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The Small Fruit Garden on the Farm.

LOCATION AND CULTURE—SET RASPBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES IN EARLY FALL — VARIETIES — INSECT PESTS—GOOD FRUIT—SEND FOR NURSERY CATALOGUES.

In a recent discussion of the currant as a garden crop I said that it was not found in nearly as many farmers' gardens as it should be. This statement would be equally true in regard to other small fruits. The consumption of fruits of all kinds has greatly increased within the past few years, especially in cities and towns where the people buy most of the food they consume, but there is room for a still greater increase, and particularly on farms where it could be grown so easily and cheaply if the proper attention were given to the plants. Among American farmers there is still too much dependence upon the frequent visits of the butcher's cart and to the pork barrel in the cellar. Compared with vegetable food and fruits the meats are expensive and growing more so as population increases in this country. Bread is truly the staff of life, but it is relished a great deal better when there is plenty of fruit to go with it. Not only the currant but the raspberry, gooseberry and strawberry should be grown in abundance for family use on every farm in New England. If these fruits are planted and well cared for it will not require a large amount of land to grow a full supply for an ordinary family. The fruit garden ought not to be so far away as to be inconvenient gathering the fruit as needed for the table, but it should be so planted that most of the cultivation may be done with horse power implements. Small fruits may be grown on as great variety of soils as can most other crops, but they all do best on a deep, loamy soil that will not suffer unduly in a dry season. Dry, gravelly knolls and low lands where the subsoil is constantly wet should be avoided, but wet land after thorough underdraining may make an ideal location, as it will for almost any crop. Raspberries and blackberries I would prefer to set in the early fall as they start so early in the spring that purchased plants are apt to have lost some vitality by early growth before they reach the hands of the planter. Like the strawberry these should never be allowed to bear fruit the first year after planting. As the fruit of the blackberry and raspberry is always borne on wood of the previous year's growth one need not care much for the size of the part above ground when buying, but there should be a good root growth and a healthy crown from which the new canes are to push out. If canes of any size are received from the nursery they should be cut back to a few inches. Both these fruits should have abundant room. Five feet for raspberries and seven for blackberries is little enough space between the rows while three to four feet apart in the rows is not too much. For blackberries I like a single row long enough to give a full supply of fruit, and with a strong post set at each end with a single wire running from one to the other to which the canes may be tied at the tops to keep them in place and make it easier gathering the fruit. Raspberries do not root deeply and the cultivation should be shallow, but frequent enough to keep the ground clean. The red varieties that multiply by sprouts from the roots are sure to get too thick unless many of the sprouts are treated as weeds which they really are. A few strong, healthy canes to each plant are far better than a multitude. Blackberries root deeper and there is less danger from deeper cultivation. All suckers between the rows should be destroyed as fast as they appear. No crops can be expected to pay for growing unless the land is kept sufficiently fertile. An application of fertilizer rich in potash and phosphoric acid should be made annually. Perhaps there is no better time than in the fall before the ground freezes up for the winter. It is my practice to mulch the berry patches with any waste rubbish from the garden, as potato and tomato vines, cornstalks not needed elsewhere, indeed anything that will help keep the ground moist. Unless the canes are tied up to the wire or to stakes a mulch is often needed to keep the fruit clean as its weight brings it down near the earth. As to varieties, I know of no blackberry that I can recommend as superior to the Snyder for New England planting. I have tried several other kinds but without finding its equal for the home garden or a near market. It is very prolific, of good quality and the hardiest of all. I have grown it thirty years without losing a single crop by winter killing, while some varieties never went through a winter unharmed. Of raspberries the Cuthbert is called the best. The Columbia, a hybrid between the red and a blackcap, is new to me but is quite promising. It is a good bearer of berries that some admire while others object to the color. It never spreads from the roots as do the reds, but is easily multiplied by rooting at the tips. In windy weather it may be necessary to pin the ends of the new growth down to the ground to hold them in place. A plantation of blackberries may last a good many years. I know of one that was set out more than 25 years ago that is still healthy and productive. Few insects trouble this fruit, but my raspberries were so badly infested last year with a gall growth on the stalks that I had to dig out and burn most of the stock and set out in a new spot.

Different members of a family do not always fancy the same fruit which is one reason why a good variety should be planted. Some who are not partial to a variety at the time of picking always give it a welcome in winter when cooked and preserved. The raspberry is always in demand to go with currants in canning time to give the jam or jelly a more pleasing flavor. I prefer the juices of these fruits separated from the seeds. In that form they are specially acceptable in the rooms of convalescents. I think I fully appreciate the value of a good market for farm produce, but I always congratulate a customer who succeeds in growing his own, for I know that it will taste better to him than any he could buy. There is great satisfaction in seeing good fruit grow, and then still more in gathering it in one's own garden. I hope the perusal of these lines will cause many readers to make the necessary effort to have a full supply of small fruits for home use in the not distant future. Watch the advertisements in this paper in their season and send for catalogues of nurserymen and make at least a small selection of the kinds most recommended. The prices are now within the reach of all who are able to own a garden. Even tenants who are liable to change location occasionally can often afford to plant and care for these small fruits, it takes so short a time to get returns for one's labor.—A. W. Cheever in New England Farmer.

It is perhaps hardly necessary to advise our readers to give the laugh to any apple buyer who has the nerve to try the old, familiar, big apple crop stories, "with trees breaking under their loads in other states." Good winter apples should bring $2.50 per barrel laid down in the orchard or say, $3 packed f. o. b. This will make expensive pie timber, when delivered at the consumer's door, and will reduce consumption to an extent that will prevent the price from topping the figures mentioned in all probability.

Old Apple Orchards.

THEY MAY EASILY BE RENOVATED AND KEPT IN BEARING CONDITION.

In the older parts of the country I have noticed many neglected apple orchards, some of them growing in grass, and some of them standing in fields annually turned by the plough for the use of corn and other farm crops. The owners had evidently come to the conclusion that the orchards had passed their time of usefulness, and were thenceforth to be neglected, with the idea that they would in time disappear and leave the ground free for other crops. The possibilities in such orchards are lost sight of by their owners. Orchards may be kept in bearing almost from generation to generation, if they are taken care of. This summer I visited an apple orchard in New England that was in full bearing forty years ago, and from which I have many times picked the apples. It is still thrifty, and produces as good a crop as it did forty years ago. Not a tree has disappeared.

It is easy enough to keep an apple orchard from showing its age if it is taken care of from year to year. Where an orchard has been neglected, the first thing that should be done with it is to give it a general renovation. Where trees have disappeared, new trees should be set out, and every tree of the old stock should be examined to determine its usefulness. Every tree that is badly crippled should be cut out and a new tree put in its place. Also, in these old orchards there are many trees that are bearing poor varieties of apples. These should be top-grafted with the best varieties. It is astonishing how some of these old seedling trees have been retained in the orchards from generation to generation. Some of the grafted trees, too, have been found to be top-worked with varieties of no value, the fruit being both small and sour and only fit to be made into vinegar. They would not even make good cider. There is no reason why all of these poor trees should not have been regrafted years ago and have been producing good fruit since. As man has in his hands this power of grafting, why should even our old orchards be allowed to produce inferior fruit? The scions from the most profitable trees cost practically nothing, and if the farmer has in his orchard a tree that comes up to his ideals the scions will cost absolutely nothing.

The renovation of old orchards and the planting of new trees must be modified a great deal by the locality. In many parts of the western states the root gall has gained an entrance into the orchards and has infected the soil around the old trees. If new trees are planted in these places the galls will have formed before the tree is two years of age, and will quickly destroy it. In a case of this kind, either the old orchard trees should be abandoned altogether, or else new trees should be planted midway between the old rows, and the old trees gradually worked out as the new trees come into bearing.

Pruning and cultivation are two other things that are absolutely necessary for the renovation of the old orchard. In looking at the old trees we find that they are very largely overgrown with watersprouts, which receive much of the substance passing into the roots. The old trees should be pruned severely, but not all at one time. A little of the work should be done each year, because pruning is a tax on the vitality of the tree.—Cor. in Tribune Farmer.

Harvesting on a Large Scale.

On all sides the prairie runs to the horizon. Away in the distance there is a low line of green, which stands for trees, and a splotch or two of brown for houses. For the rest everything is gold and blue—gold below by virtue of twenty thousand ripening acres of wheat, blue above because it is late summer on the wide plains.

Nothing in sight except that shimmering, whispering ocean of grain and the little island around the farmhouse. It seems as lifeless as the desert. Underneath, down by the roots, the world is trembling with life. Here and there, rattlesnakes or lazy, gorged gophersnakes bask and broil in the heat. The gophers are taking toll of grains which have ripened over-early and fallen from the husk. Field mice are squeaking over their little families. All this will come to light when the reaper has passed, but it is hidden down as by a screen. So it stands one day.

With the dawn of another morning an army of men and a regular artillery corps of binders come down a road which winds through these fields and which one cannot see for the ocean of wheat. First come the binders, each drawn by its four or six mules. Then there are half a dozen wagons loaded down with "hands," gathered from the four corners of the world by promise of high harvest wages. They work early and late in these busy times, because all that twelve thousand acres must be harvested and in stack within the fortnight. Else the grain will begin to drop, and that would be serious thing on a farm which boasts the value and the gross yearly return of many a city corporation.

The leading machine makes its turn into the field. The driver and his helper do something with the machinery. The mules start with a jerk, the sickle buzzes, and the great canvas arms which sweep the grain into sheaves for binding begin to whirl. Behind it as it runs lies a long swath of brown stubble from which field mice and quail are scurrying. The machine coughs, and out tumble four sheaves. Behind walk the harvesters, setting up the sheaves in shocks, each with its cap, a watershed against the rains.

Another binder has fallen in and is following, then comes another and yet another, until six are traveling forward in a zigzag line toward the horizon. Behind them the men move like a company of skirmishers. It will be hours before that line has circled the field, and is back again to its starting point to cut out another swath.

A man's world is this. The wife of the gentleman farmer who owns these fields may be on the ranch in the busy days, but she is more likely to be summering at a watering place. If she is on the farm at all, she is trying to keep cool on the piazza. The gentleman farmer himself, dressed in outing clothes of London cut, is driving from gang to gang, keeping watch over the foreman or stopping now and then to pluck an ear and sample the condition of his ripening fields. He knows soils and fertilizers with the exact knowledge of a savant, and he reckons profit and loss on his season's work by the tens of thousands of dollars.

The binders rattle on and the men skirmish behind while there is light by which to work. No wasting daylight with twelve or fifteen or twenty thousand acres to be harvested in a fortnight. When they quit at last, the mice and gophers and all other people of the ground are going to bed in the wreckage of their homes, and there is a brown patch in the sea of gold.—Will Irwin in Everybody's Magazine.

Profitable Cattle.

Good cattle always sell for more relatively than poor ones. Nelson Morris thus explains the matter: "The prices for cattle now tell the story of what good blood will do in making profitable cattle, the best cattle selling at or above $6 and the thousands of little cattle that have to sell around $3.50 to $3.75, showing what the lack of breeding and careful feeding does. Our farmers need to raise cattle of better blood, and that will mean to them that fewer in number will bring the same profits, with less feed and better demand at markets."

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The Adventure of the Norwood Builder

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"The will was duly finished, signed and witnessed by my clerk. This is it on the blue paper, and these slips, as I have explained, are the rough draft. Mr. Jonas Oldacre then informed me that there were a number of documents—building leases, title deeds, mortgages, scrip, and so forth—which it was necessary that I should see and understand. He said that his mind would not be easy until the whole thing was settled, and he begged me to come out to his house at Norwood that night, bringing the will with me, and to arrange matters. 'Remember, my boy, not one word to your parents about the affair until everything is settled. We will keep it as a little surprise for them.' He was very insistent upon this point and made me promise it faithfully.

"You can imagine, Mr. Holmes, that I was not in a humor to refuse him anything that he might ask. He was my benefactor, and all my desire was to carry out his wishes in every particular. I sent a telegram home, therefore, to say that I had important business on hand and that it was impossible for me to say how late I might be. Mr. Oldacre had told me that he would like me to have supper with him at 9, as he might not be home before that hour. I had some difficulty in finding his house, however, and it was nearly half past before I reached it. I found him"—

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"HE TOOK OUT A MASS OF DOCUMENTS, WHICH WE WENT OVER TOGETHER."

"One moment," said Holmes. "Who opened the door?"

"A middle aged woman, who was, I suppose, his housekeeper."

"And it was she, I presume, who mentioned your name."

"Exactly," said McFarlane.

"Pray proceed."

McFarlane wiped his damp brow and then continued his narrative:

"I was shown by this woman into a sitting room, where a frugal supper was laid out. Afterward Mr. Jonas Oldacre led me into his bedroom, in which there stood a heavy safe. This he opened and took out a mass of documents, which we went over together. It was between 11 and 12 when we finished. He remarked that we must not disturb the housekeeper. He showed me out through his own French window, which had been open all this time."

"Was the blind down?" asked Holmes.

"I will not be sure, but I believe that it was only half down. Yes, I remember how he pulled it up in order to swing open the window. I could not find my stick, and he said, 'Never mind, my boy, I shall see a good deal of you now, I hope, and I will keep your stick until you come back to claim it.' I left him there, the safe open and the papers made up in packets upon the table. It was so late that I could not get back to Blackheath, so I spent the night at the Anerley Arms, and I knew nothing more until I read of this horrible affair in the morning."

"Anything more that you would like to ask, Mr. Holmes?" said Lestrade, whose eyebrows had gone up once or twice during this remarkable explanation.

"Not until I have been to Blackheath."

"You mean to Norwood," said Lestrade.

"Oh, yes; no doubt that is what I must have meant," said Holmes, with his enigmatical smile. Lestrade had learned by more experiences than he would care to acknowledge that that razorlike brain could cut through that which was impenetrable to him. I saw him look curiously at my companion.

"I think I should like to have a word with you presently, Mr. Sherlock Holmes," said he. "Now, Mr. McFarlane, two of my constables are at the door, and there is a four wheeler waiting." The wretched young man arose and with a last beseeching glance at us walked from the room. The officers conducted him to the cab, but Lestrade remained.

Holmes had picked up the pages which formed the rough draft of the will and was looking at them with the keenest interest upon his face.

"There are some points about that document, Lestrade, are there not?" said he, pushing them over.

The official looked at them with a puzzled expression.

