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AMONG THE FARMERS.

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Growing Hay for the Market.

KEEPING UP FERTILITY OF THE HAY FARM—QUESTION OF THE PRICE.

Have you succeeded in keeping up the fertility of the farm while selling hay for a term of years? is an inquiry by the editor of noteworthy importance. In the earlier days of my institute work in New Hampshire and New England the opinion was universal in the above sections that good farming required the consumption on the farm of its crop products, especially the hay crop. This opinion is still generally prevalent, but not to its former degree.

Hay very largely was sold on my farm during most of the active business management of it by my father and heavily during that portion of my ownership prior to my return to the farm after an absence of 18 years. This is material as it shows a long series of years of exhaustive hay sales.

During the past twelve years the farm has been under my direct management; hay sales have continued on a large scale and have become a part of the fixed policy of the farm. Notwithstanding this the farm crops have increased several fold, and are still rapidly moving up, and are likely to so continue. The fact that one field from which hay has been sold for 28 years is yet cutting 2 to 2 1-2 tons per acre is an evidence that the policy now pursued may succeed for an indefinite period.

I desire to treat the question beyond the confines of its direct inquiry as it is of unusual importance. It is equivalent to the inquiry whether New England farming is virtually to remain cramped and on a low dead level whose horizon is bounded by the plant food made by home consumption of crops.

Conditions have so changed during the last three decades that our farmers may sell any crop that they choose to sell. Each must determine for himself what that crop shall be. The opinion may be tentatively held that all of the crops of the farm may be sold if a judicious system of crop rotation is maintained. Such a system of farming would no doubt be an unwise one for the vast majority of our farmers.

It is not implied above that plant food is not to be applied to the soil in some form. It must be applied and far more freely than it is now applied. The sources may be tillage, rotation, muck, irrigation, leguminous crops, the feeding of grain crops to hogs and cattle, or chemical fertilization. I use all of these various plant foods, the latter heavily.

The sale of hay is that of the least of labor and the most of fertility for dollar of returns. Is is adapted to our scarcity of labor, and this is what makes it a popular sale but not to the state of our soil fertility. A ton of hay at present prices of chemical fertilizers takes away of nitrogen, potash and phosphoric acid a value of $6.70, while a ton of potatoes removes but $1.97; and yet the ton of potatoes will sell for fully as much or really more than the ton of hay. The fertility value of hay prohibits its wise sale in regions where it will not command $10 or more per ton at the barn, unless in a wise rotation it appears that $12 at the barn should be the minimum price at which a New England farmer should consent to sell hay.

Returning to the problem of the maintenance of fertility under hay sales it may be said in answer to that school of thinkers who hold that chemical fertilization fails to restore the organic matter and the humus from it, that is carried off in crop sales, that such a loss is largely dependent upon wisdom of the system of cropping or of crop rotation. In round numbers 93 to 95 per cent of the weight of farm crops is gathered from the atmosphere either directly or indirectly. The roots and stubble of these crops in weight are 50 to 100 per cent of their tops. It follows that so far as the crop is concerned it may leave the soil more organic matter than it takes from it. A destructive tillage system might result in oxidation and other losses to a very heavy degree. This would not occur under continuous grass crops as shown for over a half century of trial by Sir John B. Lawes. His land under chemicals increased its contents of organic matter. Hay sales then are consistent with increased soil fertility. Whether they are consistent with the farm treasury is dependent upon the prices. It appears that those sections of New England whose hay nets less than $10 per ton, and the sections that thus sell hay are extensive, are pursuing an unwise course.—J. W. Sanborn in New England Farmer.

Working for Posterity.

None of us but are enjoying the fruits of the labors of others who have gone before us. They planted trees for our benefit; many of those trees have matured their growth and are now decaying from the effects of old age and soon they will be of no value except for fuel. Now then is it not clearly the duty of every one of us to plant trees for those who are to come after us? It matters not whether we think we will ever receive benefit from them or not; we should plant trees just so long as we are able to do so. We will certainly enjoy seeing them grow, and there is a good deal of pleasure in this; and then again you may live to eat fruit from trees set by you even now, you never can tell, you know, and the experiment is worth trying anyhow.

