sunday. His little daughter went to Bath, their former home, and the home of their relatives. I understand their location is not fully determined at present. The society regret their leaving. The next minister is not yet decided on. Various names are mentioned.

The church circle held their fair Dec. 15th in Grange Hall. Many articles of value will be sold or are expected to be sold.

H. A. Record returned from Old Orchard last Saturday, where he passed the summer and autumn, and intends to return there in the spring.

Belle DeCosta has returned from Auburn where she has passed many weeks at work.

At Mr. E. Allen's the family all but Mrs. L. Greene of Portland, passed the week—Miss Lelea Davis of Turner, Miss Alice of Lynn, and John Davis of Lynn. John passed his time during the days in quest of game. Lelea returned on Saturday to commence her winter term of school on Monday.

Clara Washburn is expected home from Oxford, where she has been since the death of her cousin, Albert Soule.

A. P. Brown's health has improved of late.

H. B. Phillips is at West Minot refreshing his memory in station work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodsdon, with their little boys, passed last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hodsdon.

Charles DeCosta is cutting cord wood for Mr. E. Lane.

Miss Clara Merrill is still unable to leave her bed, but is thought to gain a little in some respects. She is in Sumner with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jack, and can not be moved home. She was taken sick while on a visit, and would like to return home but cannot, it is thought, during the winter.

The grange will have their fair before this month is past, so report says.

Granville French is at work for John Bailey in his mill with Wm. Davis.

Leslie, the 5-year-old son of Diamond L. Perry, was kicked by a horse Friday and both legs were broken.

Newry.

Bear River Grange met Thursday, Dec. 8th, and elected the yearly officers as follows:

Master—J. S. Allen.
Overseer—D. C. Smith.
Lecturer—Mrs. C. H. L. Powers.
Steward—S. P. Davis.
Assistant Steward—P. R. Taylor.
Chaplain—J. C. Saunders.
Treasurer—T. H. Jewett.
Secretary—A. T. Powers.
Gate-Keeper—C. W. Goiwin.
Pomona—Mrs. J. S. Allen.
Flora—Mrs. D. C. Smith.
Ceres—Mrs. A. T. Powers.
L. A. S.—Mrs C. W. Godwin

Loren Trask with a crew of men is pressing hay for parties in town and will go through Grafton and possibly Upton.

Percy Brink is quite ill caused by lifting heavy timbers while working in the woods a few days ago.

Mrs. Brown of Norway is selling Christmas books by subscription to the people in town.

Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Walter Powers, who have been very sick, are both recovering we are pleased to report.

Mrs. Walter Foster is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Eli Stearns of Bethel.

North Stoneham.

Clarence Files of East Stoneham, who is at work for J. Bartlett here and boarding at Asa Keniston's, has gone home sick with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gammon visited their daughter, Mrs. F. A. Keniston, at Lovell Friday and Saturday. They attended Suncook Grange Friday night.

West Paris.

Frank, the little son of Dr. F. H. Packard, has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, but is now improving and it is hoped on the way to recovery. Dr. Philoon of Auburn attended the case in consultation with Dr. Packard.

Mrs. Albert L. Bowker is also very sick with typhoid fever. Dr. Wheeler is in attendance. Mr. Bowker's mother, Mrs. James Bowker, of Bryant's Pond, came and stayed a few days until a trained nurse was procured.

James Robinson and family have moved into Will Pratt's house, and Mr. Pratt boards with them.

Miss Mabel E. Ricker and Mrs. J. H. Cole visited Mrs. Geo. D. Robertson and other friends at South Paris a few days the last of the week.

The three Sunday Schools of the place will unite in Christmas exercises on Saturday evening, Dec. 24, at the Baptist church.

Geo. Young has moved into the west side of the new double tenement house just being completed by L. C. Bates. Oscar Kimball will move his family from Trap Corner into the other rent as soon as it is in readiness.

Three new members were taken into Onward Rebekah Lodge at their regular meeting last Tuesday evening, which makes sixteen new members admitted this year. There was a large number at the meeting and several visitors present. After close of lodge ice cream was served.

Geo. Tubbs has moved to North Paris. The Greenwood, South Woodstock & Richardson Hollow telephone switch, which was in the Willis house occupied by him has been changed to the house occupied by Ernest Curtis.

Bryant's Pond.

Mrs. Edwin Cole is in very poor health. Dr. O. K. Yates is attending her.

Mrs. J. L. Bowker went to West Paris Tuesday to take care that night of Mrs. Albert Bowker, who is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Agnes Brooks is still in very poor health.

Alton Bacon is building a carpenter shop near John Titus' barn. He has the frame up and boarded.

Harry Estes is running a fresh fish market in the lower story of the Stillman Morse house opposite the stable.

Miss Lane of West Paris visited at Mrs. Ansel Dudley's from Wednesday morning until Thursday afternoon.

The Baptist society are making preparations to hold a Christmas festival in Dudley's Opera House. All other denominations are invited to join in making this a pleasant time for the children.

Rev. Mr. Cummings and brother preached at the Baptist church last Sunday. Mr. Cummings is filling the pulpit there for a season. He is stopping at North Woodstock, and reports quite a religious interest in that place.

There was a ladies' prayer meeting at Mrs. Abbie Dunham's Tuesday evening.

Christian Endeavor meeting was held Thursday evening at Mrs. George Coffin's.

The high school attended a birthday party at Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis' Friday night to celebrate the 16th birthday of their daughter Ethelind. Her schoolmates and friends carried her a pretty album for a birthday souvenir, and enjoyed a grand good time.

Mrs. Herman Billings gave birth to a 10-pound boy Friday night, Dec. 2d, and is doing well at this writing.

Greenwood.

There is now a good foundation for sleighing, and one inch more of snow Monday did something towards making it. One man started for Bethel Wednesday on runners, got to Walker's Mills, where the snow line ended and was obliged to borrow a buggy for the remainder of the journey. That seemed to be an exception to the general rule that the farther north in winter the more snow.

It has been a grand time for working up pulp and cord wood, and they are utilizing it to good advantage. When that November snow came and covered hundreds of cords of it, the result was to give the owners the blues for a while; but now they can smile again and apparently without much effort.

It having been some time since interviewing our neighbors, we started out last Saturday morning for that express purpose; called on five families and reached home in less than three hours. The first man interviewed was Daniel Bryant, who happened to be at work in his dooryard, and we soon noticed that he appeared uncommonly dignified, and soon learned the cause. He had become great grandfather to a ten-pound boy baby the day previous. The baby belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Billings of Woodstock and is blessed with six grandparents.

We found Dea. R. L. Cole doing chores at the barn, and he informed us that on Friday, December 9, he would have lived his four score years, having been born Dec. 9, 1824. The deacon possesses a large amount of will power, and were it not for his diseased legs, which have been a source of trouble for more than 20 years, he would do a good deal of light work yet.

The next call was on Newton Bryant, and although he was about the same as on the sick list he showed us through his new house from cellar to attic. He has the plastering all on, and when finished he will have one of the finest houses in town.

Mrs. A. S. Brooks informs us that her father-in law, John Tebbetts, who is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Mont Cole, at East Bethel, has been very sick of pneumonia, and for a while his recovery was doubtful. He is now convalescing. The old gentleman is well along in the eighties.

A letter from Mrs. Jennie Howe, bearing the date of Dec. 5, informs us that they had heard from their folks all the way along on their way to the Rocky Mountains, and presumed they were then safe at Tacoma, their Washington home. Mrs. Howe has our thanks for the picture of that family group recently mentioned.

North Paris.

Benson Lowe has moved to Frank Barrett's on Sumner Hill.

Clayton Churchill has bought twenty new books for the Prentiss Library.

Josiah Moody has moved into the Olin Chase stand in the village.

A. D. Andrews has sold his apples to Frank Barrett.

Clinton Mayhew has sold his stock to Roscoe Tuell and will spend the winter with his son, Percy Mayhew, at West Paris.

We understand that M. D. Foss has bought the Olin Chase staud in the village and will move here in the spring.

E. E. Field has sold his dry wood to J. Moody.

James Ross has gone hunting for a few days.

Leroy Abbott is at home from Hebron.

Apple packers are at home for a few days.

A. J. Abbott and wife visited at South Paris and attended Pomona last week.

Mr. Earl Brown of Boston is visiting at A. J. Abbott's for a few days.

C. W. Chase is cutting his ice.

East Sumner.

A chapter in Porkology. Among the little spring pigs recently butchered are, G. A. Maxim's which weighed 414 lbs., S. Robinson's 373, B. Cary's two, aggregate weight 590. Pretty good for about 8 months pigs. Years ago when a spring pig dressed 250 lbs. it was called an extra one. Now it is quite common to find them dressing 350 and upwards. Good dressed pork sells for about 6 cents round hog. But from the meat cart it can be bought for from 12 to 16 cents per pound.

Denmark.