"I can read the first few lines and these in the middle of the second page and one or two at the end. Those are as clear as print," said he, "but the writing in between is very bad, and there are three places where I cannot read it at all."

"What do you make of that?" said Holmes.

"Well, what do you make of it?"

"That it was written in a train. The good writing represents stations, the bad writing movement, and the very bad writing passing over points. A scientific expert would pronounce at once that this was drawn up on a suburban line, since nowhere save in the immediate vicinity of a great city could there be so quick a succession of points. Granting that his whole journey was occupied in drawing up the will, then the train was an express, only stopping once between Norwood and London bridge."

Lestrade began to laugh.

"You are too many for me when you begin to get on your theories, Mr. Holmes," said he. "How does this bear on the case?"

"Well, it corroborates the young man's story to the extent that the will was drawn up by Jonas Oldacre in his journey yesterday. It is curious, is it not, that a man should draw up so important a document in so haphazard a fashion. It suggests that he did not think it was going to be of much practical importance. If a man drew up a will which he did not intend ever to be effective he might do it so."

"Well, he drew up his own death warrant at the same time," said Lestrade.

"Oh, you think so?"

"Don't you?"

"Well, it is quite possible, but the case is not clear to me yet."

"Not clear? Well, if that isn't clear what could be clear? Here is a young man who learns suddenly that if a certain older man dies he will succeed to a fortune. What does he do? He says nothing to any one, but he arranges that he shall go out on some pretext to see his client that night. He waits until the only other person in the house is in bed, and then in the solitude of the man's room he murders him, burns his body in the wood pile and departs to a neighboring hotel. The blood stains in the room and also on the stick are very slight. It is probable that he imagined his crime to be a bloodless one and hoped that if the body were consumed it would hide all traces of the method of his death, traces which for some reason must have pointed to him. Is not all this obvious?"

"It strikes me, my good Lestrade, as being just a trifle too obvious," said Holmes. "You do not add imagination to your other great qualities, but if you could for one moment put yourself in the place of this young man would you choose the very night after the will had been made to commit your crime? Would it not seem dangerous to you to make so very close a relation between the two incidents? Again, would you choose an occasion when you are known to be in the house, when a servant has let you in? And, finally, would you take the great pains to conceal the body and yet leave your own stick as a sign that you were the criminal? Confess, Lestrade, that all this is very unlikely."

"As to the stick, Mr. Holmes, you know as well as I do that a criminal is often flurried and does such things, which a cool man would avoid. He was very likely afraid to go back to the room. Give me another theory that would fit the facts."

"I could very easily give you half a dozen," said Holmes. "Here, for example, is a very possible and even probable one. I make you a free present of it. The older man is showing documents which are of evident value. A passing tramp sees them through the window, the blind of which is only half down. Exit the solicitor. Enter the tramp. He seizes a stick, which he observes there, kills Oldacre and departs after burning the body."

"Why should the tramp burn the body?"

For the matter of that, why should McFarlane?"

"To hide some evidence."

"Possibly the tramp wanted to hide that any murder at all had been committed."

"And why did the tramp take nothing?"

"Because they were papers that he could not negotiate."

Lestrade shook his head, though it seemed to me that his manner was less absolutely assured than before.

"Well, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, you may look for your tramp, and while you are finding him we will hold on to our man. The future will show which is right. Just notice this point, Mr. Holmes—that so far as we know none of the papers were removed and that the prisoner is the one man in the world who had no reason for removing them, since he was heir at law and would come into them in any case."

My friend seemed struck by this remark.

"I don't mean to deny that the evidence is in some ways very strongly in favor of your theory," said he. "I only wish to point out that there are other theories possible. As you say, the future will decide. Good morning! I dare say that in the course of the day I shall drop in at Norwood and see how you are getting on."

When the detective departed my friend rose and made his preparations for the day's work with the alert air of a man who has a congenial task before him.

"My first movement, Watson," said he as he bustled into his frock coat, "must, as I said, be in the direction of Blackheath."

"And why not Norwood?"

"Because we have in this case one singular incident coming close to the heels of another singular incident. The police are making the mistake of concentrating their attention upon the second because it happens to be the one which is actually criminal. But it is evident to me that the logical way to approach the case is upon the first incident—the curious will, so suddenly made and to so unexpected an heir. It may do something to simplify what followed. No, my dear fellow, I don't think you can help me. There is no prospect of danger, or I should not dream of stirring out without you. I trust that when I see you in the evening I will be able to report that I have been able to do something for this unfortunate youngster who has thrown himself upon my protection."

It was late when my friend returned, and I could see by a glance at his haggard and anxious face that the high hopes with which he had started had not been fulfilled. For an hour he droned away upon his violin, endeavoring to soothe his own ruffled spirits. At last he flung down the instrument and plunged into a detailed account of his misadventures.

"It's all going wrong, Watson—all as wrong as it can go. I kept a bold face before Lestrade, but, upon my soul, I believe that for once the fellow is on the right track and we are on the wrong. All my instincts are one way, and all the facts are the other, and I much fear that British juries have not yet attained that pitch of intelligence when they will give the preference to my theories over Lestrade's facts."

"Did you go to Blackheath?"

"Yes, Watson, I went there, and I found very quickly that the late lamented Oldacre was a pretty considerable blackguard. The father was away in search of his son. The mother was at home—a little, fluffy, blue eyed person, in a tremor of fear and indignation. Of course she would not admit even the possibility of his guilt. But she would not express either surprise or regret over the fate of Oldacre. On the contrary, she spoke of him with such bitterness that she was unconsciously considerably strengthening the case of the police, for, of course, if her son had heard her speak of the man in this fashion it would predispose him toward hatred and violence. 'He was more like a malignant and cunning ape than a human being,' said she, 'and he always was, ever since he was a young man.'

"'You knew him at that time?' said I.

"'Yes, I knew him well; in fact, he was an old suitor of mine. Thank heaven that I had the sense to turn away from him and to marry a better, if poorer, man. I was engaged to him, Mr. Holmes, when I heard a shocking story of how he had turned a cat loose in an aviary, and I was so horrified at his brutal cruelty that I would have nothing more to do with him.' She rummaged in a bureau, and presently she produced a photograph of a woman shamefully defaced and mutilated with a knife. 'That is my own photograph,' she said. 'He sent it to me in that state, with his curse, upon my wedding morning.'

"'Well,' said I, 'at least he has forgiven you now, since he has left all his property to your son.'

"'Neither my son nor I want anything from Jonas Oldacre, dead or alive!' she cried, with a proper spirit. 'There is a God in heaven, Mr. Holmes, and that same God who has punished that wicked man will show in his own good time that my son's hands are guiltless of his blood.'

"Well, I tried one or two leads, but could get at nothing which would help our hypothesis and several points which would make against it. I gave it up at last, and off I went to Norwood.

"This place, Deep Dene House, is a big modern villa of staring brick standing back in its own grounds, with a laurel clumped lawn in front of it. To the right and some distance back from the road was the timber yard which had been the scene of the fire. Here's a rough plan on a leaf of my notebook. This window on the left is the one which opens into Oldacre's room. You can look into it from the road, you see. That is about the only bit of consolation I have had today. Lestrade was not there, but his head constable did the honors. They had just found a great treasure trove. They had spent the morning raking among the ashes of the burned wood pile, and besides the charred organic remains they had secured several discolored metal disks. I examined them with care, and there was no doubt that they were trouser buttons. I even distinguished that one of them was marked with the name of Hyams, who was Oldacre's tailor. I then worked the lawn very carefully for signs and traces, but this drought has made everything as hard as iron. Nothing was to be seen save that some body or bundle had been dragged through a low privet hedge which is in a line with the wood pile. All that, of course, fits in with the official theory. I crawled about the lawn with an August sun on my back, but I got up at the end of an hour no wiser than before.

"Well, after this fiasco I went into the bedroom and examined that also. The blood stains were very slight, mere smears and discolorations, but undoubtedly fresh. The stick had been removed, but there also the marks were slight. There is no doubt about the stick belonging to our client. He admits it. Footmarks of both men could be made out on the carpet, but none of any third person, which again is a trick for the other side. They were piling up their score all the time, and we were at a standstill.

"Only one little gleam of hope did I get, and yet it amounted to nothing. I examined the contents of the safe, most of which had been taken out and left on the table. The papers had been made up into sealed envelopes, one or two of which had been opened by the police. They were not, so far as I could judge, of any great value, nor did the bank book show that Mr. Oldacre was in such very affluent circumstances. But it seemed to me that all the papers were not there. There were allusions to some deeds—possibly the more valuable—which I could not find. This, of course, if we could definitely prove it, would turn Lestrade's argument against himself, for who would steal a thing if he knew that he would shortly inherit it?

"Finally, having drawn every other cover and picked up no scent, I tried my luck with the housekeeper. Mrs. Lexington is her name—a little, dark, silent person, with suspicious and sidelong eyes. She could tell us something if she would. I am convinced of it. But she was as close as wax. Yes, she had let Mr. McFarlane in at half past 9. She wished her hand had withered before she had done so. She had gone to bed at half past 10. Her room was at the other end of the house and she could hear nothing of what passed. Mr. McFarlane had left his hat and, to the best of her belief, his stick in the hall. She had been awakened by the alarm of fire. Her poor, dear master had certainly been murdered. Had he any enemies? Well, every man had enemies, but Mr. Oldacre kept himself very much to himself and only met people in the way of business. She had seen the buttons and was sure that they belonged to the clothes which he had worn last night. The wood pile was very dry, for it had not rained for a month. It burned like tinder, and by the time she reached the spot nothing could be seen but flames. She and all the firemen smelled the burned flesh from inside it. She knew nothing of the papers nor of Mr. Oldacre's private affairs.

"So, my dear Watson, there's my report of a failure. And yet—and yet"—he clinched his thin hands in a paroxysm of conviction—"I know it's all wrong. I feel it in my bones. There is something that has not come out, and that housekeeper knows it. There was a sort of sulky defiance in her eyes which only goes with guilty knowledge. However, there's no good talking any more about it, Watson. But unless some lucky chance comes our way I fear that the Norwood disappearance case will not figure in that chronicle of our successes which I foresee that a patient public will sooner or later have to endure."

"Surely," said I, "the man's appearance would go far with any jury."

"That is a dangerous argument, my dear Watson. You remember that terrible murderer, Bert Stevens, who wanted us to get him off in '87? Was there ever a more mild mannered, Sunday school young man?"

"It is true."

"Unless we succeed in establishing an alternative theory this man is lost. You can hardly find a flaw in the case which can now be presented against him, and all further investigation has served to strengthen it. By the way, there is one curious little point about those papers which may serve us as the starting point for an inquiry. On looking over the bank book I found that the low state of the balance was principally due to large checks which have been made out during the last year to Mr. Cornelius. I confess that I should be interested to know who this Mr. Cornelius may be with whom a retired builder has such very large transactions. Is it possible that he has had a hand in the affair? Cornelius might be a broker, but we have found no scrip to correspond with these large payments. Failing any other indication, my researches must now take the direction of an inquiry at the bank for the gentleman who has cashed these checks. But I fear, my dear fellow, that our case will end ingloriously by Lestrade hanging our client, which will certainly be a triumph for Scotland Yard."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Bad Blood

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Executing a Monster Elephant.

The Indian elephant named Fritz in the zoological gardens of Berlin was Europe's largest animal until it finally had to be killed for distemper. Dr. Schilling was appointed hangman. First he tried strangulation by means of ropes and pulleys, but the ropes broke and the elephant remained intact. Next he tried poisoning. The animal was given fodder of fresh bananas, which was devoured with a relish. Then a few bananas were dipped in carbolic acid, but no amount of coaxing could make Fritz "go" them. Finally shooting was tried. The heaviest big game rifle was procured and a shot was fired into the left armpit. The elephant merely looked around in surprise, the bullet having flattened against the shoulder blade. Then a Maxim gun was pulled up. A fusillade of projectiles was pumped into the big beast under the right armpit. The elephant went down like a house. In its death struggle, which was studied by many scientists, it broke all its chains and reduced part of the iron fence in the paddock to scrap iron.

Wooden Toothpicks.

"Stop chewing toothpicks, young man, if you value your life," said a physician to one of his patients. "You unconsciously swallow little shreds of the wood, which are not digestible and which become compact in the stomach. Finally you are annoyed by a hacking cough and the spitting of blood and you do not know what is the matter with you. You imagine you have consumption or some similar affliction when it is only the foreign substance in your stomach, that makes the strongest protest against your carelessness or ignorance in allowing it to accumulate there. Stop chewing toothpicks and swallowing quack nostrums, and by taking ordinary care of yourself you will live out the allotted threescore and ten years."

A Storm on the Pacific.

The captain of a San Francisco tug thus describes a storm on the Pacific:

"When I say that the waves ran mountain high I am not exaggerating the situation in the least. The tug would be poised on the crest of a sea and then be plunged down into a valley of water which seemed a mile below us. At times the moon would come out through the clouds, and in the uncertain light the waves seemed twice as high. The wind was blowing a perfect hurricane, and our lee rail was under water all the time. The angry sea appeared raging above, below and all around us, and nearly every wave into which we dipped would wash over the tug. It was impossible to remain aft, for the lower deck was flooded."

Walter's Composition.

Little Walter was told to write a composition containing the word "seldom." This is what he handed up to the teacher:

"My father owned some horses, but last week he seldom."

One of the Best Yet.

Sixty-third Fair of the Oxford County Agricultural Society.

All the Stalls Filled with Fine Oxford County Cattle.—Three Seconds Clipped from Track Record.—A Great Show.

Gloom marked the face of nature, and cast a deep shadow over the faces of fair managers early last week. All day Monday it poured. The roads were ribbons of mud; the cattle on a thousand or less of the Oxford hills could not be got to the fair to take part in the first day's events; the busy grange members were unable to bring in their products and arrange them; although the horses were on hand, the track held about all the water it would absorb; and even the jovial fakirs, with their tents pitched and the frames of their booths half built, were a moist and bedraggled lot.

So, when the trustees of the Oxford County Agricultural Society met at the grounds on the morning of Tuesday, which should have been the first day of the county fair, they decided to set the fair ahead one day, and word was immediately sent out that Wednesday would be the first day. Any other course was hardly practicable. Nothing was ready, nothing could be ready, and though the sun had made attempts to struggle through, they had been futile, and the pall of clouds enveloped the earth. All day it continued, warm and still, hardly a flutter of the flags, comfortable but hopelessly dull weather.