There are a good many farm homes where shade and ornamental trees need to be set out about the home to add to the attractiveness of the place. Better set out some this spring and see them grow. I was just noticing an elm tree that I set out some twenty-five years ago, that was then about as large as a pitchfork handle; the location is high, dry and rocky. The tree is now 45 inches in circumference two feet from the ground and at least 50 feet tall. A red acorn, planted one or two years earlier, germinated and has grown to be about 35 feet tall and is 34 inches in circumference, two feet from the ground.

The common hemlock when planted out on the lawn and properly pruned makes one of the most beautiful evergreen trees that can be found. Never cut the lower limbs from an evergreen tree, but prune in pyramidal form by shortening back the limbs and top.—F. H. Dow in New England Farmer.

Oat Straw for Pig Bedding.

A. W. M., Sheffield, Mass.: Is there anything in the statement that oat straw as bedding for pigs causes scurvy?

Pigs, from the lack of good, bright oat straw for a bed, frequently get filthy, scurvy skins—from lack of straw, not by reason of it. It is true that where pigs seek a bed under the edge of a strawstack where the straw is wet they get steaming hot, and then come out in the cold to eat, and the skin becomes scurvy from the cold air striking it. I have a Plymouth Rock rooster to give the man who can prove that dry, clean oat straw ever caused a scurvy skin on a porker.—C. D. Smead, V. S.

Many a good horse, or other farm animal, has been lost because of getting loose in the night and gaining access to the grain room or grain chest. Inside doors will be left open sometimes even if great care is taken. Fit them to close automatically, and there will be no risk nor need for care.

Clark Cites Vital Facts.

From a lecture of George M. Clark, of hay-making fame, the Farmer is glad to give our readers the following extracts:

What we most need is to show the young men and women, the boys and girls, that they had better stay upon the farms, that they can make money there, and when they find that fact they will stay there. But first, I want to tell you more of the reasons why eastern farmers, or others, should stay here, and learn to make their farms pay. To start with, one-third of this country is a dry, barren waste, 1,400 miles wide in the South, 500 miles in the North, and 1,700 miles from South to North, an immense desert, central in which we find the great Death Valley, so-called, where so many have perished for want of food and water. Hundreds of families have sold themselves out of a good house, home and farm, leaving schools, churches and everything behind that makes life desirable in this Eastern country, and loaded all their effects into a wagon to cross the plains; a little later we find them in a dug-out, 7x9, made of brush, four feet above ground, and three feet below, eking out a miserable existence.

A short time since, there was a great cry made about the good government lands, which were to be obtained along the Colorado river; it was said to be a fine clean section for irrigation. But few will tell you the facts about the far West. There is little or no chance for the poor man there; the horse has the first chance, and the laborer the second chance in the barn. I only wish you to get some of these facts in your mind before you sell out. I know what I am talking about, have often been there, have traveled over seven hundred thousand miles on this continent to learn of the soil, climate and surroundings, and I want to tell you for a fact that I never saw or found any spot equal to this well-watered, good Eastern country. I do not think you can find any better. I would advise you not to try. Why not let "well enough" alone? you have "well enough" right here. You have a well-watered country, perfect drainage, good air, climate correct; it will produce the best health and greatest activity for man or beast.

Our markets are world-wide. All we want is to avail ourselves of our opportunity. The "get rich quick" theory won't do, we must be content to do what past generations have done. We must begin at the bottom and build up. As a rule, those who commence at the top build down and out. Economy is wealth. We must live within our means. It is not the amount we get, it is the amount we save. The hundred thousand dollars that the fathers now have was the work of a lifetime. We must learn to work, not all work and no play, but work with body and soul, in reason. That is what will make us happy, and nothing else will. Life is too short to do any fooling. I do not suppose the day of the millennium is at hand yet, or that all will learn to love work, mental or physical, or that all will save money. Many are not built that way, very many want always to be, not on the move, but moving from one section to another. We do not find a great many moving North, East, West and South. All the good land is taken in the West, it is held at high prices, $50 to $100, per acre, or more, with a market a thousand miles away, while in the East, with a market at our door, and with land not one-tenth as high, is there any sense in saying we cannot make money here on the farms? No!