About fifty neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Colby attended their reception held at the residence of Mr. S. H. Colby last Wednesday evening. Many beautiful wedding presents were contributed, refreshments were served.

Mr. James Ingalls, mail carrier of this place to Brownfield, reports seeing a large buck deer at Buck Bridge Thursday night.

Rev. Mr. Palmer and sister are at Hiram for two weeks attending revival meetings.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold a fair and sale Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, in Odd Fellows Hall. There will be a supper and entertainment.

Bethel.

Schools in town opened for the winter term last Monday.

Mrs. Martha B. Chapman continues to fail gradually with no chance of recovery.

Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the Congregational society held their annual Christmas sale in Garland chapel. The tables were well filled with dainty fancy work and useful articles which found a ready sale. The candy booth gay in its decorations of red, white and blue proved a great attraction, and the Bethel home made candies have won the name of A 1. Corn balls and candy were all sold and a snug sum added to the treasury. At six o'clock an odor of coffee proved inviting to a large number who partook of supper. The ladies feel much gratified with the financial success and although the "books" are not yet closed, over $112 has already been realized from the sale. The young people remained for a social hour after supper but no entertainment was given.

E. C. Bowler of the "News" has been spending the week in Boston.

Wednesday evening the "Eastern Star" elected officers and initiated new members. Refreshments were served at "The Howard."

Very much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Morgan in the critical illness of their youngest son, Fred. The physicians have pronounced his case beyond medical skill and this is a very heavy blow to the friends and family.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting next Tuesday. Subject for discussion, Prohibition: If in any degree a failure is it the fault of the law or the people?

Jacob Holt, formerly of Bethel, a shoe manufacturer in Canada, died Tuesday and was brought to Bethel for burial.

West Sumner.

The Snow Bound Reading Club has recently received into membership Mrs. Helen Robertson, Mrs. Harriet Howe and Miss Maude Bates.

Young brothers of South Paris are operating on their timber lot recently purchased of E. G. Doble.

Miss Dot Heald is teaching in the Pleasant Pond school this winter.

The directors of Oxford County Telegraph and Telephone Company held a meeting in our village on Dec. 7, 1904.

School began Dec. 5th. Mrs. F. R. McLaughlin is teaching.

The first dinner given by ladies of the Baptist circle this season was on Wednesday, Dec. 7th, with Mrs. Ryerson entertaining. A good attendance and an excellent dinner.

A beautiful new flag was raised over our school on Tuesday morning. It is a fine one 6x10 feet in size. It was secured by the school children filling a "soap order" during the summer of 1904 while Miss Heald was teacher, who did much to obtain the flag. The local W. R. C. gave rope, etc. Mrs. Hannah Bates gave the flag pole. The present teacher, Mrs. McLaughlin, attended to the work of getting the material together and Mr. H. T. Heath, Mr. H. A. Proctor and Mrs. McLaughlin put in half a day on Monday putting the pole in place, fitting irons, etc. The pupils enjoy the flag much and feel it well worth all effort they made to secure it.

Albany.

Cold enough for winter if there was snow. Only 4 above zero this Friday morning, with a high wind.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Christmas eve. All are invited to bring in presents for some one.

Eben Barker, our blacksmith, is having all the work he can do in the shop.

E. Frank Upton has bought what pine timber Newton Moore owned on the south and west side of the road leading from Hunt's Corner to Greenwood. We understand the price paid to be $400.

The sick ones with scarlet fever at W. McNally's in the Hunt house are all doing as well as can be expected.

Great times here driving the deer from one mountain to another the last few weeks, with the air full of reports from rifles. But very few report the capture of venison. Since our last report we have heard of only three being brought in, as follows: The Bird boys one, Joseph Carter one, and A. G. Bean one; but the time is fast drawing nigh when we must all give up the chase and take something else for amusement and exercise.

The schools in town have all closed.

Mr. W. Douglass of Waterford was in town last week offering $1.20 for apples but we have not heard that he bought any. There are a large lot unsold.

Archie S. Cole is at home from canvassing for a while.

We are glad to learn that John Flint of Fryeburg, who has been very sick, is on the road to recovery. Mr. Flint is an Albany boy, and has many friends here.

East Brownfield.

The Congregational circle gave a harvest supper last Friday evening. It also had a sale of fancy goods.

Mr. Fred L. Farnham returned to Cushing last week.

Mr. Nathan Sanborn called on his niece, Mrs. Hattie M. Sanborn, recently.

T. R. Bradbury and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clement went to Portland last Wednesday. Mr. Bradbury has put in a new line of five and ten-cent goods.

Estelle Eaton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Georgia Boynton.

Brownfield.

Frank Meserve is at home for a few days.

Mr. Crabtree, who was severely injured by the explosion of dynamite, has completely lost the sight of one of his eyes, and it is feared he will lose the other.

Mrs. Shackford of Kezar Falls was in town this week.

Mr. James Ricker is very much better.

Mrs. E. B. Bean is quite sick.

A good many are suffering from bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rowe intend spending the winter in Massachusetts with their children.

Mr. Jonathan Devereaux, who has been boarding the past year in Mr. John McDonald's family, has gone to Skowhegan to live with his son.

Hebron.

Rev. Mr. Cotton of Norway preached here Sunday.

The funeral of Mrs. Crane was on Tuesday afternoon and largely attended. Dr. and Mrs. Crane have endeared themselves to the people since they came here in 1890. Although the health of Mrs. Crane did not permit her to go out a great deal she will be greatly missed for her heart was with the people if she could not be. Much sympathy is felt for the husband and daughter left.

Prof. Brainard has returned to his school, but we understand that Mrs. Brainard will remain a while with her father.

The students held their last lyceum Wednesday evening and school closed Thursday instead of Friday.

Vivian Bearce is at home with a fine deer, the result of a few days' hunting trip.

Oxford.

Mr. Stephen Jordan died Dec. 4th after a painful illness of several months. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. His funeral was held at his late residence on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Newport officiating. The T. A. Roberts Post held services. Mr. Jordan was much esteemed and his loss will be deeply felt by his family and friends.

Rev. Charles Cummings of Auburn gave the first lecture in the course on Wednesday evening. Subject, "The American Home."

William Smith was arrested Friday for stealing a fur coat at the Grange Hall at Poland Thursday evening. He waived examination and furnished bonds to appear before the grand jury. The coat was found in his possession.

Gilead.

It is quite difficult getting around, the roads are so icy and slippery.

Mr. James Simpson of Shelburne, N. H., was in town on business Friday.

Hunters from Lewiston came last Thursday and are camping on Lary Brook near T. G. Lary's.

Alva Bryant with two friends from Mechanic Falls is camping out near Lary Brook.

Arthur Robertson, who has been in the employ of Archie Heath, has gone to Hastings to work.

J. E. Richardson and T. G. Lary are getting out timber for Rumford Falls International Paper Company.

Lovell.

Miss Abbie E. Woodbury has gone to Farmington to attend the state normal school. Before leaving her friends of this place gave her a reception and presented her with a gold watch chain. She will be much missed here, as she has been very helpful in the church and social work of the village, although her home is in Sweden.

On Friday evening of last week the members of Eagle Grange of North Chatham met with Suncook Grange of this place, and gave the work of the third and fourth degrees. Supper was served and the evening was much enjoyed.

I. B. McAlaster has been laid up with the mumps for a few days and Herman Holt has been driving the morning stage to Fryeburg.

The water is so low that not much grinding can be done at the village mill.

Northwest Bethel.

Orin Ellingwood has had his old mare killed and buried. She was 21 years old, fat and smooth as a colt, but had a trouble resembling the heaves.

George W. Mason recently lost his family horse. He has got one from Massachusetts to take its place.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carleton are having a hard time. He has a broken leg and she a badly wrenched ankle. Mrs. Carleton's sister, Mrs. Smith, of Gorham, is with them.

Jesse Chapman cut a bad gash in his foot a few days ago. It took eight stitches to close the wound.

Law Court Decision.

A decision has been returned by the law court on three cases reported from Oxford County. The three cases were brought by J. B. Stevenson, trustee in bankruptcy of Voter & Wing, formerly in the grocery business at Rumford Falls, against the three Portland firms of Milliken, Tomlinson Co., Twitchell-Champlin Co., and J. H. Fletcher & Co. They were brought to recover consideration paid to the defendants in settlement of their bills, shortly before the petition in bankruptcy of Voter & Wing was filed. The proceedings at that period were rapid and somewhat complicated, but the argument of the plaintiff was that the defendant had reason to believe Voter & Wing insolvent at the time of the settlement, so that the settlement constituted a preference and the consideration paid should be recovered.

Judgment is ordered for the defendants in all three cases. The rescript, which is by Judge Whitehouse, is quite long.

J. B. Stevenson was counsel for the plaintiff; James S. Wright for the defendants.

Oxford Pomona Grange.