Tuesday was a day of busy preparation, with everybody hustling, and at night, though confusion may have seemed in some quarters to reign supreme, there was really a very respectable amount of stock and other products on hand.

If things could have been ready for it, Tuesday, as it proved, would have been a very good day to open the fair. The track was in fair condition and the weather was mild though threatening. As it was, the day was one of busy preparation.

As far as weather was concerned, Wednesday was almost a duplicate of Tuesday. Clouds lowered all day and threatened instant and copious rain, but it held off until about four o'clock, and then only a little fell. The crowd was larger than is usually seen the first day of the fair.

SUNSHINE AT LAST.

In the evening of Wednesday the clouds disappeared and the stars came out, and the sun rose Thursday morning on as beautiful a September day as ever delighted the hearts of fair managers. The fair grounds was the objective point of many converging streams of people. From all directions and by all means of conveyance they came. The special trains brought about twelve hundred. There has been considerable speculation as to the effect upon the attendance which the rise of general admission tickets from 25 to 35 cents would have. Apparently it had no effect whatever. If there was any one in this part of the state who wasn't on the fair grounds, it was because he couldn't get there.

Friday was another perfect day, and another big crowd gathered.

ROOSEVELT'S DELIGHT.

The feature which would unquestionably have pleased the president was the baby show Wednesday afternoon, when about forty of the infants under two years old, in charge of their mothers, were seated on the platform in the society's meeting room. This platform was built this season, and makes an improvement in getting the babies together where they can be seen.

The entries for the baby show were as follows:

BABIES FIFTEEN MONTHS AND UNDER.

Merton Shaw Curtis, Paris, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Curtis.

Gerald Keene, North Paris, son of Frank Keene.

Gladys Viola Dunham, Greenwood, daughter of E. L. Dunham.

Harold W. Thurston, Norway, son of F. D. Thurston.

Carroll R. DeCoster, Norway, son of Frank E. DeCoster.

Bessie Louis Greeley, West Paris, daughter of B. M. Greeley.

Laura E. Brooks, South Paris, daughter of L. A. Brooks.

Rupert Cole, West Paris, son of F. J. Cole.

Marjory A. Edwards, South Paris, daughter of Charles Edwards.

Helen Eudora Richardson, West Paris, daughter of C. A. Richardson.

Baby Swallow, South Paris, child of Leon Swallow.

Robert Maxim Hicks, South Paris, son of B. F. Hicks.

Winfield Howe Bennett, South Paris, son of Roscoe Bennett.

Beatrice Shaw, South Paris, daughter of Gilbert E. Shaw.

Maynard W. Record, South Paris, son of James S. Record.

Georgie Perry, Norway, daughter of Fred Perry.

Louis King, Norway, son of Joseph King.

Fred Starbird, South Paris, son of Leslie Starbird.

Wm. F. Lewis, Norway, son of W. A. Lewis.

Clarence Dyer, Norway, son of Edward Dyer.

Alva LeForest Richardson, Norway, son of Levi Richardson.

Mina Webber, Norway, daughter of Vern Webber.

BABIES FIFTEEN MONTHS TO TWO YEARS.

Herbert Frost, Norway, son of Herbert Frost

Melvin F. Pingree, Oxford, son of Isaac Pingree.

Ernest H. Porter, South Paris, son of Francis A. Porter.

Helen F. Downing, Norway, daughter of John A. Downing.

Roland A. Record, Poland, son of F. C. Record.

Rosie Perry, Norway, daughter of Fred Perry.

Ottile King, Norway, child of Joseph King.

Albert Starbird, South Paris, son of Leslie Starbird.

Ruth E. Marston, Norway, daughter of Elwin Marston.

Bruce Hosmer, Norway, son of H. H. Hosmer.

Vera Flagg, South Paris, daughter of Charles Flagg.

Doris Coolidge, granddaughter of Mrs. Coolidge, Upton.

The committee of award was composed of Miss Susie M. Wheeler, South Paris; Mrs. John B. Robinson, Oxford; Mrs. H. E. Wilson, South Paris; Mrs. C. W. Horne, Norway; Mrs. H. F. Andrews, Norway. Their awards were:

Babies 15 months and under: Bessie Louis Greeley, $6; Marjory A. Edwards, $5; Mina Webber, $4; Clarence Dyer, $3; Robert Maxim Hicks, $2; Carroll R. DeCoster

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Coming Events.

Sept. 26, 27, 28.—Androscoggin Valley fair, Canton.
Sept. 26, 27, 28.—Fair at Riverside Park, Bethel.
Oct. 3.—Oxford Pomona Grange, with Frederick Robie Grange, Otisfield.
Oct. 3, 4, 5.—West Oxford fair, Fryeburg.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

County Commissioners' Bills.
Lowney's Chocolates.
Crawford Ranges.
Friendly Warning.
Hyomei.
Notice in Involuntary Bankruptcy.
Probate Notices.
4 Notices of Appointment.
Auction.
You Must Buy Boys' Clothing.
Children's Coats.
Notice of Bankruptcy.
Teacher of Piano and Organ.

NORWAY.

It is understood that the Norway and Western Railroad will be built and in operation before winter.

Hotels and boarding houses have been filled with people who attended the fair during the week.

A. E. Stearns, Esq., of Rumford Falls, was in town several days this week. He attended the fair.

Ronello Bicknell, who was wounded in the foot last week by the accidental discharge of the rifle with which he was target shooting, is improving.

Esther Tower is the new teacher of music at the primary school. This is a step in the right direction and it is generally believed that if the subject received the proper attention at the annual town meeting money would be voted to support a music instructor in our public schools.

Herbert Black was recently called to his home in Caribou by the sickness of his father, Albert Black. Soon after the son's return to work for O. M. Cummings he received word that his father was dead.

Mrs. S. C. Andrews of Beverly, Mass., is visiting with Mrs. John F. Swain.

Porter Swift returned to his studies at the state college at Orono the last of the week.

Geo. W. Ryerson was before the municipal court on Thursday on two warrants, charging him with intoxication and breach of the peace. On the last he was discharged, on the first he was held and sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and costs. He at once paid and was discharged. The offences were alleged to have taken place in July last.

Lucia Buck, after a summer at Old Orchard, has resumed her duties as teacher of the Pigeon Hill school. Miss Buck is one of our most successful teachers.

We understand that A. Frank Marston, late of the shoe firm of B. F. Spinney & Co., with W. S. Boswick has opened an office at No. 105 Bedford Street, Boston, with a factory located at Lynn. The new shoe firm will meet with excellent success probably.

Mrs. Chas. A. Stephens of Norway Lake and head of the Women's Clubs of Norway, at the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs recently held at Portland, was appointed on the Reciprocity Committee.

Hon. W. L. Scribner of Springfield, of the board of prison inspectors, visited his sister, Mrs. O. N. Bradbury, during the week, and attended the county fair several days.

Special police were on the street during the fair.

Mrs. Walter Maxim of South Paris is clerking for Mrs. L. M. Lunt.

The entertainments at the Opera House this week have been unusually well attended because they have been of a most pleasing and attractive description.

John W. Nash has in his rooms on Cottage Street some very rare birds that have been sent in from out of town. It is a place well worth one's time to visit.

William H. Barnes of Portland, formerly of Norway, visited his friends in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Waters of St. Johnsbury were the guests of Dr. B. F. Bradbury this week.

The town schools outside of the village commenced Monday, the 25th.

Prof. Sidney I. Smith of Yale College and wife, visited his father, C. M. Smith, during the week. They have passed their summer at Jefferson, N. H. They were here three years ago.

Harry Newcomb is working his notice with Foster and will go to Philadelphia the first of October where he intends to take a course in dental college. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb leave town the last of the month.

The ladies of Harry Rust W. R. C. will hold their annual sale Thursday afternoon and evening, Sept. 28. There will be sold aprons, comforters, sofa pillows, etc. A baked bean supper will be served at 6:30.

A. L. Bartlett of Lynn, Mass., is with his Norway friends for a short time.

Friday morning Cyrus Reed of Welchville and James Paul of South Paris for intoxication were fined $5 and costs in the Municipal Court and in default of payment were committed; Thomas Burke for larceny of a watch, having returned it, was fined $1 and costs which he paid; Michael O'Connell and Julian Moyinham, for gambling, paid a fine and costs of $13.94 each.

Vivian M. Akers has gone to New York to attend art school and work in the telephone rooms for the New York World. He is assisted by Don C. Seitz.

Mrs. George A. Gunn of Danvers, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rowe of Westbrook are in town with their people for a few days.

The Hillman Shooting Affair Fatal.

Dwight Hillman, the 10-year-old boy, son of Lewis Hillman of Rumford Falls, who was accidentally shot on the 14th, died Wednesday, the 20th. The boy and a companion about his age, a son of Samuel Young, were playing with a gun, when the other accidentally discharged it into the Hillman boy's body. On the day of the accident 150 shot were removed from young Hillman's person. It was found necessary on Sunday to perform a surgical operation. From this the boy rallied nicely and it was supposed he was on a fair way to recovery, but an unfavorable turn came on suddenly and he died.

Burglary at Mechanic Falls.

Burglars blew the safe in the post office at Mechanic Falls Friday night. The safe was a complete wreck and all the contents are missing. The amount, however, does not exceed $25.00 or $30.00, as a portion of the stamps and money are kept elsewhere. The building was considerably damaged. Several persons heard the explosion, but attached no importance to it, and the break was not discovered until 6 o'clock in the morning.

LIKE FINDING MONEY.

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation, better act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s, Drug Store, South Paris, West Paris; 50c and $1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

Collector's Notice.

Unpaid taxes of 1904 will be advertised about Oct. 16th.

ALFRED H. JACKSON,
Collector of Paris.

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. Sunday School every Sunday at 10:45 A. M.

Mrs. George Goodwin, wife of Capt. Goodwin, commander of the large four-masted ship Dirigo, the first steel ship built in the United States, owned by Arthur Sewall Co. and others, Bath, Me., visited at Old Brick.

Miss Mary A. Thompson of Portland was a guest at George M. Atwood's during the fair.

Thos. S. Bridgham, Esq., of Buckfield, and his daughter, Mrs. Nulty, were guests at Hon. Edward L. Parris' last Wednesday.

William T. Faulkner of the Lewiston Journal staff was the guest of William E. Atwood Friday and Saturday. Mr. Faulkner was assigned to report the Oxford County fair for the Journal.

City Clerk George W. Bumpus and wife of Auburn were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Knickerbocker at Elmhurst last week.

The family of Charles L. Case, Esq., closed their summer home here and returned to New York last week.

Mr. Ralph Hallett and Mr. Elias Fields of Harvard Law School are guests of Mrs. E. H. Jackson a few days.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker closed his summer's engagement with the Universalist church on Sunday, and he and Mrs. Knickerbocker, who have been at Elmhurst for the past three months, returned to their home in Arlington, Mass., Monday morning. Mr. Knickerbocker's services here have been fully appreciated, and his sermons, the work of a brainy, broad-minded man, have been a delight and an inspiration to an increasing congregation of people of several different religious faiths. It is hoped he may be here again another summer.

There will be no preaching services at the Universalist church for the present, and the Sunday School will be held at 10:45 A. M.

Charles W. Allen, Esq., of the firm of F. O. Bailey & Co., of Portland, who spent the summer at the Hubbard House, was in town several days last week with a new Stevens-Duryea touring car and treated a number of his friends to an automobile ride. On the return trip the car, run by A. M. Spear, Jr., of Portland, made the forty-eight miles from South Paris to Portland in two hours and thirteen minutes.

Mrs. Burnham and daughter of Providence, R. I., who have been spending a vacation at Elmhurst, returned to their home last Thursday.

Recent arrivals at the Hubbard House are:—Mrs. C. A. Nichols, Miss Nichols and Miss DeWolf, Providence, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Champlin, Helen C. Small, Miss Dean and Mr. Frost, Portland; R. E. Mitchell, Rock Island, Ills.; Miss Isabel B. Hay, Miss Florence W. Thompson, Portland; Miss Fuller, Chicago; James P. Baxter and Mrs. Baxter, Portland; Edward E. Davis, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. C. Tappan, Miss Kate Tappan, Miss Mary V. Titus, Glen Cove, N. Y.; Miss E. C. Tappan, Dr. Emily N. Titus, Miss Anna Drew, Portland; Miss E. N. Valentine, Miss Susan Valentine, New York; F. A. Little, Augusta; John H. Deane, Miss Bertha Deane, New York; W. J. Morris, Minneapolis; C. E. Williams and wife, Auburn; Mrs. E. M. Barton, Miss H. W. Bliss, Worcester, Mass.; Wm. T. Kilborn, Jr., K. B. Kilborn, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Spear, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Allen, Portland.

The household goods of the late Margaret Brown will be sold at auction at her late homestead on Paris Hill on Friday, Sept. 29th, at 1:30 P. M.

East Hebron.

Every one is well supplied with water.

The grass reminds us of spring it is so green.

B. Phillips has worked for Harry B. Phillips of late on his two acres of grain he sowed last spring. It is all cut and partly threshed, but that part of the work is done out doors, and the rain has been against them of late, and it will take some time yet to complete the work.

Mrs. Saunders was in the place last Friday in search for a room to store her goods. The room that they are stored in is wanted, and rent for furniture is not easily found.

Clara Merrill is thought to gain a very little since her return home from the hospital.

H. A. Record will pass his vacation on a hunting expedition.

Deacon and Mrs. Fuller's health has improved of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce's little grandson from Mechanic Falls is with them enjoying a fine visit.

Mrs. Smith now intends to return to Massachusetts to spend the winter months.

Mrs. Cassia Perkins is in Canton for the present.

Belle DeCosta is expected home to keep house for her father this fall.

Mr. J. J. Fuller is visiting his two daughters in Vinalhaven; he has been with them three weeks, and will remain a short time more.

Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thurston are making an extensive tour through the West. Expect to return the first week in October.

Visitors at Kellogg's camp and Poplar Hotel are returning to their homes and the place seems quite deserted.

Few people, comparatively, attended the state and county fairs. A large attendance is anticipated at Bethel fair next week. It is hoped the weather will be favorable.

The corn factory at Bethel has closed for this year. Much corn was injured by the heavy frost the 13th, some farmers losing their entire crop.

North Stoneham.

Dennis Adams worked for his brother, Perley Adams, of Albany, plowing, Monday.

Charlie Adams has been at home from Bridgton on a vacation.