There is no such thing as worn-out land. Sunshine and air will work wonders. Now that I know what to do, I can take almost any kind of land, and in twelve months from the start produce four to six tons of well-dried hay to the acre; that is what I am here to tell you, to tell you how to make money on the farm. I have experimented for twenty years, and more, and know more than when I started. I would not believe what I am telling you to-day if I did not know it to be true. I do not blame people for taking my statements with a grain of doubt; they often refer me to Ananias, but I am here with the facts, and have come to stay and teach others. Intense cultivation is the watchword. I invite my friends to come and see the field and its surroundings, and see for themselves. Thousands of them have. Your farms can be made to pay, and when they do, the boys and girls will stay on the farms.

There is something in this intense cultivation—in my method. With it many a farmer can start with his first crop, and commence to make money. Why not get out of the old rut? Take a small section of land, give it the higher cultivation and care, and commence making the farm pay. Why not?

A few things better not be done. Never dig ditches to fill with rocks in a grass field. Never underdrain your grass field until you find it necessary. Never pasture or make a roadbed of your grass field, or let animals stand, stamp or otherwise kill the grass roots. Timothy or red top seed, sown on an old field, will not renew the stand. Use no coarse manure on grass field after seeding. An old field can be reseeded in a month, but it is better to take a year, and get one crop of oats for hay. Mow your grass field close just before frost, and rake. Fertilize every crop a little more than needed for each crop. Don't undertake to steal anything from the soil. Bear in mind your grass field will never winterkill or die as long as it has anything to live for. This is all I care to say in relation to this subject at present. You may think of many other things that you would like to inquire about. For that reason, if you desire to ask any questions, I am now ready to give you the fullest information possible in relation to this subject.—Maine Farmer.

What the Farmer is Doing.

The New England Farmer has no untried theories to promulgate. It advocates scientific methods only when they are known to be practical on the farm. It prefers to give experience and conclusions of successful working farmers, experimenters and experts who write of things as they are, rather than the opinions of theorists who tell of things as they ought to be. In fact the Rev. Sam Jones voices our sentiments in the following:

"The older I grow, the more I care for facts, and the less I care about theories. I love to walk with a good old farmer through the magnificent growing crops, look at the fat cattle, horses and hogs; and see his full granaries. There is something charming about that to me. I always did despise theology and botany, I always did love religion and flowers."

Uncle Solon's Opinion.

There is nothing that adds to the value of a farm like a well-cared for apple orchard. Such farms are not in the market. A young, thrifty orchard, not old enough to bear, adds to the value of the farm twice as much as the orchard cost. You can't drive a boy off a farm where there is a good orchard, and he will take care of it. The "harrer," the hoe, the hand saw and the jackknife, will give new life to an old, half-starved orchard.—Solon Chase, Androscoggin County, Me.

It is believed by many sensible persons, perhaps with good reason, that Secretary Wilson's enormous off-hand crop aggregates have had a tendency to aid the speculators in bearing down the prices of farm products. Flamboyant optimism in crop reporting is not usually to the advantage of the producer.

Meat smoked in February and properly put away by the last of the month, will not be troubled with flies. Sawdust, hickory chips or clean corn cobs make lots of smoke. If the old-fashioned way is too much trouble, smoke in liquid form can be purchased.

The Two Vanrevels

By BOOTH TARKINGTON,

Author of "The Gentleman From Indiana" and "Monsieur Beaucaire"

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CHAPTER I.

IT was long ago, in the days when men sighed when they fell in love, when people danced by candle and lamp, and did dance, too, instead of solemnly gliding about; in that mellow time so long ago when the young were romantic and summer was roses and wine, old Carewe brought his lovely daughter home from the convent to wreck the hearts of the youth of Rouen.

That was not a far journey; only an afternoon's drive through the woods and by the river in an April long ago, Miss Betty's harp carefully strapped behind the great lumbering carriage, her guitar on the front seat half buried under a mound of bouquets and oddly shaped little bundles, farewell gifts of her comrades and the good sisters. In her left hand she clutched a small lace handkerchief, with which she now and then touched her eyes, brimmed with the parting from Sister Cecilia, Sister Mary Bazilede, the old stone steps and all the girls, but for every time that she lifted the dainty kerchief to brush away the edge of a tear she took a deep breath of the western woodland air and smiled at least twice, for the years of strict inclosure within St. Mary's walls and still gardens were finished and done with, and at last the many colored world flashed and danced in a mystery before her. This mystery was brilliant to the convent girl because it contained men. She was eager to behold it.

"I didn't want it that much!"