Time, 1st Tuesday in January, 1905. Place, Norway Grange, Norway. Programme:

Opening Grange in 5th degree.
Routine business.
Conferring 5th degree.
Woman's half hour.
Paper by Sister H. T. Stuart of Norway.
Paper by Sister Clara Hamlin of Bear Mt. Grange.
Papers to be followed by discussion.

P. M.

1. Music, ... Choir.
2. Reading, ... Paris Grange
3. Song ..... Sister Frank Kimball, Norway.
4. Question, Does it pay to underdrain, and what are the best methods? Opened by S. M. King. Discussion.
5. Solo ... Sister Cora Perham, Franklin Grange.
6. Reading, ... Sister Alice Hamlin, Bear Mt. Grange.
7. Paper, ... Sister Judkins, Round Mt. Grange.
8. Song ..... Orra Bird, West Paris Grange.
9. Reading, ... Crooked River Grange.

Music to be furnished by Norway Grange.

S. E. JACKSON, SEC.

The worst accident in the history of the Portland Railroad Co. occurred Friday night at Woodfords. A car loaded with people returning from a dance at Hoegg Hall was struck at the Lincoln Street crossing by a Boston and Maine special freight engine of the Worcester division. The electric car was struck at the forward truck, and was completely demolished. Twenty or thirty people were injured, but strangely enough only three were seriously injured, and none fatally. The motorman of the electric car was Oscar F. Bowker, formerly of South Paris. His nose was broken and he was otherwise severely bruised. The responsibility for the accident has not yet been placed. There are gates at the crossing, but no gateman is kept there after 8 o'clock in the evening. The train crew say the engine was not running over eight miles an hour, but no one on the electric car seems to have had any idea of its approach until it was right on them.

Eugene P. Fairbanks, 65 years old, a well known resident of Bangor, is thought to have been drowned in South Twin Lake some time recently. He was alone in a camp at the head of the lake. On the 3d he was to have met his son at Norcross. Not being there an investigation was made and his coat and paddle were found frozen in the ice near the camp. It is supposed that he either tried to push his boat through the thin ice and was upset or broke through while walking on the ice. He has a wife and five grown up children.

Here are the official figures of Maine's vote at the November election: Republican, 64,437; Democratic 27,630; Prohibition, 1510; Socialist, 2106; People's, 338. The total vote was 96,021 and the Republican plurality 36,807. The People's party failed to obtain one per cent of the total which is necessary to retain a place on the ballot.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of EDWARD F. BLAKE, Bankrupt } In Bankruptcy.

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

EDWARD F. BLAKE, of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents, that on the 22nd day of Oct., 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 bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1904.

EDWARD F. BLAKE, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss

On this 10th day of Dec., A. D. 1904, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 30th day of Dec., A. D. 1904, 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 10th day of Dec., A. D. 1904.

[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:—JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of JESSE L. EDWARDS, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

JESSE L. EDWARDS, of Welchville, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 12th day of December, 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 bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 6th day of December, A. D. 1904.

JESSE L. EDWARDS, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 10th day of December, A. D. 1904, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 30th day of Dec., A. D. 1904, 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.

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[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

Contributions for the Home.

Bryant's Pond, Me., Nov. 28, 1904.

To the Treasurer of The Old Ladies' Home, Norway, Me.:

Enclosed please find money order for eighty dollars for the benefit of the Home as a present from Franklin Grange and the citizens of Woodstock and vicinity.

On Nov. 17 the Grange held a fair, supper and entertainment, the proceeds of which were to be used for the benefit of the Home. The citizens of the village took an active interest and assisted by their liberal patronage, the sum of $71.15 was realized from the fair, $1.70 was received from voluntary contributions and the Grange added $7.17 from the treasury making the total of $80. The committee of arrangements was Minnie Cushman, Martha Dudley, Mary Bartlett, Julia Davis, Annie Bryant Davis, and Alice Bacon. Mrs. Bartlett interested the citizens of Locke's Mills and liberal aid for the fair also came from that village.

With the best of wishes for the success of the Home from each and all who have assisted, I am instructed to forward the amount to you.

Respectfully,
H. C. Bacon, Sec.

Recent contributions to the Norway Home for Aged Women of Oxford county:

First Congregational church, Waterford,	$10.00
Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Norway Lake,	5 00
Mrs. Hammond, Paris Hill,	5.00
Mrs. Frank Kimball, Norway,	1.00

Kate Ingalls Barker.

Kate Ingalls Barker, sister of H. C. and Eli W. Barker of Bethel, Maine, and of Fred I. Barker of Santa Barbara, Cal., died at the home of the latter November 9, after a protracted illness. Miss Barker was born in Bethel, July 12, 1838, and was educated in Gould's Academy under the tuition of Dr. N. T. True. She became a teacher at the early age of thirteen years, doing as many others at that time did, alternating teaching with study. After graduating she continued to teach with the most unvarying success until she had taught forty terms of school. Of her Dr. True once said: "Among all teachers who have gone out from my school, no one has enjoyed greater success or more completely won the hearts of their pupils than has Kate Barker." About twenty years ago loss of health obliged her to give up her chosen work, and since that time she has been an invalid, for the past fifteen years at the home of her brother, where she was when the last summons came. Burial took place at Santa Barbara.

Personal.

At the meeting of the Maine State Detective Association at Portland Thursday, A. P. Bassett of Norway was chosen secretary and treasurer, and Fred A. Porter of Rumford Falls a member of the executive committee.

According to the internal revenue figures, the retail liquor dealers in Maine decreased from 958 in 1903 to 430 in 1904.

Automobiles

I have gone into the Automobile business during the Holidays, and can supply you with three styles, foreign and domestic make, at 50c. ea.

Crawling Beetle

A beetle that walks around the floor, 25c. ea.

A New Game

Sherlock Holmes, the great detective, the game now on sale at 50c.

Linen Books

For the children, new linen books at 5 and 10c. ea.

All new goods and on sale at

BROOKS—The Pharmacist.

Next to Post Office, South Paris.

500 Farms Sold

by us in two years is the honest evidence we offer you that our methods are right. We require no payment in advance. We use our own money to advertise your property. We need more farms to complete the assortment for our new catalogue, a copy of which will go to more than 20,000 farm buyers everywhere. We sell stores, mills, shops and hotels too. Write today for our FREE farm description blanks. Address,

E. A. STROUT FARM AGENCY,
150 Nassau Street, New York City. Tremont Temple, Boston.

Agents.

W. O. FROTHINGHAM, South Paris, D. M. FRENCH, Norway.

WE need a reliable man (or woman) to sell our family remedies direct to the homes of South Paris. Steady work and good pay to the right person. Address, "D," Democrat Office.

Dog Lost.

Female collie, yellow head, white ring around neck, body brownish with yellow legs. Answers to the name of Fannie. Finder please notify W. C. COLE, Norway, Me.

House to Let.

Story-and-a-half house, in South Paris, seven rooms, with stable, hen house, half an acre of land and fruit trees. WALTER H. SWETT, South Paris.

Santa Claus

will soon be with us again. Some time ago we prepared for his arrival by purchasing a large assortment of seasonable goods. The stocks that help in making Christmas selections delightful are full and awaiting your demands. Holiday stocks are ready now for early shoppers, who get the pick. If it's a gift for a man or boy, you'll find it here.

Sweaters

are always an acceptable gift. They have become a part of every man's wardrobe. Our stock is full of good values Men's sweaters in gray and black, ...$1.50 and 2.00

The new sweaters made to button up in the neck, black or gray, ...$2.50

The Spalding sweaters in black, gray and maroon, ...$3, 4, 5, and 6

White and

The Oxford Democrat.

SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing December 4, 1904,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down (east)—5:36 A. M., (daily, Sundays include d), 9:44 A. M., 4:04 P. M. Sunday only, 6:00 P. M.

Going up (west)—10:07 A. M., 3:25 P. M., 8:47 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 1:22 A. M.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 7:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. 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. H. A. Clifford, 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. 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. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening service, 7 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 meetings Thursday evenings of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, 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. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third saturday evenings of each month, in Relief Corps Hall.

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

I. O. O. 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. 6587, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

Royal Arcanum.—Paris Council, No. 1621, meets first and third Monday evenings at 7:30.

The high school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Bertha Andrews is spending her vacation at her home in Lovell.

A. Keith Spofford is at home from Dartmouth College for the vacation.

Mrs. Hannah Holt and Evelyn Slocum have gone to Boston for a couple of weeks.

John M. Murch went Wednesday to Augusta, where he will be employed for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stiles have closed their house and gone to Allston, Mass., for a visit.

Mrs. Frank Clark is clerking in the store of S. B. & Z. S. Prince at Norway during the holidays.

Mrs. Sarah Atkins slipped and fell and broke her wrist while returning home from down street Tuesday.

Miss Lucinda Field has returned to her teaching at Patten, after a two weeks' vacation spent at home.

Mrs. S. C. Heald of East Sumner has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Albert D. Park.

Mrs. J. P. Richardson has accompanied Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jackson to Boston to spend the holidays among her many friends.