Mrs. J. McAllister and son of West Lovell and Mrs. Andrews from Beverly, Mass., visited at Elden McAllister's and at Wm. Gammon's Sunday.

L. J. Gammon went to Bridgton last week with butter for which he found good sale.

W. W. Durgin has bought a pair of steers of H. B. McKeen.

Byron.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Taylor attended the grove meeting at Mexico Sunday. Owing to the damp, unpleasant weather the meeting was held in the school house on the grounds, which was well filled, extra seats being brought in.

The grange served a conundrum supper at the last meeting, but as the members returned looking hungrier than when they left home, we concluded that the conundrums were not very "filling" or that they were not very accurate guessers.

George Taylor has finished his job at the mill at Andover and returned home.

V. D. Taylor of South Rangeley spent a short time in town Tuesday.

Lovell.

Mr. Joseph Bassett of this town died the 18th inst., aged 89 years. He had been a resident here nearly his whole life, engaged in farming and as a harness maker. A man of excellent life and character. His funeral was attended Wednesday from the village church, conducted by Rev. Charles H. Shank. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Delmore Robinson of Conway is again on the road with a stock of boots, shoes and clothing.

Frank C. Stearns of Hot Springs is visiting at his old home here for a few days.

The work of packing corn at the village is closed. The crop and the work at the shop have been very successful.

Herbert E. Hamblen of New York, a nephew of E. C. Hamblen of this town and a popular writer of books of adventure, is visiting here. His home in his boyhood days was here with his uncle.

Buckfield.

Supt. Cate, of the water works, kindly took me up where the dam is being constructed at North Pond, on Thursday. It is a very romantic spot any way, and the concrete dam, 14 feet in height, with its wings lends a picturesque appearance to this secluded spot. The laying of pipe is well along towards the dam. Later Turner and Depot Streets are to be excavated.

The rain has greatly interfered with building the dam at the brush works.

R. H. Morrill has built an extension to his feed mill and installed a mill of greater capacity.

Mrs. Benj. Gerrish is very ill at a hospital in Portland.

Mrs. Horace Murch is in Boston stocking up with millinery. Her trip was delayed somewhat by the severe illness of her brother, Carroll Ricker. He now seems to be gradually improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irish have spent a week with friends in Auburn returning Monday.

The story in the Lewiston Sun of the minister up in New Hampshire frightening the young man whom he took in on the road, by asking him at a lonely spot in the woods if he was prepared to die, causing the young man to bound from the carriage and take to the woods, savors strongly of their traits when I was a boy. Yes, with such a visage, suggestive of some awful calamity they would inspire fear and dread in the mind of the youth. Many were the times I would run and hide when I saw the minister coming. I was possessed of a greater fear of a minister in those days than of the devil, but I have got wonderfully over it.

Mrs. John Higgins and her daughter, Miss Clarrie Higgins, of Portland, are the guests of Mrs. Lucy Skillings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Haley of Lisbon Falls paid a short visit last week to their former pastor, Rev. A. W. Pottle, and wife. During his pastorate at Lisbon Falls Mrs. Haley was the church organist and chorister.

Mr. E. M. Atwood made a business trip to Boston Tuesday, returning Saturday.

The corn crop of Buckfield is abundant and is being hustled to the corn factory on all streets in great fashion.

Buckfield patronized the county fair in liberal numbers on Thursday and Friday, going early and staying late. They report a grand fair and a good time.

Greenwood.

How rapidly nature is decorating what the poet Bryant called God's first temple—the forest, and Jack Frost is doing the most of the work. The frost on the morning of Sept. 15 was pretty general about here, but by no means equal to the one we had about 15 years ago on the 6th of the same month. We have lived here 30 years come November, have planted corn of some kind every season; and that was the only year when our corn crop proved nearly a failure. Ransom Cole had nearly three acres of burnt land corn at the same time, and got nothing but the fodder and that in a much damaged condition.

Mrs. E. L. Dunham started for the baby show Tuesday morning and returned home just as the clock struck 12 Wednesday night. Missing the regular train caused the delay. Her brother, Frank Morgan, accompanied her each way and then went again Thursday; being resolved, as he said, to take in the whole show. Mrs. Dunham thought she could see no signs of race suicide there, although the weather was rather unfavorable.

Some are digging their potatoes where the rot has made its appearance, thinking to save them by so doing; but that is an open question.

Two more persons whom we formerly knew have recently gone down the valley—Colby Staples of Bryant's Pond, and Mrs. Eliza Burns of Snow's Falls. The last time we saw Mrs. Burns was at North Paris during the association several years ago. She then seemed to be enjoying good health and good religion.

Denmark.

The post office in this town was broken into Friday night, the 15th inst., one of the back windows being broken and the catch pushed back. Two money drawers were opened, one belonging to the government, and one private drawer belonging to Mr. Ingalls. About $33 was taken. No clue to the thieves.

The canning season at the corn shop will close about Tuesday, the 26th. The grub worms have ruined quite a lot of corn.

Hiram.

Mr. Edwin Harriman died Sept. 19th at East Hiram of heart disease after a long and distressing illness, aged 73 years, 2 months, 2 days. He has long been one of our most worthy citizens and a thrifty, successful farmer. He leaves a widow. He was reared in Porter, and was taken on Friday to that town for burial.

The store of James Evans & Son at East Hiram was broken and entered one night the past week, also the ticket office at Bridgton Junction in Hiram on the narrow gauge railroad.

The corn shop is running at times day and night. The crop is a good one.

The Universalist church held a very pleasant and successful fair on Thursday evening for the benefit of the church.

Married in Hiram, Sept. 17th, by Llewellyn A. Wadsworth, Esq., Mr. Charles Bertwell Thurlough and Miss Phebe Agnes McLucas, both of Hiram.

Gilead.

E. E. Whitney of Bethel was in town Friday in his auto.

M. R. Bennett went to Norway Wednesday to attend Oxford County fair.

Mrs. William Peabody left for Waterville Wednesday.

Joseph Lary and wife went to Norway the first of the week.

Miss May Peabody, who has been stopping with friends here in town, has left for New York.

A. D. Wight, wife and son, went to South Paris Wednesday.

Quite a number from the village went to the county fair this week.

East Bethel.

Many from here attended the county fair.

Mrs. S. E. Rich returned to Auburn last week.

Mr. Lester Bean has gone to Princeton teaching in one of the town schools.

Miss Rose Kimball is spending a short vacation with her sister in Lynn, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Holt and little son, Leroy, returned home to Massachusetts the 22d.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bartlett of Berlin, N. H., visited here last week.

Mrs. Melinda Bean has been spending a few days here, called here by the death of her sister, Mrs. Olive Bartlett.

Wilson's Mills.

S. W. Bennett was through here recently with a party of gentlemen from New York—Dr. Stines, Arthur Levy, Messrs. Goldman and Hosmer. They had been a round trip of all the lakes in this section of country.

F. E. Jorgenson was in town Sunday to see his children.

Guy Brooks, a former resident here, but now of Rangeley, was in town several days the past week.

The Bishop party came up Wednesday in an automobile, which is stored in John Olson's barn while they are at the lake. Guides John Olson, Guy Brooks, Geo. Nason.

W. H. Hart and wife went to the fair at Lancaster.

Mrs. M. A. Bennett of Wentworth's Location spent two days with S. S. Bennett the past week.

E. S. Bennett arrived home Saturday from a four weeks' trip through New Brunswick with Erwin Morse of Bath.

East Brownfield.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney and daughter Isabel attended the W. C. T. U. convention at Bar Harbor last week.

Ralph and Marion Giles have returned to college.

Rev. A. J. Cameron and wife called on friends here recently. Mrs. Cameron was on her way to Vermont to attend the funeral of her father.

Mrs. G. M. Sanborn has just received a new lot of suits, overcoats, ties, etc., and will be pleased to see all of her friends and show them the stock.

L. A. Cole's little boy is very sick.

It is reported that Alex McLucas has sold his place to Frank Poore.

Bethel.

Rev. C. N. Gleason returned from a trip to New York and occupied his pulpit Sunday morning.

Presiding Elder Parsons held a meeting with the Methodist society Saturday evening and preached Sunday morning, the pastor being absent to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bartlett of East Bethel.

Prof. Scott Wight has been in town in the interest of the Maine Music Festival and will be ready to sell course or single tickets after Sept. 26.

Mrs. John Bryant, who has been very ill for a long time, passed away at her home Monday. Funeral and interment at West Paris Wednesday.

Word has been received of the death of Mr. Fred I. Barker in Santa Barbara, Cal. Mr. Barker went to California many years ago. He has two brothers, Mr. Eli and Mr. Clinton Barker, residing in Bethel.

The corn factory has nearly finished packing as a large quantity of corn was injured by the frost. Work has been rushed since the frost of Friday morning.

A large number of Bethel people attended the county fair at South Paris.

Mrs. Geo. Tirrell of Foxcroft with her little son is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ira Jordan.

The Congregational society held their annual bargain sale in the Packard building Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Kendall has sold his house on High Street to Mr. Sidney Jodrey who will soon come from North Anson to occupy it.

Miss Wormell, '05, Bates, is substituting for Miss Carver in Gould Academy. Miss Carver was called to her home in Augusta by the illness and death of her father, Hon. Leonard D. Carver.

Miss L. M. Stearns has returned from Boston and has a large and select stock of goods.

West Paris.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will hold their annual harvest dinner and supper at Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 4th. Price for dinner tickets 15 cents, supper 10 cents. All are invited and the experience of the past will be sufficient to guarantee a good patronage as the ladies have the reputation of furnishing an excellent and bountiful table on these occasions. A sale table of useful articles will be in the hall.

The family reunion of the Starbird and Andrews families will be held at Grange Hall, South Paris, Thursday, Sept. 28th. There will be picnic dinner and supper in the hall.

Advertised letters in West Paris post office Sept 21st:

Miss Leah Griffith.
Jas. W. Gibbs.
Miss Edna Purvis.
Owen D. Rich.
Freedom S. Strout.
Alton Thomas.
Roscoe D. Wiley.
George Wright.

Mrs. Almeda Richardson of Dickvale is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Churchill.

Dr. M. M. Houghton of Paris is a guest at H. G. Brown's this week.

Quite a large crowd went from here to the county fair.

Mrs. M. G. Bradbury attended the millinery openings at Portland last week.

Mrs. L. C. Bates and Miss Delia H. Lane went Monday of last week to Bar Harbor to attend the state W. C. T. U. convention. They returned home Friday night.

George Swan, who died last Wednesday at the insane asylum at Augusta, was brought here Friday for burial. The funeral was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Swan, on Pioneer Street, Rev. Seth Benson of North Paris officiating. Mrs. Swan has just moved here from Greenwood where the family have lived since going away from here.

The body of Mrs. John Bryant of Bethel was brought here Wednesday of last week for burial. The funeral was at the F. B. church, Rev. C. C. Koch of Bryant's Pond attending. Several relatives came and there were many beautiful flowers. Mrs. W. H. Emery of this place is a daughter of Mrs. Bryant.

Sam Ellingwood is building an ell to his house and shop.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dunham spent several days last week visiting their son at Waterville.

Newie Rowe, Albert Scribner and Warren Cookson are also attending high school at Paris.

Hebron.

Mrs. Warren Hanscom left here Saturday for her home in New York.

Rev. H. B. Marshall of Northport, N. H., has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Minnie Gurney of Auburn is visiting her cousin, Miss Gertie George.

Mrs. Alton Hibbs and little twin daughters, Gladys and Doris, have returned from a visit to Yarmouth.

Miss Daisy Cushman is quite sick at A. M. Richardson's. Dr. Littlefield of South Paris attends her.

Mr. David R. Porter spoke to the young men of Hebron Academy at the Y. M. C. A. meeting last Tuesday evening. Mr. Porter graduated from Bowdoin where he received a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University at England. He was sent here by the state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. The school is full to overflowing. 200 students in attendance.

Northwest Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mason and two children were up from Portland the 10th.

R. L. Bennett and Fred Bemis have been to Roxbury and taken a job in the woods where they will soon go.

Mrs. W. C. Chapman is in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter left this place a few days ago for some place in the West, hoping the change of climate will be beneficial to Mr. Carpenter.

Geo. Leighton has put a crew of men into the woods up Chapman brook and valley.

Norway Lake.

Mrs. J. S. Kneeland is at Mechanic Falls visiting friends.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Noyes of Lovell were at J. L. Partridge's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and children of Denmark were at A. D. Kilgore's for the week of the county fair.

Milan Bennett of Gilead was at C. F. Boober's this week.

Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet at the hall Sept. 27th.

East Sumner.

Your reporter, his wife, W. H. Eastman and D. J. Russell went by train to the county fair on Thursday. Moses Young and Oscar E. Turner were there with 47 head of fine cattle, mostly oxen and steers.

John Keen, formerly of Sumner, now of Lynn, Mass., and now 84 years of age, was on the grounds at the county fair and stepped as briskly as many a score younger than he.

It is thought that corn packing will wind up here by the middle of this week. Business has been lively at the shops.

Howe's steam mill will have but few logs to cut by October 1st.

Oxford.

Dr. H. R. Farris and Samuel Eaton attended the funeral of Mr. Eaton's uncle, Mr. Francis Faulkner, at Turner Sept. 10th.

Frank Hawkes of Boston was here for a short visit last week. He was accompanied on his return by his mother, Mrs. Geo. Hawkes.

The village schools opened Sept. 18th with the following teachers: Mr. Ernest Pratt, principal of the high school; Miss Perkins, assistant; Miss Libby, intermediate; Miss Wight, primary. Mrs. Hayden was unable to return owing to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Pendexter.

Miss C. E. Carman has a fairy lily recently replanted which had twenty-eight blossoms of a delicate pink at one time.

Carl Edwards of Portland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Edwards, last week.

Mrs. Geo. Austin and little daughter Frances, of Portland, are visiting here.

Joseph Robinson is attending school at Portland.

Harry Kay has returned from the hospital. He is able to walk a little with the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Wm. Dow of Falmouth is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. French.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
DISTRICT OF MAINE.

In the matter of SOLOMON STEINFELD, Bankrupt. } Invol. No. 128. In Bankruptcy.

Byron, Greenough & Company, Brunel-Higgins Shoe Company, and Allen & Company, Petitioners in Involuntary Bankruptcy against Solomon Steinfeld of Rumford, having moved to have said proceedings dismissed, a hearing will be had thereon, at Portland, in said District, on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1905, at 10 A. M., when all creditors may appear and be heard.