Rev. D. F. Nelson of West Paris occupied the Methodist pulpit Sunday and was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Robertson.

F. A. Heidner of Springfield, Mass., who travels for the Paris Manufacturing Co., is here in the office of the company for a few weeks.

Miss Mabel E. Ricker of West Paris is a guest of Mrs. Geo. D. Robertson. Mrs. J. H. Cole was her guest for a short time last week.

Carl Briggs went Saturday to Springfield, Mass., to spend two weeks in violin study under the teacher there with whom he has been before.

Miss Ruth Tucker visited friends in Lewiston last week and with them went to Bath Wednesday to witness the launching of the Mary L. Newhall.

Hamlin Lodge will work rank of Knight and nominate officers for ensuing term Friday evening of this week. Refreshments will be served. Knights, turn out.

Rev. S. H. Robinson of Gilmanton, N. H., preached at the Congregational church on Sunday. He will remain here through the week, and preach again next Sunday.

Rev. I. Wallace Chesbro, now of Narragansett Pier, R. I., has accepted the call given him to the Baptist church in this place, and will begin his pastorate here on the second Sunday in January.

Dean J. Tolman, who was formerly manager of the Biddeford exchange of the New England Telephone Co., has gone to Lancaster, N. H., where he is manager of the Northern Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The Seneca Club met with Mrs. Herman Wilson last Monday evening and a most enjoyable meeting was had. Dainty refreshments were served at the close. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Wirt Stanley December 19th.

The Universalist Sunday School will have a bonnet supper at Good Cheer Hall Dec. 24th, followed by a Christmas tree and entertainment. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock to members and the entertainment and tree will be at 7:30.

News has been received here of the death at her home in Tacoma, Wash., of Miss Winifred Cummings. Miss Cummings was a niece of Mrs. Dora B. Greene and Mrs. Sarah Atkins of this place, and with her mother spent the summer of 1903 here.

Elmer B. Austin, who has bought the Walter Bonney place at South Paris, will sell his stock and farming tools at auction at the farm which he has sold at North Buckfield, on Tuesday of this week at 10 A. M. Mr. Austin will move his family to South Paris soon.

At the meeting of the South Paris Board of Trade Wednesday evening, a vote of endorsement was given to the resolution recently passed by the Portland Board of Trade, favoring a legislative investigation of the condition of affairs at Shiloh, and a copy of the vote was ordered sent to the Oxford County senator and the Paris representative.

The prospectus of the Eastern Argus appears elsewhere in this paper. The Argus is one of the long-established institutions of the state, having already passed the century mark. It is just as Democratic, just as enterprising, and just as good a newspaper all round as it has been ever since a date long before the memory of the present generation.

A meeting of the Universalist parish is called for this Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, to see if the parish will vote to hold the Sunday services in the forenoon instead of the afternoon as at present; also to see what action the parish will take toward providing for the current expenses of the coming year, and transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

The record lot of deer for this season went through the place Thursday noon, bound for Oxford. The party which had them was made up of J. F. Fuller, E. S. Fuller, E. L. Burns, Granville Burns and Chester A. Witham, all of Oxford, who had been spending a week or ten days in camp near the South Arm of Richardson Lake. Each of the men had his complement of two deer, and the ten animals, which averaged good size without any very small ones, made an imposing display.

The entertainment of the Universalist Good Cheer Society Tuesday evening, following the regular December supper, was the two-act comedy, "Our Awful Aunt." The cast was given in the Democrat last week. While it was well played throughout, Mrs. Park as the Awful Aunt portrayed that very pronounced character most excellently and is entitled to special mention. A good-sized house was kept in a gale of laughter most of the time. Between the acts a song by little Miss Eva Andrews was received with appreciation. A sociable followed.

Miss Marguerite Clifford returned from Bates College Saturday.

Rev. G. W. Hinckley will supply the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Wallace Clifford is at home from Bates College for the vacation, and is in the store of F. A. Shurtleff & Co. through the holiday season.

A. E. Morse goes to Bellows Falls, Vermont, this week where he will read before the Vermont State Grange at their four days' session.

Prof. Clason left Saturday morning for a hunting trip in Upton. He will remain as long as the law allows, unless he should be fortunate enough to secure his two deer sooner.

Subject at the evening meeting at the Universalist church next Sunday, Singleness of Aim, The Value of Concentration. Phil. 3:13. Matt. 6:19-34. Leader, Miss Iva McArdle.

Our advertisers are occupying a little more than their usual allowance of space in the Democrat this week. Their advertisements are good reading, and prospective purchasers of holiday goods will find in them many valuable suggestions.

The children's missionary society of the Methodist church, King's Heralds, will give a concert next Sunday night. There will be songs, recitations and a dialogue, "Why Work for Missions?" by Iza Marshall, Eula Millett, Murl Monk, Elsie Chapman, Arthur Ayer, Francis Chapman, Louise Sumner and Mrs. Clifford. A silver offering will be taken for the work which the children have assumed.

The full list of the committees of the Good Cheer Bazaar to be held by the ladies of the Universalist Society in New Hall, Mar. 1-2, 1905, is as follows:

General Committee—Rev. J. H. Little, Mrs. J. H. Little, Mrs. H. E. Carter, Mrs. Wirt Stanley, Mrs. I. E. Andrews, Mrs. J. D. Haynes, Mrs. R. N. Hall, Mrs. Charlotte Howe, Mrs. Herbert Hilton, Miss Iva McArdle.

President of each evening—Mr. A. D. Park.

Committee on Music—Mrs. Virgie Wilson.

Committee on Entertainment for the second night—Mrs. J. S. Burbank Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Park.

On Decorations—Mrs. A. L. Holmes, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. Nellie Andrews, Mr. Irving Andrews, Mr. A. D. Park.

To purchase material, see to the making and distributing of poppies—Mrs. H. E. Carter and Miss Iva McArdle.

Committee on stage arrangements—Mrs. R. N. Hall, Mrs. Hilton.

Committee on Reception—Mrs. J. H. Little, Mrs. H. E Carter, Mrs. Roxanna Elder, Mrs. Alice Thayer, Mrs. S. P. Stearns, Mrs. W. A. Frothingham, Mrs. E. A. Libby, Mrs. A. H. Doble, Mrs. Hiram Pulsifer, Mrs. Angie Cutler, Mrs. Etta Saunders, Mrs. Marion Aldrich, Mrs. R. L. Cummings.

Committee on Supper—Mrs. S. E. Tucker, Mrs. J. J. Merrill Mrs. A. M. Yates, Mrs. J. E. Kenney, Mrs. Achsah Shaw, Mrs. A. K. Jackson.

Food and Ice Cream—Mrs. C. E. Brett, Mrs. Lottie Abbott. Mrs. A. G. Bumpus, Mrs. C. H Thayer, Mrs. Montelle Turner, Mrs. E. S. Doble, Mrs. J. F. King, Mrs. H. M. Child, Mrs. H. E. Edwards, Mrs. Ida M. Easson.

Handkerchief table—Mrs. Charles Young, Mrs. Fred Scott, Mrs Fred Hall, Mrs. Frank Hayden, Mrs. C. R. Nowell, Miss Hattie Dobbs, Miss Ava Leach, Mrs. Edward Lunt, Miss Grace A. Thayer, Miss Maud Carter

Art Department—Mrs C. E. Howe, Mrs. A. D. Park, Mrs. C. C. Andrews, Mrs. J. S. Burbank, Misses Hattie Leach, Isabel Morton, Carrie Hall.

Fancy Articles—Mrs. F. S. Clark, Mrs. Herbert Hilton, Mrs. J. G. Littlefield, Mrs. Wirt Stanley, Miss Grace Thayer, Miss Helen King, Mrs. Minnie Ham, Mrs. E. P. Parlin, Mrs J. A. Kenney.

Household Department.—Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. R. N. Hall, Mrs. J. D. Haynes, Miss Hattie Burnell, Mrs. I. E. Andrews, Mrs J. P. Richardson, Mrs. Ira Shaw, Mrs. Lillian Shaw, Mrs. C. G. Curtis, Mrs. Charles Dunham, Mrs. Frank Pingree, Mrs. Bertha Higgins.

Apron Table—Mrs. W. B. Russell, Mrs. Sarah Leach, Mrs. Frank Buck, Mrs. Everett Farrar, Mrs. Georgia Thayer, Mrs. I. F. Evans, Mrs. Leon Russell, Mrs. L. E. Monk, Mrs. Richard Gates.

Woman's Home Companion—Mrs. Iva McArdle, Miss Maud Douglass, Miss Winifred Willis, Mrs. Wirt Stanley, Miss Laura Burnell.

Rajah, the elephant, and quilt to be given by vote—Mrs. Roxie McArdle.

Candy Table—Mrs. E N. Anderson, Mrs. Geo. Soper, Mrs. Amy Strickland, Mrs. Geo. Frothingham, Miss Grace Penley, Miss Blanche Dean, Miss Belle Corbett, Miss Edna Easson, Mrs. W. P. Morton, Mrs. W. L. Farrar.

Punch—Mrs Herbert Fletcher, Mrs. Will Kenney, Miss Lizzie Murphy, Miss Ada Thayer, Miss Ruth Tucker, Mrs. A. J. Penley, Mrs. Virgie Wilson.

Album Quilt—Mrs. L. E. Monk.

Barrel of Flour—Mrs. Lillian Shaw, Mr. R. N. Hall.

In charge of Sewing Machine—Mrs. I. E. Andrews.

If the chairman of any committee cannot serve they are to call the committee together and choose a chairman from among their members.

No department committee is to introduce any voting or guessing in connection with their booth, without the consent of the general committee.

Committee on Advertising—Miss Iva McArdle, Miss Maud Douglass.

All gentlemen members of the Good Cheer are appointed "drummers" to solicit gifts for the Bazaar, and patronage.

Bazaar Paper—Rev. J. H. Little, Manager and Editor; Miss Iva McArdle, Miss Maud Douglass, Assistants.

The Congregational Sale.

Like a veritable glen in an autumn forest the vestry of the Congregational church appeared, when decorated for the fair held last week. Fresh evergreen boughs and bushes of flaming maple transformed it. The illusion was so good that it needed a close examination to make sure that the foliage was artificial, and that the twigs had not been preserved just as they were picked weeks ago.

Within, the space was well occupied with tables and booths for the sale of various articles. A food table, well supplied with both substantial and fancy cooking; a miscellaneous table, carrying a great variety of articles; an art table, the most attractive feature of which was a number of water colors by Mrs. Plummer; a well-laden home-made candy table; an apron table; and a white table, with fancy needlework, all in white.

From a table on the stage punch and fancy crackers were served, and a good business was done dispensing ice cream over a table in the rear. A very realistic ice cave in one corner held a snow man, from whose interior five-cent purchases were secured by the patrons on the plan of "Get what's coming to you, whatever it is." In a gipsy tent Madame Carita read palms and told fortunes, and is said to have told some surprising truths.

A large committee was in charge of each department, and the place was a busy hive, with crowds of customers coming and going.

The sale continued during Wednesday afternoon and evening and Thursday afternoon. Wednesday evening excellent music was given by Carl Briggs, violin, Carl Mason clarinet, and Mrs. Cora S. Briggs piano.

Thursday evening a first-class supper was served, at which the tables were filled to their capacity. The first part of the programme which followed was a musical sketch, "Cups and Saucers," given by Miss Susie M. Wheeler as Mrs. Nankeen Worcester, and George A. Briggs as Gen. Deelah. This was immensely entertaining, and better than three out of four of the two-part acts put on in the best vaudeville houses. The concluding number was a ribbon drill by ten young ladies—Misses Elsie Bolster, Grace Murch, Maude Lunt, Bessie Mason, Mae Davis, Lilla Swift, Helen Barnes, Josephine Waldron, Carrie Clifford, and Bessie Haggett. The evolutions were many and varied, and were executed gracefully and in perfect time. Altogether it was a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

The receipts of the fair were very satisfactory.

Charles H. Stearns.

Mr. Charles H. Stearns of Wakefield died yesterday. He was born in Paris, Me., Oct. 28, 1820. He came to Charlestown in 1840 and started clerking in Hill's grocery store, and went to Wakefield, then South Reading, a few years later, where he opened a grocery store at the corner of Main and Centre streets, which he conducted for a quarter of a century. He was active in town affairs and served as street commissioner for many years. He was also postmaster and trustee of Lakeside Cemetery for a long time. He was the oldest Odd Fellow in town and was a charter member of the original Souhegan Lodge, which was formed March 14, 1844. He was also the last surviving charter member of the lodge. He was the prime mover of the Wakefield Pine Tree State Club and was its first president. He was also prominent in the Congregational church, which he joined in 1845. He married, in 1844, Henrietta C. Cowdrey, who died in 1896. He is survived by three children. Funeral services will be held at the residence Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.—Boston Transcript, Friday, Dec. 2, 1904.

NORWAY.

The December term of the Norway Municipal Court was held on Tuesday. The docket presents a list of new cases with here and there one settled and disposed of.

Dr. and Mrs. Bial F. Bradbury entertained the members of the Professional Whist Club on Wednesday evening.

The Woman's Club was entertained by Hon. and Mrs. J. A. Roberts at their home at Norway Lake, Friday evening.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Norway National Bank will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1905, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The regular election of officers will take place at that time.

The attention of the proper officers of the town through the postal department has been called to the duties of the patrons of the R. F. D. service thus: "The department looks to patrons and road officials to see that highways covered by rural routes are maintained in such condition that they can be traveled at all seasons. Indifference in this matter will be considered a sufficient cause for the withdrawal of rural services from the community."

A. H. Kenerson, after a month's work at Charles A. Baker's mill on Sunday River, setting up dowel lathes, etc., has returned to his home.

The Haverhill postmaster situation and opinion thereon by President Roosevelt gives the candidates for the Norway post office something new to think about. We understand that the present postmaster is not a candidate for the position, however.

A move will be made at the next session of the legislature for certain changes in the corporation charter to the end that the village corporation may provide police service, determine the location of electric light, telephone and telegraph poles; to regulate the grade and construction of the village streets and sidewalks; to provide system of sewerage, etc., etc.; and to raise money by taxation for said purposes within the village corporation.

The elopement of May Foster, daughter of David F. Foster of this town, and James Blake, for some two years a resident of Norway and divorced recently from his wife, caused considerable talk the last of the week. Miss Foster was a member of the senior class, Norway High School. Mr. Blake was a man of all work. They were married in New Hampshire.

Friday evening, Dec. 16, the Pythian Sisterhood will give a minstrel show at the Opera House. There are about forty-five in the company, and the whole entertainment will be by local talent, thus the success of the enterprise is assured. Seats for sale at Stone's Tuesday evening, Dec. 13th, at 7 o'clock. Music by Stearns' Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Swett of Molunkus made their Norway friends a short visit this week, the first one in two years.

The ladies of the Congregational society will serve a chicken-pie supper at the vestry Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th, at 6:45 o'clock. Following the supper will be given a short entertainment. The price for one or both, supper, or entertainment, will be the same, twenty-five cents.

Jacob McKeen was before the municipal court Friday charged with intoxication and assault. He pleaded guilty and was fined $5 and costs, taxed at $10. He paid and was discharged from custody.

Mr. Frank Tower of B. F. Spinney & Co.'s shoe factory, assisted by talent from away, will give a song recital at the Opera House about the first of January. It is said that it will be the event of the winter.

We understand that Horace Pike has sold his Main Street property to Wallace Ryerson for $2400.

Mr. C. W. Brooks has leased the Deering Street studio building and will open a lunch and billiard room. Mr. Brooks is an experienced cook and believes that a first class lunch room will pay.

B. B. Bicknell, motorman, of Westbrook, is spending a few days with his Norway people.

May Chaffin of Buckfield was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Clara Hayden, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Stone and daughter Beatrice attended the Maine poultry show at Portland this week.

David Pratt, for many years conductor on the G. T. R., visited in town the first of the week.

Sergt. M. P. Stiles has received his box of Peters ammunition won at the Brunswick range last fall. The box contains 500 cartridges, but they are all for a 12 gauge shot gun. As Sergt. Stiles never uses a shot gun the ammunition is of no use to him unless he changes the rifle for the gun.

Handcar Accident at Oxford.

CLYDE BEDARD OF NORWAY KILLED, AND EUGENE HODGDON OF BRYANT'S POND SERIOUSLY INJURED.

In an accident Friday morning, about half a mile south of Oxford station on the Grand Trunk, Clyde Bedard of Norway, aged about 24 years, was instantly killed, and Eugene Hodgdon of Bryant's Pond received injuries the outcome of which is as yet uncertain.

Some extra work was to be done on the track below Oxford, and track crews from South Paris, West Paris and Bryant's Pond had been called to assist the Oxford crew, together with some extra men. Some of them went to Oxford on the early train, but the South Paris men went down on their handcar. At the Oxford station the force of eighteen men got aboard two handcars and started out about 7 o'clock. There were eight men on the first car and ten on the second.

About half a mile below the Oxford station, on a little down grade, the cars were running some thirty or forty feet apart, and at a speed of eight or ten miles an hour. The middle man of the three on the back end of the first car was Clyde Bedard of Norway. Suddenly he fell off backward, striking between the rails. No cause for his falling was discovered, nor did any of the men who were looking in his direction see him make any movement after striking the track.

The men on the second car who were looking forward and saw the man fall shouted for the brake. Charles A. Walker, foreman of the South Paris crew, had his foot on the brake, and jammed it on as hard as possible, but loaded as heavily as the car was, and on a down grade, it could not be stopped quickly enough. When it struck the prostrate man, the men on the car were thrown off, and one of them, Eugene Hodgdon of Bryant's Pond, was seriously injured.