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Sept. 19th, 1905. ELIZA M. GOODWIN.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of REBECCA H. GILPATRICK, late of Hiram, 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.

Sept. 19th, 1905. IVA GILPATRICK.

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Sept. 19th, 1905. J. BENNETT PIKE.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of STANLEY E. CONANT, late of Buckfield, 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.

Sept. 19th, 1905. SANFORD E. CONANT.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

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

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

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1905, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

ARABELLA CARTER, late of Paris, deceased; sixth account presented for allowance by Mary B. Carter and Percival J. Parris, trustees.

CHARLES H. DAVIS, late of Lovell, deceased; final account presented for allowance by Mary E. Davis, administratrix.

ADONIRAM J. BERRY, late of Sumner, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Frederick R. Dyer, administrator.

ADNA B. THAYER, late of Paris, deceased; petition for license to convey real estate presented by Ethel B. Thayer, administratrix.

JOHN D. DUNN, late of Sumner, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Charles H. Bonney, administrator.

MAUD E. BATES, minor, of Sumner; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Lewis C. Bates, guardian.

CHARLES B. BESSEY, late of Woodstock, deceased; first account presented for allowance by George H. Richards, executor.

JULIA G. BATES, late of Paris, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Lewis C. Bates, executor.

FRED W. LOVEJOY, minor; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Addison Lane, guardian.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
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Going up (west)—10:07 A. M., 3:26 P. M., 10:15 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 10:22 A. M., 7:45 P. M.

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CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, Rev. A. K. Baldwin, Pastor. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:00 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 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M., Sabbath School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:25 P. M.; Prayer meeting 7 P. M.; Tuesday evening prayer service at 7:30. Seats free. All are welcome.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor Preaching service every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12 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 evening 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Modern Woodmen of America.—South Paris Camp, No. 10367, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

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

A. O. Adams of East Jeffrey, N. H., is visiting Rev. J. H. Little and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Brett of Beverly, Mass., have been at C. E. Brett's for a few days.

Miss Laura Dean of Buckfield is visiting at F. A. Taylor's and William J. Wheeler's.

J. F. Stanley and wife of Auburn were guests at C. W. Bowker's a few days last week.

Howard Giles of North Wayne was a guest at George M. Giles' a few days last week.

Mrs. Anthony Bemis of Rumford Falls was a guest of Mrs. Clara C. Andrews last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Andrews of Lovell were guests at I. E. Andrews' a few days last week.

Mrs. A. D. Cotton of Windsor, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Pulsifer.

Miss Ethel Crockett left Friday for a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. A. Record, in Abington, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings of Mechanic Falls were at Wirt Stanley's a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Tucker have returned from their cottage at Bay Point, where they have spent the summer.

Miss Nellie Jackson of Portland has been spending a part of her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Louise J. Briggs.

Mrs. E. M. Millett has returned from the hospital at Lewiston, where she suffered the amputation of a finger and a toe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kimball and Miss Carrie Hubbard of Lovell were guests at George F. Eastman's a few days last week.

R. E. L. Bridgham and family of Lewiston, who left South Paris about a year ago, were here a few days last week, to attend the fair.

Harold C. Watkins, son of the late George H. Watkins, was in town Friday on a business trip and called on friends while here. He is now with H. H. Hay's Sons in Portland.

Three buds on a night-blooming cereus belonging to Miss Carrie Hall opened during three successive evenings of last week, and a number of friends were invited in to see the beautiful flowers.

The Maine State Sunday School Association will meet in Portland Oct. 11, 12 and 13, in Dr. Smith Baker's church. The programme is unusually good and it is hoped that many from Paris and Norway will attend.

A dollar social will be held at the vestry of the M. E. church Wednesday evening, Sept. 27th. All ladies who have earned a dollar with members of their families are invited to be present. It is desired that each lady tell the story of how she earned her dollar.

Next Saturday, Sept. 30, at the O. G. Curtis farm on High Street, the stock and farming tools will be sold. The list includes thirteen cows, a pair of work horses, and a lot of machines and tools. Sale opens at 10 A. M. with Albert D. Park as auctioneer.

Miss Harriet Newell of Sumner is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. D. Haynes. Although 89 years of age, Miss Newell has just returned from a visit to Lowell, Mass., to which place she made the trip alone. It may be judged from that fact, what every one acquainted with her knows, that she is pretty young of her years.

One watching the streets Saturday morning might have thought that the army of fakirs from this fair were all going to Canton for this week's fair, as there was a constant procession of their teams moving in that direction; but if he went to the railroad station at the time of the forenoon trains, he discovered that quite a number of them, after all, were on the way to Bethel and Rochester, N. H.

Lessons from the life of John Bunyan and Pilgrim's Progress are taken up Sunday evenings at the Methodist church. Studies from the book of Acts furnish themes for Tuesday evening. The Epworth League will study a book on Africa, meeting at houses each fortnight. All members of the Methodist church are requested to attend general class next Friday or to send some message to be read. Rally Day in Sunday School is October 8th.

Professor W. Scott Wight of Bethel has been in town for a few days in the interest of the Maine Music Festival, which will be held in Portland on the 9th, 10th and 11th of October. For this year's festival Professor Chapman has not only secured a half dozen of the most celebrated solo artists of the country, but has outdone all previous years by arranging for the matchless Mme. Emma Eames to appear. She will sing at the concert of Wednesday evening, Oct. 11. Orders for seats for this or any other of the concerts will be taken by Miss Grace Thayer, who has a plan of the hall at her store.

Andrews and Starbird Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Starbird and Andrews families will be held as usual at Grange Hall, South Paris, Thursday, Sept. 28th, and a good time is looked for. These family reunions are a very pleasant feature of our twentieth century life and should be more largely attended than they are. Any one going once will certainly wish to go again. There will be a literary entertainment as usual. Come one! Come all! Per order of the committee.

E. E. FIELD.

The Rest of the Fairs.

This week's fairs are at Canton and Bethel, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Next week, Oct. 3, 4 and 5, is the West Oxford fair at Fryeburg, and on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, is the North Waterford fair, which closes up the season for Oxford County.

Piano lessons given, Mrs. Parmenter. Read ad.

ONE OF THE BEST YET.

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made by A. W. Walker & Son of South Paris, and comprised some forty machines, ranging from the simplest form of level land plow up to the most improved gasoline engine. A leading feature is the International manure spreader, controlled by a single lever. Then there are plows of all kinds, wood beam and steel beam, hand hold and sulky, disk harrows, spring tooth harrows, smoothing harrows, cultivators, corn planters, potato planters, and so on.

The Geo. B. Haskell Co. of Lewiston showed quite a number of implements, including a manure spreader, a harvester, a double row corn planter, several harrows, and a sulky plow of which they make a specialty, and on which a number of years' work has been put to perfect it.

Two gasoline engines, in operation near the entrance gate, were shown by Lunt, Moss & Co. of Boston.

The Worcester Kemp manure spreader was shown by J. E. Quinby of Auburn, agent.

F. H. Beck of Norway exhibited a gasoline engine of the Moseley & Stoddard make.

A GOOD SHOW OF POULTRY.

There was considerable more poultry on the grounds than in any recent years. L. I. Gilbert of Norway showed three pairs of Light Brahma fowl.

Lester Henry, South Paris, Rhode Island Reds, one year old and chicks.

Russell B. Swift, West Paris, White Leghorn fowls and chicks.

Vernon D. Robinson, West Paris, White Leghorn fowls and chicks, and Pekin ducks.

Herbert L. Thurston, Norway, Rhode Island Reds, Buff Cochins, and White Plymouth Rocks.

John C. Twombly, Norway, Rhode Island Reds, several coops.

Valerie and Eleanor McAllister, Norway, a pair of Bantams.

H. E. Lovejoy, Norway, nine coops, including White Plymouth Rocks, White Leghorns, Black Minorcas, and Barred Plymouth Rocks.

G. R. Ester, Norway, a pair of Buff Opington chicks.

Mrs. Frank P. Morrill, Norway, a coop of Barred Plymouth Rocks.

Bert J. Flint, North Waterford, Brown Leghorn chicks.

A. Tuttle, South Paris, Silver Spangled Hamburgs

A. D. Kilgore, Norway Lake, White Leghorns and Barred Plymouth Rocks.

H. R. Bennett, Norway, White Wyandotte fowls and chicks.

Fred LeBarron, South Paris, two pairs Pekin ducks.

Clifford Richardson, West Paris, pair of Pekin ducks.

Mrs. George B. Stone, West Paris, Barred Plymouth Rock chicks, pairs of old and young geese, and old and young turkeys.

F. A. Parlin, South Paris, White Wyandotte, Barred Plymouth Rock, and White Leghorn chicks.

Winslow C. Thayer, South Paris, Barred Plymouth Rock and White Wyandotte chicks.

S. H. Kilgore, Norway, Rhode Island Red chicks.

E. P. Crockett, South Paris, six coops, including White Plymouth Rock fowls and chicks, and Light Brahma chicks.

HERE AND THERE ABOUT THE HALL.

The Powers Music Store, South Paris, in charge of C. A. Hersey, was selling sheet music and sundries at his usual stand.

The outfit of L. M. Longley, the Norway plumber, received its due meed of admiration. His bath room fixtures are certainly such as will draw attention.

It is safe to say that nothing in the building drew more admiring looks than the collection which was shown by Nash of Maine, the Norway taxidermist. Deers' heads predominated, but there was in addition a specimen or two of about everything else in the line of game which this part of the country produces, from a red squirrel to an albino deer. One feature of this collection which looks strange to our eyes is the head of a wild boar. This came from the Corbin game preserve in New Hampshire, where the boars were introduced from Europe, and where, so Mr. Nash informed the Democrat, they are multiplying so fast that the keepers are instructed to see that a certain number are killed every year.

J. P. Richardson, the South Paris hardware man, exhibited a number of Herald ranges and heating stoves.

Several fine pianos were shown by W. J. Wheeler of South Paris, the president of the society, dealer in musical instruments.

Merrill the photographer, of Norway, shows the excellence of his work and his fine taste in finishing and mounting by an exhibit, mostly of portrait work, which did not fail to attract the attention of all who passed.

The exhibit of Miss Libby of Norway included, besides numerous specimens of portrait and landscape work, a large line of the artistic souvenirs which she makes in connection with her photographic work.

A handsome show of cloaks and furs was made by S. B. & Z. S. Prince of Norway, in the upper hall.

The amount of fruit to be seen corresponded somewhat with the magnitude of the general crop. While it was all good, there was rather less of it than usual, and it was about the only department of the fair of which that can be said. A little of the space generally reserved for the fruit was given to fancy work which overflowed from its usual place on the other side of the hall.

Samples and circulars regarding Paroid and Neponset roofing were distributed by S. P. Maxim & Son of South Paris, who handle those two brands.

Considerable value, both real and sentimental, is in one collection which was not entered for a prize. In fact, it is in itself three prizes, won by the rifle team of Co. D, N. G. S. M. The three are the Governor Hill trophy, which is not owned by the company, but has been held by it for three successive years, the Col. Kendall trophy, which has become the property of the company by three successive winnings, and the trophy secured by the company by winning the recent New England company team match at Wakefield, Mass. These trophies give impressive testimony to the marksmanship of Co. D.

J. E. Clay of Paris Hill, agent for the New England Homestead, had a stand in the hall from which he distributed sample copies and took subscriptions.

The show of field crops and vegetables in general was hardly up to the average, though why this should be so, with the good season we have had, is something of a problem. Collections were shown by W. H. Porter, Norway, W. H. Tucker, Buckfield, and Granville H. Porter, South Paris. Of these the exhibit of Granville H. Porter was considerably the largest. The background was made of tobacco plants, and the rest of the collection included a varied assortment of all kinds of crops and vegetables.

A "jumbo pumpkin" was raised by Arthur Dow, a boy of nine years.

An interesting case of curiosities and antiquities was exhibited by Mrs. C. H. Downing of Norway.

Handsome displays of mixed cut flowers were made by Mrs. Stover of South Paris and Mrs. George B. Stone of West Paris, and a fine show of dahlias by Fred H. Cummings of Norway. Mrs. Stover also exhibited a quantity of potted plants.

CANNED GOODS IN QUANTITY.

"This seems to be a canned goods year," was a common remark as people came in sight of the pyramids of that attractive line of food articles. There was three times as much as shown in some former years.

Mrs. Ambrose F. Swift had the largest collection, comprising over eighty cans and glasses of all kinds of products.

Mrs. F. H. Perry of Norway showed a collection of thirty-nine varieties.

Mrs. C. H. Downing of Norway, a collection comprising fifty-seven varieties.

Mrs. Levi Richardson of Norway, sixty-five varieties.

Large and attractive collections were also shown by Mrs. Thibodeau of South Paris and Mrs. George B. Stone of West Paris.

THE GRANGE EXHIBITS.

For a number of years liberal premiums for grange exhibits have induced the granges of this vicinity to show not only their products but their skill in arranging them, and the effects which they have produced have added materially to the hall show. The results obtained this year were by no means inferior to those of former years, and the work was finished with quite reasonable promptness.

Paris Grange occupied the same space as for several years, which was very tastefully decorated. The drapings were in white and delicate shades of pink and green, about 500 yards of bunting being used for the work. The general committee of this grange consisted of O. K. Clifford, the master, with Howard A. Swan and Charles Edwards, who appointed such sub-committees as they wished, and they placed the direction of the artistic work of decoration in the hands of Miss Mattie Richards. The effect produced does credit to the choice.

Frederick Robie Grange of Otisfield used a patriotic scheme of decoration for its space in red, white and blue bunting, with crossed flags. An oil portrait of Ex-Governor Robie, for whom the grange is named, formed the centrepiece of the exhibit. The committee in charge of this work was made up of C. O. Martin, F. E. Stone, J. H. Edwards, Mrs. C. O. Martin, Mrs. P. C. Greenleaf, Miss Ella Bean, and Mrs. F. E. Stone.

For Bear Mountain Grange, South Waterford, a simple scheme of decoration in yellow and white was used. The most striking feature of this display was a windmill, on a tower built of ears of corn, and with revolving arms kept continuously in motion by means of a spring and clockwork. The arrangement of this exhibit was left by the grange in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hapgood, who drafted such assistants as they desired and could secure.