The body of Bedard was found behind the car, which had evidently passed over it. The skull was crushed in, and he had evidently been instantly killed.

Coroner Albert P. Bassett of Norway was notified and came down on the next train. He empaneled a jury consisting of Roscoe F. Staples, foreman, Stephen D. Jellison, John J. McNeil, Leander T. Wardwell, A. Lincoln Chaplin, and Frank A. Paine. The inquest was deferred until after the arrival of the afternoon trains, in order to wait for E. C. Park, the county attorney, and Mr. Hight, the Grand Trunk's attorney. The evidence was then heard, and a verdict was returned, which simply recites the facts, stating that Bedard was killed by being struck by one car after falling off the other.

Hodgdon's skull is fractured, but he is thought to stand a fair chance for recovery.

David S. Libby of Newport was shot and killed in the town of Chester Tuesday morning. Mr. Libby, who was 76 years of age, was one of the early lumbermen and river drivers of the West Branch. He went out hunting Tuesday from the camp where he was stopping with a party, and later was found dead. Leading to and from the body were the tracks of a man. A short distance from the body were several shells which had been extracted from a rifle. These shells are the kind used in the 303 Savage rifles. The tracks to and from the body indicated that the man who fired the fatal shot had approached the body and, finding the man dead, had run from the scene and has since kept the matter to himself. It is said that only two 303 Savage rifles are owned in that vicinity, and the owner of one of them was known to have been hunting that afternoon.

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In Bryant's Pond, Dec. 2, to the wife of Herman Billings, a son.

In Lovell, Dec. 4, to the wife of Nelson T. Fox, a son.

In North Paris, Dec. 3, to the wife of Elias McKeen, a daughter.

In Canton, Nov 30, to the wife of J. Appleton Hodge, a son.

Married.

In Norway, Dec. 3, by Rev. B. S. Rideout, Mr. Bion Pike and Miss Ina French, both of Norway.

In Fryeburg, Dec. 6, by Rev. Baman N. Stone, Mr. Perley I. Meserve of Brunswick and Miss Clara O. Lovejoy of Fryeburg.

In Rumford Falls, Dec. 3, by Rev. G. A. Martin, Mr Frank B. Oldham and Miss Maude Stubbs Tribou, both of Rumford Falls

In Dixfield, Nov. 26, by Rev. M. Holman, Mr. George E. Carlton of Dixfield and Miss Sarah Alice Farrington of Mexico.

Died.

In Hartford, Dec. 1, Lucius B. Alley, aged 81 years.

In Oxford, Dec. 9, Clyde Bedard of Norway, aged 24 years.

In Ithaca, N. Y., at Netherby, Cornell Heights, Dec. 7, Gladys M. Hewett, the only child of Professor W. T. Hewett, formerly of South Paris, aged 11 years.

In Oxford, Dec. 4, Stephen Jordan.

In Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 1, Charles H. Stearns, a native of Paris, aged 84 years.

In Pawtucket, R. I., Nov. 21, Silas G. Wheeler, formerly of Bethel, age 1 79 years.

In Hiram, Nov. 28, Mrs. Cassanda L., widow of Joseph F. Twitchell, aged 54 years, 3 months, 20 days.

In South Hiram, Nov. 25, Curtis R. Libby, aged 16 years, 10 months, 20 days.

In Rumford, Nov. 21, Melissa Abbott, aged 76 years.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

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

At a Probate Court, held at Fryeburg, in and for the County of Oxford, on the 6th day of Dec., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, the following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Jan., A. D. 1905, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause:

KING COLBATH, late of Porter, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Emma E. Bickford, the executrix therein named.

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

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of
ALFRED P. CHANDLER, of Rumford, Bankrupt. } *In Bankruptcy.*

To the creditors of Alfred P. Chandler, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of Dec., A. D. 1904, the said Alfred P. Chandler was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 31st day of Dec., A. D. 1904, 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. 12, 1904.

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White Aprons.

These make acceptable gifts. We have a large line of good styles.

ONE LOT aprons of white lawn, good size, 4-inch hem, 2 tucks and hamburg insertion, - - - .25

ONE LOT waitress' aprons, with straps over the shoulder, large size deep hem, - - - - - .25

ONE LOT aprons of good white lawn, 6-inch hem, 3 hemstitched tucks, 2-inch insertion, large size, - .50

ONE LOT waitress' aprons of fine lawn, large size, deep hem, ruffled straps over shoulder, - - .50

Hand Bags.

We have a large line of the late novelties in hand bags.

ONE LOT bags of leather, several styles, black, tan and gray, leather handles, - - - - - .50

ONE LOT bags of good firm leather, moire lined, braided leather handles, black, tan, gray, - - $1.50

ONE LOT opera bags of white printed satin, gathers at top with silk cord and metal fixtures, - - - .50

ONE LOT opera bags, of heavy figured silk, shirred top with sterling fixture, blue, white, black and fancy, $1.00

Towels.

These are always acceptable.

ONE LOT damask towels, both fringed and hemmed ends, plain white and colored border, 16x32 inches, .12 1-2

ONE LOT huck towels, hemmed ends, 20x37 inches, good weight, all white, .12 1-2

ONE LOT damask towels, pure linen, hemstitched or fringed ends, 19x36 inches, plain white and colored border, .25

ONE LOT bleached damask towels, hemstitched ends, with three rows of drawn work, 20x40 inches, - .50

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Rugs.

Any housekeeper will be pleased with a pretty rug.

ONE LOT moquet rugs, 18x38 inches, neat pattern, finished ends, $1.00

ONE LOT moquet rugs, 27x60 inches, flowered and scroll patterns, good colors, - - - - $2.50

ONE LOT moquet rugs, 36x72 inches, Oriental and flowered patterns, rich colorings, - - - $3.87

ONE LOT tapestry carpeting samples, 27x45 inches, many colors and patterns, finished ends, .75

ONE LOT Smyrna mats, 18x36, pretty patterns and a variety of colors, .98

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ONE LOT cushions 3 inches square, satin covered, mercerized ruffle, lace covered, ribbon bows, - .25

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Umbrellas.

These make useful gifts and ones that can be kept.

ONE LOT umbrellas, 26-inch, fast black, mercerized covering, steel rod, natural wood and sterling handles, $1.00

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ONE LOT umbrellas, 26-inch, silk and linen fast black coverings, steel rod, sterling trimmed handles, good values, $1.98

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Pretty line of shawls for the head.

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ONE LOT heavier shawls, made from Germantown, 36-inche, gray, $1.50

ONE LOT knit shawls, made from artificial silk, cream color, fancy stitch, wide border with fringe, $2.50

Pillow Tops.

Most anyone would like a pretty pillow top or pillow ready made for the den or sofa.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 369.—Geographical Acrostic.

The initials are those of a country which is almost as large as the whole of Europe. It possesses three great rivers, a variable climate, luxuriant vegetation and numerous species of animals and birds.

1. A part of British India containing one of the large cities of the world.
2. A Swiss mountain frequently ascended by tourists.
3. A Chinese seaport situated on an island of the same name.
4. A large gulf which penetrates for many miles into the Netherlands.
5. A watering place in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England.
6. The second city of France.

No. 370.—Charade.

A mighty power I,
To raise things up on high
Or fix them firm in place.
I am a metal base,
And underneath the sea
Men dig and delve for me.
Of me you all have two;
To WHOLE these lines so true
Will bring the key to view.

No. 371.—Numerical Enigma.

I am a word of seven letters. My 6, 7, 2, 3 is the reverse of gone. My 5, 6, 3 is very cold. My 3, 4, 5, 6 is a name. My 4, 5, 6, 3 is a useful grain. My 5, 4, 3 is passion. My 7, 4, 2 is a member of the body. My 3, 4, 7 is an epoch. My 2, 5, 6, 3 are troublesome animals. My 2, 3, myself. My 2, 5, 6, 1, a mineral. My whole is a continent.

No. 372.—Beheadments.

Each line suggests a word. The first letter is dropped for the succeeding line.

It catches and holds you on your way,
As along neglected paths you stray;
Better trot gently on horseback, I say.

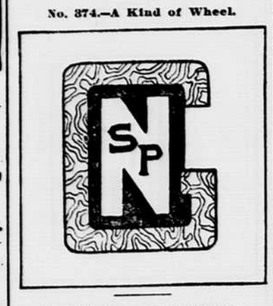
Let's shorten our journey as we may
By crossing the stream through that covered way
To the foot of yon range of hills so gray.

I could not sleep through all the night;
They piled the timbers left and right
Till shadows gray fled with the light.

No. 373.—Syncopations.

Syncopate to limit and have cord.
Syncopate a trick and have idle talk.
Syncopate to prevent and have a wild animal.
Syncopate rank and have anger.
Syncopate pigment and have gasp.

No. 374.—A Kind of Wheel.



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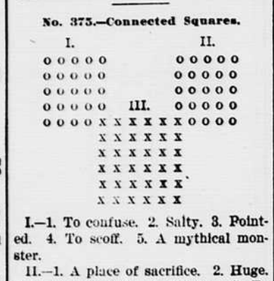

I.—1. To confuse. 2. Salty. 3. Pointed. 4. To scoff. 5. A mythical monster.

II.—1. A place of sacrifice. 2. Huge. 3. A narrow path. 4. Nimble. 5. To let again.

III.—1. That which abates. 2. To scold. 3. Rightly. 4. A peculiar combination of pulleys. 5. A negro. 6. Taps again

No. 376.—Terminations.

[Each word ends in a number.]
To delight in exceedingly.
Consequently.
The base of a column.
To flow forth.
To make bright.
To alleviate.

Bound to Make His Mark.

Fond Mother (to teacher)—Don't you think my boy bound to make his mark?

Teacher—I am afraid so. It seems impossible for him to learn to write.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 359.—Reversals: Drawer, reward. Reviled, deliver. Reed, deer. Dray, yard. Rood, door.

No. 360.—Illustrated Rebuses: 1. One extreme follows another. 2. Nothing new under the sun.

No. 361.—Charade: Sat-u-rate.

No. 362.—Carpenter's Tools: Screws. Calipers. Gimlet. Vise.

No. 363.—Changed Heads: Ulysses S. Grant. Andrew Jackson. 1. Us, as. 2. Low, now. 3. Year, dear. 4. Said, raid. 5. Sat, eat. 6. Ear, war. 7. Sack, Jack. 8. Sir, air. 9. Gap, cap. 10. Rid, kid. 11. Aerial, serial. 12. Nat, oat. 13. Took, nook.

No. 364.—Arithmetical Puzzle: C-hart. V-ague. V-ice.

No. 365.—Word Squares: 1.—Bare, Amen. Rend. Ends. 2.—Sag. Are. Get.

No. 366.—Metagram: Pest, zest, test, rest, vest, jest, best.

No. 367.—Disguised Celebrities: 1. Faraday. 2. Cobden. 3. Ruskin. 4. Wordsworth. 5. Marryat.

No. 368.—Nations: Nomination. Fascination. Termination. Procrastination.

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Witness—I'm married.

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Aunt Jane—"Edith, didn't I see Mr. Sweetser kissing you in the hall last night?"

Edith—"Yes, but it was only in remembrance of former days."

Aunt Jane—"A sort of souvenir spoon, I suppose you mean."

When you feel like sighing—sing,
Sighing will never pleasure bring,
Learn to laugh, you can laugh and laugh right
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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

Roast Ducks and Geese.

In selecting ducks or geese observe that they have soft, fat, smooth, pliant yellow feet and tender wings. The meat should be thick on the breast bone, and the windpipe break easily when pressed with the thumb and finger. The feet of wild ducks are of a reddish color, while those of tame ducks are thicker and of a yellowish color. To prepare the duck for roasting, pick, singe, draw and wipe thoroughly; then sprinkle with salt, rubbing it in with the hands. Stuff the duck and place in a baking-pan with the bottom well covered with hot water in which a teaspoonful of salt has been dissolved. The oven should be very hot. Baste and bake for one hour if the duck is young, or one hour and a half if old. One rule for sauce will answer for all baked poultry. Remove the bird and pour from the pan all the fat except four tablespoonfuls. To this add two tablespoonfuls of flour. Stir till smooth. Chop the giblets fine—which should be previously boiled in a pint of water till tender—and add to the flour. Then add the water they were cooked in. Season with salt and pepper and a teaspoonful of kitchen bouquet. Stir constantly until the mixture boils and is smooth. Turn at once into a sauceboat. Ducks are rarely carved at table as there is such a small portion of meat on the back. The duck is placed on the platter in the same position as turkey. Insert the fork firmly across the bridge of the breast-bone; begin at the wing and cut down to the bone in long, thin slices parallel with the breast-bone; remove slices from the bone.

SALMI OF DUCK WITH OLIVES.

Prepare a duck as for roasting. Then cut the meat away from the bones in small pieces. Place them in a saucepan, with two tablespoonfuls of butter, brown all over for ten minutes, remove and put into the butter one tablespoonful of flour. Cook till smooth, stirring constantly. When it is brown, put the duck back in it, stir all together and pour over it a half-pint of ordinary red or white wine. The wine should not be sweet. Add one pint of good broth, season with a level teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter the quantity of black pepper, two medium-sized white onions, one bouquet of two sprigs of parsley, one clove, and a bay-leaf. Cook for an hour slowly but constantly in a covered saucepan.

WILD DUCK FILLETS.

Prepare wild duck for roasting in the same manner, roast, and when done remove the fillets from the breast and trim neatly into shape. Cut as many heart-shaped croutons as there are fillets, fry them in butter until a golden brown. Chop the ducks' livers fine, season with salt pepper and finely chopped parsley. Add a small quantity of butter to the mixture and a tablespoonful of flour and stir to a smooth paste. Spread the croutons liberally with this and place them in a hot oven until browned. Then arrange the fillets, one on each crouton, place on a platter in a circle. Fill in the center with the rest of the sauce, to which may be added half a cupful of chopped olives, or serve with orange sauce.

ORANGE SAUCE.

Shave off the yellow peel of the oranges thinly, leaving the white, and cut into fancy shapes with small French vegetable cutters. Brown together a tablespoonful each of flour and butter, rubbed smooth; add to it gradually a cup of brown stock and seasoning of salt, paprika and a pinch of cayenne. Just before serving add the juice of two oranges, the rind shapes, and a dash of nutmeg if desired.

DRESSING FOR DUCKS.

Turkey dressings are excellent with ducks, and hominy is largely used. A nice stuffing is made with two cupfuls of mashed potatoes, mixed with one cupful of English walnuts chopped fine and seasoned with salt and pepper.

SELECTION OF FOWLS.

Geese are found in the market throughout the year. A goose twelve weeks old is called a "green goose." These may be found in the market from May to September. The young geese, which, hatched in May and June, are fattened for the fall market, appearing in September and continuing through January, are called "goslings." These young choice birds are often roasted without stuffing.

Geese need to be thoroughly scrubbed on the outside, because they are so infiltrated with fat, which oozes out of every pore and becomes mixed with dust and dirt. These birds are no more cleanly in their habits than are hogs, so that they need a good bath with even soap and water, given with a brush. This scrubbing must be done before the bird is drawn. They should also be singed before their ablutions. Draw them, wipe and rub inside with half an onion, sprinkle lightly on the inside with salt, pepper and sage. If the prune or other dressing is used, omit the onion and sage. Truss neatly and place goose on rack in dripping-pan. If the goose is extremely fat it is better to baste it with boiling water instead of dripping. Sometimes it is necessary to dredge the bird with flour after each basting, during the last half of the cooking process. Cook from one and one-half to three hours, or until the joints will separate easily.

STUFFED APPLES FOR ROAST GOOSE.

These are especially nice. Pare and core the number of large tart apples required and place them in the bottom of a large pan. To two cupfuls of white stock add a bay-leaf, a teaspoonful of minced onion, and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for twenty minutes, strain and pour over the apples in the pan. Cover and simmer until they can be pierced with a fork. Carefully remove from the stock and set aside to cool. Blanch two cupfuls of chestnut meats. Slice and cover with the stock; add four teaspoonfuls of currant or green-grape jelly and a little salt and paprika. Arrange the apple as a garnish around the goose on the platter. Serve with the sauce.

PRUNE DRESSING FOR ROAST GOOSE.

Soak one-quarter of a pound of choice prunes for two hours, drain, add boiling water to cover, and partially cook. Boil one cupful of rice for five minutes, drain, and add it to the prune water and as much more water as is needed to cook the rice until nearly done. Season with salt to taste. Stone the prunes and cut in small pieces; add half a cupful of blanched chopped almonds. Mix two tablespoonfuls of melted butter with the rice and add the nuts and prunes, with a sprinkling of paprika, and, if desired, grate in some nutmeg. Mix thoroughly and stuff the goose with it.—Ex.

Any woman who is a good housekeeper likes to have nice linen. A pretty fancy, just imported, is the use of sheets and pillow-cases made with a colored border. These borders are of red, blue, pink, pale green, yellow and tan. They are hemstitched to the sheet and are from eight to fifteen inches wide. Initials of the same color as the border can also be worked on the sheets and pillow-cases. A set of six sheets and pillow-cases each with a different colored border, and marked with colored initials to match, would make a novel and attractive wedding present.

It will be only a very short time now before Christmas will be with us again and the shoppers will soon be flooding the stores all looking for something new to give as a present. A nouveaute from Paris which has just been brought over is a "vanity case." These cases are small enough to be carried in a handbag or in your pocket, and are made of leather or silver with a pocket on either side of the opening. They contain a small mirror, a powder box, a small comb, a case of court-plaster, and a pair of tiny curling-irons. A gift of this sort will be appreciated by the woman living out of town who wishes to look well and doesn't want the bother of carrying a bag full of toilet articles.—Ex.