A large committee represented Norway Grange in its work at the fair. This committee consisted of Mrs. John A. Roberts, Mrs. E. A. Cox, Mrs. Minnie Haskell, Mrs. Ella Perry, Mrs. Lizzie Lovering, Mrs. Ina Pike, Mrs. Algie Crooker, Mrs. Ella Rowe, Miss Ella Black, J. A. Roberts, Frank Wood, W. O. Perry, Asa Frost and A. T. Crooker. Very busy they were, too, and very impressive was the result when they had it finished. They had a large space to fill, over and between the stairways at the south end of the hall, and they brought the wherewithal to fill it. Its decorations were simple white and evergreen, and the things which were exhibited covered about every possible form of farm and household industry.

SOME LESS THAN A THOUSAND FAKIRS.

Fakirs! Well, did you ever? No, nobody ever did, on these grounds. Not only was the Midway, the Pike, the Trail, or whatever you choose to call it, filled with them, but they spread out well towards the gate, occupied odd corners in the hall, and plied their trade here, there and yonder.

Several side-shows were in the list this year. There was the $10,000 baby with one head, two bodies, four arms and four legs (preserved in alcohol); the bearded lady; and the pig with five ears and one eye. There were at least two tintype tents; a merry-go-round; stands where you could buy "hot Frankfuts" or "a long cool drink on the inside," and all sorts of refreshment booths; Bill Bailey, the celebrated African dodger, put his head through the canvas near a cane board; and souvenirs of every kind, artistic and inartistic, were for sale at every turn. We like the fakirs, as long as their business is properly done. They are an essential feature of the show.

A GREAT PARADE.

Although according to the schedule the parade should have started at 10 o'clock Friday forenoon the delays incident to forming it made it nearly 11 when it was ready to move. When it did start it made a good show. With W. C. Cole as marshal, the band led, followed by a four-horse team carrying the officers of the society. Then came the stock, with fluttering ribbons. There were nine pairs of horses, sixteen led horses, forty-five yokes of oxen and steers, and forty-four bulls, cows, heifers and calves. As a large portion of the cows had been taken home the night before, and for various other reasons, this number falls considerably short of representing the whole lot of prize animals, but it was a goodly show, and made a procession which extended more than half around the track. The circuit of the track was made, and the parade was dismissed.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, which was called to order soon after 1 o'clock Friday, was a brief session. President William J. Wheeler, Secretary and Treasurer William O. Frothingham, and Trustee T. P. Richardson were unanimously chosen to succeed themselves. To succeed R. L. Cummings as trustee, a ballot was taken, and all the votes were for E. E. Andrews. This completed the business, and the meeting immediately adjourned, but a very few minutes having been occupied.

THE RACES.

With the track and the weather in the pink of condition, how could the races be other than first class? Everything combined to make them interesting and no better testimonial can be offered for the condition of the track than the three heats of Friday in 2:18 and 2:16 1-4.

Wednesday's races were not as interesting as those of the following days as the horses were not as evenly matched, but on Thursday and Friday the "race crank" who hankers for close and exciting finishes had his appetite gratified. He had an opportunity also to see how the difference of an ordinary or a skillful driver wins a race; for when the Mechanic Falls horse seemed hopelessly defeated, a change of drivers converted defeat into victory.

2:50 CLASS—PURSE $100.

Rosamond, g m. F. B. Rideout,	1	1	1
Maud Nutral, ch g. H. K. Whitemore,	2	4	3
Reina Wilkes, b m. J. A. Brooks,	3	2	4
Red Elm Boy, F. H. Wilkinson,	4	3	2
Bartella, ch m. J. A. Twaddle,	5	6	ds
Frisco, g g. C. Guy Buck,	6	5	ds

Time—2:31 1-4, 2:32 1-4, 2:30 1-4.

2:20 CLASS—PURSE $200.

Pointer Patchen, ch g. N. J. Foss,	1	1	1
Ruby Wilkes, b m. B. H. Bisbee,	3	2	2
Little Gilmmer, b g. C. M Stuart,	2	4	4
Dodge, C. M. Mitchell,	4	3	3

Time—2:20 1-4, 2:23 1-2, 2:23 1-4.

2:23 CLASS, TROT AND PACE. PURSE $200.

Dr. Keene, b g. N. J. Foss, Cornish,	1	1	1
Platka, Jr., b h. I. W. Pottle, Portland	2	4	3
Lella Wilkes, b m. F. O. Walker, Rumford Falls,	3	2	4
Fair Nancy, b. m., C. M. Stuart, West Gray,	4	6	2
Nancy Grayson, b. m., F. B. Rideout, Moncton, N. B.,	5	5	5
Ivan, ro. g., Eugene Pearault, Lewiston,	6	3	ds

Time, 2:24 1-4, 2:23 1-4, 2:23 1-2.

2:40 CLASS, TROT. PURSE $125.

Alavolo, C. H. Milliken, Mechanic Falls,	5	4	1	1
Togo, b. g., C. A. Smith, Portland,	1	1	2	5
Red-Elm Boy, F. H. Wilkinson, Groveton, N. H.,	3	2	4	4
Capt. Westland, b. s., Philip H Doyen, Portland,	2	3	5	2
Maud W., b. m., F. H. Wiggin, Lewiston,	4	5	3	3

Time, 2:31 1-4, 2:34, 2:32 3-4, 2:32 1-2, 2:33 1-4.

2:30 CLASS, TROT AND PACE. PURSE $200.

Paul Boone, b g., R. G. Dunn, Canton,	3	1	1	1
Gaslight, ro. g., F. O. Walker, Rumford Falls,	1	5	5	3
Julian, blk. s., C. A. Smith, Portland,	4	4	2	2
Major M., b g., Alvin Brown, Upper Gloucester,	2	3	3	4
Sprague Nutwood, ch. g., E. W. Hunt, Portland,	5	2	4	5

Time, 2:25 1-4, 2:26 1-4, 2:27 1-4, 2:28 1-4.

2:35 CLASS, TROT AND PACE. PURSE $125.

Rosamond, g. m., F. B. Rideout, Moncton, N. B.,	4	2	1	1
Eiwin L., b g., W. B. Stone, Lovell,	1	1	2	2
Reina Wilkes, J. A. Brooks, Portland,	3	3	3	2
Lady Josephine, C. L. Abbott, Gilbertville,	2	dis.		

Time, 2:29; 2:36 1-4; 2:34 1-4; 2:31; 2:33 1-4.

2:27 CLASS, TROT. PURSE $200.

Belva Sorceress, g. m., R. O. Jordan, Buckfield,	1	2	2	1
Cassandra, b. m., Ira B. Page, Casco,	2	1	1	2

Time 2:27 1-4; 2:24 1-2; 2:26; 2:27 1-4; 2:26 1-4.

FREE-FOR-ALL, TROT AND PACE. PURSE $250.

Cora, b m. by Kerfew, I. R. Morrill, Brunswick,	1	1	1
Milo S., ch. g., H. S. Coburn, Lewiston,	2	3	3
San Telmo, br. g. by Arion, W. B. Stone, Lovell,	3	4	2
Little Gilmmer, b. g., C. M. Stuart, West Gray,	5	2	4
Lady My, ro. m., F. B. Rideout, Moncton, N. B.,	4	5	5

Time, 2:18; 2:18; 2:16 1-4.

GOOD BASE BALL GAMES.

A game of ball was played each day, the Lewiston Athletics being a party to all the games. They played with the Oxfords on Wednesday and Friday, and with the Hebrons on Thursday. As is the custom, all the teams played the best men they could get hold of.

Two of the strongest teams that ever played on the fair grounds, was the verdict of nearly all who saw the game between Lewiston Athletics and Oxford at the grounds Wednesday. Oxford was strengthened by the addition of Rawson and Lord of Portland, Clason who played with Gardiner this season, and Bearce, so well known about here, while the Lewiston team had several men from the Maine Trolley League, Boardman of the Haverhill team of the New England League, Hayes and Lowell of Norway and Bonney of South Paris. The game was a fine one and many difficult plays were made with the greatest ease. Lewiston won in the fifth inning by combining two singles and a three-base-hit with two errors by the Oxford outfield, closing the inning with 3 runs which won the game. It was not until the ninth inning that Oxford could score. Pike singled, Foss and Adams sacrificed, and DeWolfe singled, scoring Pike. Clason followed with a single putting DeWolfe on third, but was thrown out when he tried to make second. The score:

LEWISTON.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O	A.	E.
Hayes, 1 f	4	0	0	1	0	0
Penley, s.s.	4	1	2	3	2	1
Boardman, 3-b	5	1	1	2	2	0
Lowell, 2-b	4	0	1	2	6	0
Bonney, 1-b	4	0	0	14	1	0
Sparks, p	3	0	1	0	2	0
Huntington, c.f.	4	0	0	1	0	0
McManus, c	3	0	0	1	1	0
Wilham, r.f.	4	1	2	3	1	1
Totals,	35	3	7	27	15	2

OXFORD.

	A.B.	R	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Pike, 1.b.	4	1	2	6	0	0
Foss, s.s.	4	0	1	2	3	0
Adams, p	3	0	0	1	3	1
DeWolfe, c	3	0	1	10	1	0
Clason, c.f.	3	0	1	0	0	1
Gardiner, 3-b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Lord, 3-b	3	0	0	3	0	0
Bearce, 1 f	2	0	0	2	0	1
Stone, r.f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals,	27	1	5	27	9	3

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9—Total
Lewiston,	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0—3
Oxford,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

Earned runs, Lewiston 1, Oxford 1. Three-base-hit, Penley. First base on balls, off Adams 3; off Sparks 2. Struck out, by Adams 9; by Sparks 1. Left on bases, Lewiston 10; Oxford 4. Double plays, DeWolfe, Rawson, Bonney. First base on errors, Lewiston 2; Oxford 1. Hit by pitched ball, Hayes. Umpires, Shaw and Curtis. Scarer, Thayer.

Thursday's game was a victory for the Athletics over Hebron by a score of 9 to 1. It was a very pretty game up to the sixth inning, when Hebron went to pieces.

The Athletics and Oxfords met again on Friday, and many of the spectators say this was the best game they ever saw. Old men and young got excited and lost all interest in everything else on earth but this game. Oxford 5, Athletics 4. The winning score was run in on Adams' bunt in the last half of the ninth inning.

WORK OF THE OFFICERS

Five arrests were made, all during the early part of the fair. One fakir caused the arrest of another on the charge of larceny, for selling a watch on which the first named had a claim. The property was returned, and the respondent paid a fine of $1.00 and costs.

Cyrus Reed of Welchville and James Paul of South Paris were arrested on Wednesday for intoxication. Both went to jail for lack of money to pay $5.00 and costs.

Two men who were running a booth for the sale of soft drinks were arrested Wednesday evening for gambling. They were running the "over 7 and under 7" game with dice. It was evidently a side line, and was kept out of sight during the day time. Friday morning in the Norway court each paid a fine of $1.00 and costs amounting to $13.94.

The big crowds of Thursday and Friday were noticeable for their good order and the absence of anything objectionable.

THE PREMIUMS AWARDED.

(These awards are unofficial and subject to revision by the officers of the Society.)

Stallions—Best stallion owned in limits of society, Hall & Young, Bethel, (El Sable, $15; R L Cummings, West Paris, (Prince Wilkes), 8; H W Davenport, Barrett, (Charles M), 4; stallion 3 years old, Robinson & Wheeler, South Paris, 10; stallion 2 years, F L Barrett, and Hall & Young, Bethel, $6 and $4, score exactly the same; stallion 1 year, F L Barrett, 5; J B Robinson, Oxford, 3; Charles Curtis, West Paris, 2.

Colts—Filly or gelding 3 years, J. B. Robinson, Oxford, 8; George S Record, Buckfield, 6; George H Jones, Oxford, 2; 2 years old, F L Barrett, Barrett, 6; R N Stetson, West Sumner, 4; Charles A Buck, West Sumner, 2; one year old, J B Robinson, 5; S H Wardwell, Oxford, 3; Hall & Young, Bethel, 2; two year old filly or gelding draft bred, B Y Russell, South Paris, 5; H W Davis, Oxford, 3.

Brood Mares.—Brood mare with foal by her side, J B Robinson, Oxford, $15; R L Cummings, West Paris, 8; G M Knight, North Waterford, 4. Sucking colt, F L Barrett, Barrett, 5; R L Cummings, 4; J B Robinson, 3; G M Knight, 2 Sucking colt, draft breed, J B Frost, Norway Lake, 4.

Gents' Driving and Draft Horses—Gentleman's driving horse, P A Jordan, Mechanic Fall, $15; J B Robinson, Oxford, 10; J H and J S Record, South Paris, 6; R L Cummings, West Paris, 4; pair gents driving horses, A J Penley, South Paris, 15; H S Wood, Norway, 10; green horses shown by owner, Alton C Maxim, South Paris, 10; L J Abbott, North Paris, 8; E E Record, South Paris, 6; pair work horses over 2500 pounds, C E Freeman, Norway, 10; A J and F L Millett, Norway, 8; George M Stevens, East Waterford, 6; pair of work horses 2500 pounds and under, C A Richardson, Greenwood, 10; H R Berry, North Turner, 8; Thayer Bros., Pasis, 6; special for draft team, given by H F and Andrews, C E Freeman, Norway, $20, A J and F L Millett, Norway, 10.

Thoroughbred Holsteins—Bull 2 years and upwards, Carl M Heald, Buckfield, $8; Benjamin Tucker, Norway, 6; L E McIntire, East Waterford, 4; bull 1 year, Charles H Brett, Oxford, 6; bull calf, Benjamin Tucker, 3; Charles H Brett, 2; Scott O Colby, South Paris, 1; cow, Benjamin Tucker, 6, 4; Charles H Brett, 2; heifer 3 years, Charles A Pride, Norway, 5; Benjamin Tucker, 3, 2; heifer 2 year, Benjamin Tucker, 3, 2; heifer 1 year, Benjamin Tucker, 3; Charles H Brett, 2; Benjamin Tucker, 1; heifer calf, Benjamin Tucker, 3, 2; Charles A Pride, 1.

Thoroughbred Herefords—Bull 2 years and upward, R N Stetson, West Sumner, $8; O E Turner, East Sumner, 6; bull 1 year old, S H Millett, Norway, 6; bull bull calf, Miss L S Holmes, South Paris, 3; cow, O E Turner, 6; R N Stetson, 4; Miss L S Holmes, 2; heifer 3 years, R N Stetson, 5; Miss L S Holmes, 3; heifer 2 years, R N Stetson, 3; heifer 1 year, Miss L S Holmes, 3; R N Stetson, 2; O E Turner, 1; heifer calf, Miss L S Holmes, 3, 2, 1.