Many of the newest waists blouse not only in the front but have a slightly full and bloused back.

The high girdles will be more in evidence than belts, and the figure will be more defined than ever.

Harnessing The Sun.

THE ENGINEERING PROBLEM OF TOMORROW.

(President Pritchett in Youth's Companion.)

Hand tools still remain, as they always will remain, but they take a second place in the world's work. The tools of today and the tools of the future are the great machines which can most skillfully and most economically harness the sun's energy to the world's work. The man who thus harnesses the sun, the workman of the future, is no longer the worker with hand tools, but the engineer.

But while this may be accepted with certainty, it is not so easy to predict the method the engineer will use to harness his sun power. For, although the engineer of to-day realizes as the workman of a century ago did not, that the sun is his sole source of power, all the machines which he employs are most wasteful in their use of this power. And what is still more curious, the engineer still takes his power second hand, instead of using it directly as it reaches us in the sun's rays.

When the sun is nearly overhead, he delivers power at the surface of the earth at the rate of more than two horse-power for each square yard of surface. Even after we deduct the loss occasioned by the absorption of the earth's atmosphere, it is still true that each square yard receives, when the sun is shining, the equivalent of one horse-power working continuously. This means that there is delivered on each square yard an energy able to lift a weight of 33,000 pounds one foot in one minute, and this power is continuous. Almost all this energy at the present time goes to waste, or, as the scientific men say, is "dissipated." A little of it is used in warming the air, evaporating the water, and in other ways, but the greater part is radiated into space.

Think what could be done with this power if the engineer could turn it to man's use. What power goes to waste in your back yard! The sun delivers on Boston Common, free of charge, four times enough energy to warm and light Boston and supply all its manufactories, street railroads and other consumers of mechanical power. Why did not some engineer suggest the use of it when the coal strike made the ordinary means of warmth and light so expensive?

On the broad sunlit plains of Arizona the sun delivers an equivalent of mechanical energy which, expressed in horse-power, would seem almost infinite. A small part of it would suffice for the whole world's work. Why is it not set to doing this work?

This is the problem of to-morrow. The engineer has made great progress in its solution; he has enormously improved the means by which indirect sun energy is used; he transforms heat energy into mechanical energy and this again into electric energy; he has even devised a solar engine which will take up the energy as the sun delivers it and convert that energy—wastefully, to be sure—into a form suitable for use; but the problem of storing this power and applying it when and where man may need it, that problem is the problem of the future, and the machines which will do this—for it will be done—are the great tools of humanity by which men are to work their way to a higher step of safety and comfort and of enjoyment.

This does not mean that the skill of the individual worker will ever cease to be valued. The time can never come when the skilled hand and the fitting tool will not be eagerly sought by the world. But it does mean that the great epoch-making tools of man are no longer hand tools; it means that he who leads in the world's work to-day must be able to understand the forces of nature so as to harness them to the world's service. The man who can do this is the engineer, and the boy who is ambitious to win a place among those who are to lead in these great world problems will fit himself for the work of the engineer.

Sad Domestic Blow.

The honeymoon hadn't even begun to shoot the chutes when he came home one evening and found her crying as if her heart would break.

"Why, darling, what in the world is the matter?" he asked.

"O, J-John," she sobbed, "I'm so d-discouraged I d-don't know w-what to do."

"What is it, little wifie?" he queried as he gathered her into his arms.

"I w-worked all a-afternoon making c-custard pies b-because you are so f-fond of them," she replied, "and t-they all t-turned out s-sponge cakes. Boo-hoo-oo!"

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"DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve" writes J. L. Tucker of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best Salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use." Mrs. Samuel Gage, of North Bush, N. Y., says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for twelve years that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. I could not walk for over two years. Finally I was persuaded to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which has completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Sharpe—Yes, the fat lady in the museum is an acquaintance of mine.

Whealton—H'm! I suppose that is what you'd call "having a wide acquaintance."

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If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly it will cure you. Geo. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "Have had Dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was almost hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians and also at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with Indigestion or Dyspepsia should use it." Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

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Clara—Why not?

Maude—Because I'm afraid some one might snatch it from me.

Clara—Is it an expensive one?

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

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The Kind You Have Always Bought.

"Can you tell me," asked the traveler, "how far it is to Dunkville and return?"

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No Pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Meddlesome Giraffe

There were two giraffes who kept house together in the desert of Timbuktu. They were a young couple who had recently been married, and because of their inquisitiveness I have called them Adam and Eve.

They were short and sleek and spotted, with necks no longer than a pony's, for in the days I speak of the giraffes ate grain like a horse and did not bother with trees.

One day Eve came running to Adam, saying, "Oh, Adam, I've found the greatest bargain."

"What is it, my dear?"

"It's a lovely box of marshmallows, all done up in silver paper, left here by

"TRY A PIECE WITH ME."

that last band of English soldiers. It will last me a month at least, and all for nothing."

"Well, I shan't touch it. I don't believe in eating strange foods," said the husband decidedly.

"Oh, try a piece with me, dear," she pleaded. "You know you won't refuse your Evie."

Saying which she took out a yeast cake from the box and ate it and gave him a piece also.

"It's pretty good," said both. "Makes you thirsty, though," said she after eating nearly the whole box.

Both took a large drink of water at the spring. But, terrible to relate, the yeast began to work and lifted their heads higher and higher and strained their poor necks all out of proportion until they stood eighteen feet high from toe to crown. "Oh, dear, I wish we hadn't eaten them," said Eve.

"Yes; you'll have to get your supper off a tree top tonight. Serves you right; you tempted me," said Adam sulkily.

And from that day to this the giraffe has had a long neck. Don't meddle.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Women Healthier Than Men.

Since more boys than girls are born in the countries of western Europe, the proportion being 1,040 to 1,000 boys to every 1,000 girls, how can we account for the fact that there are more women than men in these countries? To this question M. de Varigny, a French scientist, replies at length in a leading Paris paper. "Since there are more women, although more men are born," he says, "we must conclude that more men die than women because they are not as healthy. There is no other solution, and, moreover, all the obtainable facts point in the same direction. More boys are born than girls, yet there are almost always more girls alive than boys. Many persons think that the principal reason why more men die than women is because they lead intemperate lives; but, though there may be some truth in this, it cannot be the sole solution of the problem, as the mortality among males is greatest during their early years, before they know what vice or intemperance means."

Savages First to Wear Mustaches.

In Greece and Rome no mustaches were worn without beards, but in the conquering days of the Roman empire several half civilized races who had come partially under the influence of the Romans and who wished to be rid of the name of barbari, or wearers of beards, attempted to shave in imitation of their conquerors, but as they had very imperfect implements for the purpose and as the upper lip is notoriously the hardest part of the face to shave in the case of any one poorly skilled in the art they were unable to make a clean job of it and left a quantity of hair on the upper lip. This mark was characteristic of several nations on the confines of Roman civilization, of the Gauls in particular, of the Dacians and some others. The Latin language has no word for mustache.

The Distance to the Sun.

If the water in the Atlantic ocean were made to fill a circular pipe reaching from the earth to the sun, a distance of 93,000,000 miles, the diameter of the pipe would be 1,837 yards, or, rather, over a mile, while a pipe of similar length to contain the Pacific would be over one and three-quarter miles across. Yet the distance to the sun is so great that if a child were born with an arm long enough to reach to the sun it would not live long enough to know that it had touched it, for sensation passes along our nerves at the rate of 100 feet a second, and to travel from the sun to the earth at that rate would take one and a half centuries, and such an abnormal infant is an unlikely centenarian.—Longman's Magazine.

The Value of Fresh Air.

In the museum connected with the Edinburgh university is an exhibit that is a striking object lesson of the value of fresh air. A professor has secured the lungs of an Eskimo, a Londoner and a coal miner. He has had them preserved by chemical process, and they are now side by side in a glass case. The Eskimo's lungs are pure white, the Londoner's lungs are a dirty brown, and the coal miner's lungs are jet black. The Eskimo had kept his lungs clean not because he knew more about breathing than the Londoner or the coal miner, but because he lived in a land of snow fields and spent his time in the open air.

When the Hand Is Kissed.

In Germany and Austria the custom still prevails among the upper classes of society of the men kissing the hands of the ladies, although the practice has been abandoned in England, Scandinavia, Spain, etc., as well as in France, except among certain of the members of the ancient regime in the Faubourg St. Germain at Paris. In Austria the women are accustomed to make a distinction between the right and the left hand. Thus the right hand is extended to be kissed by inferiors, while the left, as nearest the heart, is reserved for the kiss of people of equal social rank.

A Busy Soldier.

The Westminster Gazette reports the case of an English officer who was stationed for two years at Cairo and who never took the trouble to go out to look at the pyramids. In explaining his failure to see those landmarks of progress he said, "What with polo and parties and bridge and cricket I never had a minute to myself."

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