Thoroughbred Durhams—Bull 2 years or over, H M Fiske, North Waterford, $8; A J & F L Millett, 6; E H Stearns, West Paris, 4; bull 1 year, Albert Richardson, Norway, 6; bull calf, J S & J H Millett, Norway, 3; cow, A J & F L Millett, 6; heifer 1 year, J S & J H Millett, 3; A J & F L Millett, 2; heifer calf, F F Harlow, South Paris, 3.

Thoroughbred Ayrshires—Bull 2 years or over, Carroll R King, South Paris, $8; W A Hersey, Norway, 6; bull 1 year, W H & G H Dunn, Norway, 6; C S Hayes & Son, Oxford, 4; bull calf, Benjamin Tucker, Norway, 3; B M Greeley, West Paris, 2, 1; cow, Benjamin Tucker, 6, 4; W H & G H Dunn, 2; heifer 3 years, Benjamin Tucker, 5; W H & G H Dunn, 3, 2; heifer 3 years, Benjamin Tucker, 5; W H & G H Dunn, 3, 2; heifer 2 years, W H & G H Dunn, 3, 2, 1; heifer 1 year, Benjamin Tucker, 3; heifer calf, W H & G H Dunn, 3.

Thoroughbred Jerseys—Bulls 2 years or over, S M King, South Paris, $8, 6, 4; bull 1 year, S M King, 6, 4; bull calf, S M King, 3, 2, 1; cow, S M King, 6, 4, 2; heifer 3 years, S M King, 5 3; Carroll R King, 2; heifer 2 years, S M King, 3, 2, 1; heifer 1 year, S M King, 3, 2, 1; heifer calf, S M King, 3, 2, 1.

Thoroughbred Guernseys—Bull 2 years or over, J S & J H Millett, Norway, $8.

Grade Holsteins—Milch cow 4 years or over, Benjamin Tucker, Norway, $5; F W Noyes, Norway, 3; C R Penley, South Paris, 2; heifer 3 years, Charles A Pride, Norway, 3; C R Penley, 2; Benjamin Tucker, 1; heifer 2 years, Benjamin Tucker, 3; Charles H Brett, Oxford, 2; Charles A Pride, 1; heifer 1 year, C H Brett, 3; Charles A Pride, 2; Benjamin Tucker, 1; heifer calf, Benjamin Tucker, 3; Charles A Pride, 2, 1.

Grade Herefords—Milch cow 4 years or over, H Arthur Robbins, Norway, $5; Solomon H Millett, Norway, 3; C R Penley, South Paris, 2; heifer 3 years, C R Penley, 3; Solomon H Millett, 2; heifer 2 years, C A Richardson, Greenwood, 3; H Arthur Robbins, 2, 1; heifer 1 year, H A Robbins, 3; Solomon H Millett, 2, 1; heifer calf, Solomon H Millett, 3; H A Robbins, 2, 1.

Grade Ayrshires.—Cow 4 years or over, W H and G H Dunn, Norway, 5; Grant C Royal, South Paris, 3; O K Clifford, South Paris, 2; heifer 3 years, W H and G H Dunn, 3; Grant C Royal, 2; W H and G H Dunn, 1; heifer 2 years, W H and G H Dunn, 3; heifer 1 year, W H and G H Dunn, 3; 2; H M Fisk, North Waterford, 1; heifer calf, W H and G H Dunn, 3; Carroll King, South Paris, 2; F W Noyes, 1.

Grade Jerseys.—Milch cow 4 years old or over, Henry J Merrill, South Paris, $5; Carroll R King, South Paris, 3; Lyman S Merrill, South Paris, 2.

Grade Guernseys —Milch cow 4 years old or over, A J & F L Millett, Norway, $5; J S & J H Millett, Norway, 3; A J & F L Millett, 2. Heifer 3 years, J S & J H Millett, 3; heifer 2 years, J S & J H Millett, 3; heifer 1 year, J S & J H Millett, 3; heifer calf, J S & J H Millett, 3.

Grade Durhams—Grade Durham milch cow, A J & F L Millett, Norway, $5; Thayer Bros, Paris, 3; J S & F L Millett, Norway, 2; grade Durham heifer 3 years, Thayer Bros, 3; O K Clifford, South Paris, 2; grade Durham heifer 2 years, W W Maxim, South Paris, 2; grade Durham heifer calf 1 year, J F Swain, Norway, 3; H M Fiske, North Waterford, 2; J S & J H Millett, Norway, 1; grade Durham heifer calf under 1 year, A J & F L Millett, 3; Thayer Bros, 2, 1.

Committee—R. N. Stetson, C. A. Richardson.

Grade Devons and Sussex—Best grade grade Devon milch cow, 4 years old or over, C R Penley, South Paris, 5 years $5; best grade Devon heifer, 2 years old and under 3 years, C A Richardson, Greenwood, 2 years, 3; best grade Devon heifer, 1 year old and not over 2 years, L F Everett, West Paris, 1 year, 3.

Herds—Chas A Pride, Norway, $15; Chas R Penley, South Paris, 12.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 242.—Hidden Animals.

Old Abe arrived in Milwaukee yesterday.

We found Eli on board the train.

Where is Ella? Mamma wants her.

Oh, wasn't that romantic? Amelia says she thinks it is the best story she ever read.

Have you heard the news? Miss Durant eloped last night.

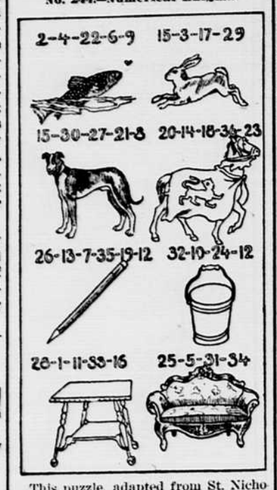
Was the pan there as I said?

No. 243.—Floral Puzzle.

With the letters given spell the name of a flower as numbered.

1. A V E R N B E. 2. T E L O H E-P I R O. 3. B E O T R U E S. 4. R E E N G A M I R O U S. 5. T I L-O E V.

No. 244.—Numerical Enigma.



This puzzle, adapted from St. Nicholas, differs from the ordinary numerical enigma in that the words forming it are pictured instead of described. When the eight objects have been rightly guessed and the letters set down in the order given the thirty-six letters will form a proverb.

No. 245.—Charade.

In double form my FIRST is found
In fable and in history;
Great, good and true; small, shy and false.
Solve, if you can, this mystery.

My SECOND figures in romance,
In ballad and in story;
Has lain above the lover's heart
And grasped the sword of glory.

"Far from the madd'ning crowd" my WHOLE
Exists for beauty only;
It shuns the city's crowded ways
And springs in hamlets lonely.

No. 246.—Double Acrostic.

Primals spell the name of a well known novel. Finals spell the pseudonym of the author.

Crosswords: 1. The surname of the hero of one of Sir Walter Scott's novels. 2. To obstruct. 3. The foundress of Carthage. 4. Misfortune. 5. A heavy piece of timber. 6. To instruct. 7. A collection of wild beasts. 8. A naval officer of the highest rank. 9. A Biblical word meaning a master. 10. A precious stone carved in relief. 11. Prince of Denmark.

No. 247.—Logogriph.

Whole I mean to discourse upon; behead and transpose and I am a degree of value; transpose again and I am a weed; transpose again and I am to rend; lastly, behead me and I am a part of the head.

No. 248.—Riddlemeree.

First is in catch, but not in toss;
Second in vine, but not in moss;
Third is in root, but not in leaf;
Fourth is in rock, but not in reef;
Fifth is in union, but not in strife;
Sixth is in outlass, but not in knife.
When on fun or frolic the boys are bent,
At my WHOLE you will often find then intent.

No. 249.—Transpositions.

The girls say that Edith —— to —— algebraic problems.

My little boy did not —— —— timid until he was three years old.

As soon as one complains, then —— child discovers an ——.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 235.—A Botanical Puzzle: Bay, spruce, stock, straw, beech, hop, caper, maidenhair, yew, sage, damask rose, pink, tulips, four-o'clock, thyme.

No. 236.—Progressive Enigma: Inn, ate—innate.

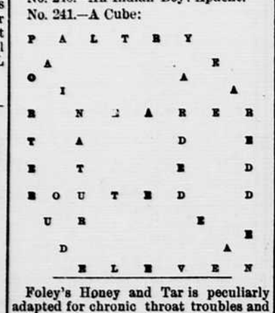
No. 237.—Quadruple Acrostic: Initials—downward, Brag; upward, Garb. Finals—downward, Drab; upward, Bard. Crosswords—1. Bind. 2. Roar. 3. Aria. 4. Garb.

No. 238.—Apocopes: Hamper, ham. Rattle, rat. Rueful, rue. Rushlight, rush.

No. 239.—Letter Charade: Iron.

No. 240.—An Indian Boy: Apache.

No. 241.—A Cube:



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He Told Her Why. Peckem.—I have been asked to join the "Married Men's Club," my dear.

Mrs. Peckem—Indeed! And what do married men want a club for, pray?

Peckem—Why, misery loves company, you know.

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Domestic Needs. Husband—Anything you want down town to-day, my dear? Shall I order some more of that self-raising flour?

Wife—We have plenty left; but I wish you would stop at an intelligence office and order me a self-rising servant girl.

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

A Few Desserts.

Apples which are now being gathered furnish us with a multitude of most delicious and healthful dishes. The following recipes may be found useful.

RICE WITH FRUIT.

Boil some well-washed rice in salted water for ten minutes. Drain off the water and pour on a quart of milk, adding vanilla extract. Let the rice simmer until it has absorbed about half of the milk. Add about a large tablespoonful of gelatine which has been soaked a few minutes in a very little cold water. Allow the rice to become cool and then add a gill of whipped cream. Pour this into a mold and set on ice to become firm. When it is to be used turn out on a glass dish and decorate the top with canned cherries, plums or any fruit desired.

BANANA BLANC-MANGE.

Rub two ounces of corn starch to a smooth paste with a little cold milk. Boil one quart of rich milk with two ounces of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla extract; when it comes to a boil add the cornstarch stirring constantly. Beat up the yolks of two eggs and add to the boiling mixture, continuing the stirring for about six minutes. Peel two bananas, cut in thin slices and mix with the other ingredients. Pour into two molds one smaller than the other. When served put the contents of the smaller mold on top of the other. Decorate with mounds of whipped cream topped off with a bit of jelly.

LITTLE FRUIT PUDDINGS.

Dissolve two heaping tablespoonfuls of corn starch in a little milk. Take a little less than one pint of milk and three tablespoonfuls of sugar and heat, when it comes to the boiling point add the cornstarch. Stir until it begins to thicken then beat in the whites of three eggs and cook a few minutes longer. Allow it to cool slightly then add half a pint of any kind of fruit pulp. Mix thoroughly and pour into little molds. When served turn out carefully on a dish. Top them with chocolate icing put on in fancy shapes and pour fruit juice around them.

ITALIAN APPLES.

Peel some good cooking apples, removing the cores. Stew gently in red syrup, (allow eight ounces of sugar to a pint of water and color red with strong currant juice) until they are tender. Place them on a dish and allow to get cool. Add a little gelatine, about two tablespoonfuls to half a pint of the syrup in which the apples were cooked. When the apples are cold, glaze them with it and fill the hollow in the middle of each with whipped cream. The remainder of the syrup should be boiled up and strained around the dish containing the apples.

APPLE TORY.

Peel some firm cooking apples and simmer gently until tender in a little water with a strip of lemon peel, a couple of cloves and a little sugar. Set aside to cool. Cut some small rounds of sponge cake. Arrange in a dish and place an apple on each; sprinkle chopped nuts on the cake around the apples. Set away in a cold place until wanted. Then decorate with whipped cream and bits of jelly.

CHATSWORTH PUDDING.

Peel, core and quarter enough apples to form about a pound when stewed and beaten to a puree. Beat to a cream two ounces of butter and two tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar, stir in the well-beaten yolks of two eggs, two ounces of bread crumbs and mix with the apple puree. Lightly stir in the well-beaten whites of the eggs and bake slowly in a buttered pie dish until firm. Whip stiffly some cream and mix it lightly with a little apricot or other jam that has been passed through a sieve. Heap this mixture on the pudding and serve immediately.

APPLE CHARLOTTE.

Peel, core and slice two pounds of apples and stew them to a pulp, with half a pound of sugar, the rind of a lemon and a little water. Line a pie dish or mold with slices of bread and butter, putting the buttered side next the dish. Half fill the dish with stewed apples, then put in a layer of bread and butter, fill up the dish with more apples. Cover the top with slices of bread and butter and bake the pudding in a moderate oven for about one hour.

CIDER SPONGE.

Take one ounce of gelatine and cover it with half a cupful of cold water and soak for half an hour, then dissolve it over boiling water. Add one cupful of granulated sugar, stirring until it melts. Pour in three and a half cupfuls of cider and one and a half teaspoonfuls of vanilla. Stand the mixture on ice and stir occasionally until somewhat thickened. Beat the whites of four eggs stiff, add to the mixture and beat all together until it becomes very light and stiff enough to retain shape. Turn into a mold. Chill for several hours before using. Serve with soft custard or cream.

APPLE SNOW.

This delicate dessert can be made at all seasons, but is especially welcome after a hearty dinner. Choose six good sized tart apples. Peel and grate them, adding three cupfuls of sugar and the whites of three eggs, with lemon juice to taste. Beat all together until white as snow, then stand on ice until very cold. Serve in small glasses with a little cream. If the cream is whipped it is an improvement.

APPLE FILLING FOR LAYER CAKE.

Grate a large sour apple and beat it with the white of an egg and a cupful of sugar until the mixture looks like whipped cream and all traces of apple have disappeared. A spoon is best to beat with. Time and patience are required in preparing this dish. As soon as it begins to thicken add a tablespoonful of any light-colored jelly. Ground nuts may be used, if desired.

APPLE DUMPLINGS.

Make a rich biscuit paste and separate into as many parts as there are dumplings to be made. Two cupfuls of flour will make six dumplings. Roll each piece into a round, big enough to cover an apple, and put into it a peeled and cored apple. In the hole left by taking the core out fill with raisins, nuts and a little jelly, or simply put in sugar with cinnamon or nutmeg. Bring the sides of the paste around the apple, pinch them into shape and steam or bake.

APPLE SALAD.

Wash and polish red apples of a uniform size and scoop out each center to make a cup. Heap the cavity with a mixture of equal parts of apple, celery and nuts moistened with mayonnaise dressing. Stick a sprig of celery into the top of each and stand the apple on a lettuce leaf.

APPLE PIE TURNED OVER.

Pare and slice into an empty plate as for an ordinary apple pie. Cover with an upper crust and bake, and when done turn upside down on a fresh plate. Smooth the apple with a knife and spread over it thickly a hard sauce. Sprinkle with a dash of nutmeg and serve warm. If preferred, omit the sauce, but butter the apple and sprinkle with sugar.

PEACH SPONGE.

Canned peaches can be used for this dainty. Strain the juice from one can and press the fruit through a fine sieve, then beat it up with the juice and a small quantity of sugar. Put one ounce of gelatine in a basin with one-half of a pint of cream. Let it soak for some time, then put it in a double boiler over the fire and stir the contents until the gelatine has dissolved. Mix the fruit pulp with the cream and stir it until nearly cold. Beat the whites of three eggs to a stiff froth. Stir them in with the cream and pile up high in the centre of a glass dish.

DATE JELLY.

Rinse a pint mold in boiling water and then in cold. Put a little lemon jelly at the bottom and then arrange some halved and stoned dates in a pattern after dipping them in jelly. Pour over sufficient jelly to set the dates, and then fill up the mold in layers of jelly and dates. Put in a cold place until set, and when read turn out into a glass dish.—Ex.

Bullet Hole Bibles.

In the curio dealer's private office lay a half dozen shabby pocket Bibles, each pierced two-thirds through with a round hole, like a bullet hole.

"They are bullet holes," said the dealer. "I know they are, because I made them myself."

He gave a loud laugh.

"A good many of my rich patrons," he said, "like to have among their heirlooms Bibles that have saved some soldier ancestor's life."

He winked.

"If you are a Son of the Revolution," he said, "what a nice thing it is to take down one of these perforated Bibles from a shelf in the library and hand it to your guest, saying:

"This Bible saved the life of my maternal sixty-third cousin, Col. Adoniram McGill, in the night attack upon the British, led by Gen. Jones at Bear Creek on the 3d day of August, and so forth, and so on."

"Yes," said the dealer, "I sell a good many of these Bibles to people with ancestors. To own such things is one of the fads and fancies of the smart set."

Too much care cannot be exercised in correspondence. This fact is emphasized by letters received at recent intervals by the head office of the Modern Woodmen society, located at Rock Island, Ill.

A Kansas Woodman clerk, in reporting a death, writes: "This neighbor became afflicted with rhumaticks about one year ago and has not been able to do a good day's work since his remains were brought back here for burial."

A Missouri Woodman, in reporting the accidental drowning of two members of the society, while attempting to rescue a child, said: "They immediately jumped into the river after the little one while the women stood on the bank with their clothes on."

A Nebraska Woodman writes: "It is with regret that I report to you for the first time the death of John Jones," while a prominent Woodman state deputy, who knows better, says: "It is with sadness I again report the death of Neighbor 'Browne.'"

Upon the death of an Illinois Woodman of exemplary character, the clerk of his camp feelingly pays this touching tribute: "He had no habits whatever."

The census taker rapped at the door of the little farmhouse and opened his long book. A plump girl of 18 came to the door and blinked at him stupidly.

"How many people live here?" he began.

"Nobody lives here. We are only staying here through the hop season."

"How many of you are there here?"

"I'm here. Father's in the woodshed and Bill is"—

"See here, girl, I want to know how many inmates there are in this house. How many people slept here last night?"

"Nobody slept here, sir, I had the toothache terrible and my little brother had the stomach ache, and the new hand that's helping us got sunburned so on his back that he has blisters the size of eggs; and we all took on so nobody slept a wink all night long."

The latest shade—When on earth I was an automobilist. His sanatic majesty—Ah! Then please be kind enough to caawl under the furnace and see what's the matter with the grate; it seems to be klinked up.

CURED HEMORRHAGES OF THE LUNGS.

"Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake of Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Very Dear to Him. "I hate to give up my old straw hat."

"But, of course, the best of friends must part."

"Yes, but this is a peculiarly aggravated case."

"How so?"

"My old straw hat is all I possess."

FEET SWOLLEN TO IMMENSE SIZE.

"I had kidney trouble so bad that I could not work," says J. J. Cox of Valley View, Ky., "my feet were swollen to immense size and I was confined to my bed and physicians were unable to give me any relief. My doctor finally prescribed Foley's Kidney Cure which made a well man of me." F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Blocked. "I'm afraid my hay fever is coming on," said Kloseman, trying to get some medical advice free of charge. "Every once in a while I feel an itching in my nose, and then I sneeze. What would you do in a case like that, doctor?"

"I feel pretty sure," replied Dr. Sharp, "that I would sneeze, too."

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A Letter from Europe. Mrs. Struckill—Paw, Emmy writes that the most interestin' thing she's see in the hull trip is the Shinx—says she just loves it.

Mr. Struckill—Well, you write to Emmy to buy it an' fetch it home with her—like to see one of them darn things myself.

DOCTORS COULD NOT HELP HER.

"I had kidney trouble for years," writes Mrs. Raymond Conner of Shelton, Wash., "and the doctors could not help me. I tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and the very first dose gave me relief and I am now cured. I cannot say too much for Foley's Kidney Cure." F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

She Caught Him. Rodrick—Have you heard the news? Cholly Sapp rescued a widow from the breakers the other day.

Van Albert—But who is going to rescue Cholly?

A NEW JERSEY EDITOR'S TESTIMONIAL.

M. T. Lynch, Editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Modern Methods. The Contractor—What in thunder is the matter with that new hod carrier you hired? He's let another hod of bricks fall to the pavement.

The Foreman—Oh, he learned his trade by mail from the Hodcarriers' Correspondence Institute.

Good advice to women. If you want a beautiful complexion, clear skin, bright eyes, red lips, good health, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. There is nothing like it. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.; Orin Stevens.

"If he got into the pearly gates," says a Georgia exchange, "he must have broke in, for nothing could resist the force with which the mule sent him upward!"

USED FOR PNEUMONIA.

Dr. C. J. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., says, "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." Refuse substitutes. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Two Evils with no Compensation.—"Luck never manages things just right," said the irritable man who dislikes music. "It might just as well have been the other way round, but it wasn't."

"What is the trouble now?"

"My daughter who plays the piano has a sore throat, and the one who sings has a sore finger."

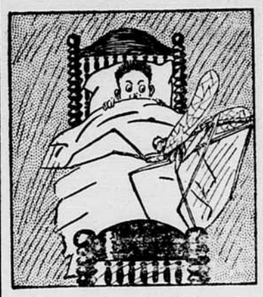
Are you lacking in strength and vigor? Are you weak? Are you in pain? Do you feel all run down? The blessings of health and strength come to all who use Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.; Orin Stevens.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

A Blood Relation

Johnnie was awakened by a strange humming, buzzing sound close to his head, and when he got out the sand that the "sandman" had put in his eyes he stared about him. There on the bottom of the bed was a fearful hobgoblin, so Johnnie thought, with big round eyes, awfully long legs and wings and a beak that looked like a trooper's sword.

"Are you one of those angels that my mamma said took care of little



"ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE ANGELS?"

boys at night?" said Johnnie, trembling.

"'Cause, if you are, I guess I kin git along by myself all right. You needn't stay."

But the mosquito made a jab with its beak at the bedclothes over Johnnie's shins and said loudly: "Cous in-n-n-n-n. Cousin-n-n-n-n."

"Oh, you're a cousin, are you? I wonder which one."

"Z-z-i-m-m-m," answered the mosquito, buzzing about Johnnie's head.

"Zim? Oh, I guess you must be that soldier cousin of mother's, by the looks of that sword you carry. His name was Jim."

"Cousin-n-n-n-n!" buzzed the mosquito sharply. "Don't you know your own relations?"

"You my relation?" asked Johnnie in amazement. "How do you make that out?"

"Oh, easy. Relations are those who have the same blood in them, ain't they?"

"Yep," assented Johnnie.

"Well, you and I have the same blood. You had it, and now I've got it. I just tapped you, you know."

Johnnie just scratched and wondered.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners for the County of Oxford:

We, the undersigned, selectmen of the town of Paris, respectfully represent that your honorable board having made in 1901 an alteration in the highway leading from South Paris village to Buckfield village, and that the old location, commencing at a point in said highway at the foot of the Taylor hill, so called, on the town line between Paris and Buckfield, and running to a point in said highway where the new location ends, at the intersection of the road leading to Carroll R. King's in said Paris, is dangerous and not required for public travel. We therefore respectfully request that the old location between the points named may be discontinued.

Paris, Aug. 28, 1905.

JESSE C. HOWE, H. D. HAMMOND, C. W. BOWKER, } Selectmen of Paris.

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STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Board of County Commissioners, September session, 1905.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the house of J. A. Sturtevant in said Paris, on Wednesday, the 18th day of October, 1905, at ten of the clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the clerk of the town of Paris, aforesaid, in said County, and also posted up in three public places in said town, and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

A true copy of said Petition and Order of Court thereon.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

To the Hon. Board of County Commissioners for the County of Oxford:

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the town of Buckfield, respectfully represent that common convenience and necessity require that an alteration be made in the highway leading from Buckfield village to Paris Hill, as follows: Commencing at a point in the center of the highway at the foot of the hill near the dwelling house of Ormsby Warren in said Buckfield, thence by the most feasible route on the southerly side of said hill to a point in the center of the old highway where the road leading by Webster Maxim's intersects the same.

Also to discontinue that part of the old highway above named which lies between the points named as the beginning and end of said new location.

Buckfield, Sept. 2, 1905.

H. F. IRISH, ELLIS WHITMAN, } Selectmen of Buckfield.

[SEAL.]

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Board of County Commissioners, September session, 1905.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the house of Ormsby Warren in said Buckfield, on Thursday, October 19, 1905, at ten of the clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity and such other measures taken in the premises as the commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition, and of this order thereon, to be served upon the clerk of the town of Buckfield, aforesaid, and also posted up in three public places in said town, and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted, at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

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

ATTEST:—CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND ROAD BILLS.

September Term, 1905.

COUNTY OF OXFORD

To RANDALL L. TAYLOR, Dr.

1905.	
May 16, to 1 day at Rumford Falls to meet R. R. Commissioners,	$ 3 00
Travel 12 miles,	96
June 5 to 10, to 6 days at Mason, Riley, including Lake roads,	18 00
Travel on above, (inclusive) 172 miles,	13 76
June 16, to 5 days adj. session at Paris, state roads at Canton and Peru included,	15 00
Total travel on above 87 miles,	6 96
June 23, to 1 day at Buckfield on app. for designation state road,	3 00
Travel 70 miles,	5 60
Aug. 12, to 6 days at Paris, and on defining limits of highways in the town of Oxford, (3 days)	18 00
Travel on above, inclusive, 105 miles,	8 40
Aug. 16, to 3 days on pet. Dr. Charles et als. to widen highway,	9 00
Travel on above, 112 miles,	8 96
Sept. 8, to 5 days reg. session at Paris,	15 00
Travel on same, 70 miles,	5 60
	$131 24

RANDALL L. TAYLOR.

South Paris, September 7, 1905.

COUNTY OF OXFORD

To DEAN A. BALLARD, Dr.

1905.	
June 5-10, to 6 days on Lake trip and hearing at Mason,	$ 18 00
Travel for same, 196 miles,	15 68
June 12-13, to 2 days at Paris, adj. session,	6 00
Travel for same, 40 miles,	3 20
June 14-17, to 4 days locating state roads, Canton and Peru,	12 00
Travel for same, 97 miles,	7 76
June 22-24, to 3 days locating state road at Buckfield,	9 00
Travel for same, 95 miles,	7 60
Aug. 7-9, to 3 days at Paris, adj. session,	9 00
Travel for same, 40 miles,	3 20
Aug. 10-13, to 4 days at Oxford, pet. selectmen,	12 00
Travel for same, 65 miles,	5 20
Aug. 15, to 1 day at Fryeburg, pet. Charles et als,	3 00
Travel for same, 17 miles,	1 36
Sept. 4-7, to 4 days at Paris, reg. session,	12 00
Travel for same, 80 miles,	6 40
	$131 40

DEAN A. BALLARD.

South Paris, September 7, 1905.

COUNTY OF OXFORD

To EDWARD P. FAUNCE, Dr.

1905.	
May 16, 17, to Rumford R. R. hearing, 2 days,	$ 6 00
Travel 74 miles,	5 92
June 5-12, to Mason and Lake trip, 8 days,	24 00
Travel 218 miles,	17 44
June 13, 14, to Paris, adj. session, 2 days,	6 00
Travel 14 miles,	1 12
June 15, 16, 17, to Canton and Peru, state road, 3 days,	18 00
Travel 86 miles,	6 88
June 22, 23, to Buckfield, state road, 2 days,	6 00
Travel 34 miles,	2 72
July 24, to Paris, 1 day,	3 00
Travel 14 miles,	1 12
Aug. 8, 9, to Paris, adj. session, 2 days,	6 00
Travel 14 miles,	1 12
Aug. 14, 15, 16, to Fryeburg, pet. selectmen and inhabitants, 3 days,	9 00
Travel 82 miles,	6 56
Aug. 10, 11, 12, to Oxford, pet. selectmen, 3 days,	9 00
Travel 16 miles,	1 28
Sept. 5, 6, 7, to Paris, reg. session, 3 days,	9 00
Travel 14 miles,	1 12
	$141 28

EDWARD P. FAUNCE.

South Paris, September 7, 1905.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss. September 7, 1905.

Personally appeared the above named Randall L. Taylor, Edward P. Faunce, and Dean A. Ballard and made oath that the above accounts by them made and subscribed are just and true. Before me,

CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk Sup. Jud. Court.

Having examined and audited the above accounts, we allow the following sums:

To Randall L. Taylor	$ 131 24
To Edward P. Faunce	141 28
To Dean A. Ballard,	131 40

CHARLES P. BARNES, Attorney for Maine, for Oxford County.

CHARLES F. WHITMAN, Clerk S. J. Court.

A true copy—attest:

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