They rumbled into town after sunset in the fair twilight, the dogs barking before them, and every one would have been surprised to know that Tom Vanrevel, instead of Mr. Crailey Gray, was the first to see her. By the merest accident Tom was strolling near the Carewe place at the time, and when the carriage swung into the gates, with rattle and clink and clouds of dust at the finish, it was not too soon lost behind the shrubbery and trees for Tom to catch something more than a glimpse of a gray skirt behind a mound of flowers and of a charming face with parted lips and dark eyes beneath the scuttle of an enormous bonnet. It happened—perhaps it is more accurate to say that Tom thought it happened—that she was just clearing away her veil when he turned to look. She blushed suddenly—so much was not to be mistaken—and the eyes that met his were remarkable for other reasons than the sheer loveliness of them, in that, even in the one flash of them he caught, they meant so many things at one time. But, above all, these eyes were fully conscious of Tom Vanrevel.

Without realizing what he did Mr. Vanrevel stopped short. He had been swinging a walking stick, which, describing a brief arc, remained poised halfway in its descent. There was only that one glance between them, and the carriage disappeared, leaving a scent of spring flowers in the air.

The young man was left standing on the wooden pavement in the midst of a great loneliness, yet enveloped in the afterglow, his soul roseate, his being quavering, his expression, like his cane, instantaneously arrested. With such promptitude and finish was he disposed of that had Miss Carewe been aware of his name and the condition wrought in him by the single stroke she could have sought only the terse Richard of England for a like executive ability: "Off with his head! So much for Vanrevel!"

She had lifted a slender hand to the fluttering veil, a hand in a white glove with a small lace gauntlet at the wrist. This gesture was the final divinity of the radiant vision which remained with the dazed young man as he went down the street, and it may have been three-quarters of an hour later when the background of the picture became vivid to him—a carefully dressed gentleman with heavy brows and a handsome high nose, who sat stiffly upright beside the girl, his very bright eyes quite as conscious of the stricken pedestrian as were hers; vastly different, however, in this—that they glittered—nay, almost bristled—with hostility, while every polished button of his blue coat seemed to reflect their malignancy and to dart little echoing shafts of venom at Mr. Vanrevel.

Tom was dismayed by the acuteness of his perception that a man who does not speak to you has no right to have a daughter like the lady in the carriage, and, the moment of this realization occurring as he sat making a poor pretense to eat his evening meal at the Rouen House, he dropped his fork rattling upon his plate and leaned back, staring at nothing, a proceeding of which his table mate, Mr. William Cummings, the editor of the Rouen Journal, was too busy over his river bass to take note.

"Have you heard what's new in town?" asked Cummings presently, looking up.

"No," said Tom truthfully, for he had seen what was new, but not heard it.

"Old Carewe's brought his daughter home. Fanchon Bareaud was with her at St. Mary's until last year, and Fanchon says she's not only a great beauty, but a great dear."

"Ah!" rejoined the other with masterly indifference. "Dare say—dare say."

"No wonder you're not interested," said Cummings cheerfully, returning to the discussion of his bass. "The old villain will take precious good care you don't come near her."

Mr. Vanrevel already possessed a profound conviction to the same effect. Robert Meilhac Carewe was known not only as the wealthiest citizen of Rouen, but also as its heartiest and most steadfast hater; and, although there were only 5,000 or 6,000 inhabitants, neither was a small distinction, for Rouen was ranked in those easy days as a wealthy town, even as it was called an old town, proud of its age and its riches and bitter in its politics, of course. The French had built a fort there soon after La Salle's last voyage and, as Crailey Gray said, had settled the place, and had then been settled themselves by the pioneer militia. After the Revolution, Carolinians and Virginians had come by way of Tennessee and Kentucky, while the adventurous countrymen from Connecticut, traveling thither to sell, remained to buy—and then sell—when the country was in its teens. In course of time the little trading post of the northwest territory had grown to be the leading center of elegance and culture in the Ohio valley—at least they said so in Rouen.

Robert Carewe was Rouen's magnate, commercially and socially and, until an upstart young lawyer named Vanrevel struck into his power with a broadax, politically. The wharfs were Carewe's; the warehouses that stood by the river and the line of packets which plied upon it were his. Half the town was his, and in Rouen this meant that he was possessed of the middle justice, the high and the low. His mother was a Frenchwoman, and in those days, when to go abroad was a ponderous and venturesome undertaking, the fact that he had spent most of his youth in the French capital wrought a certain glamour about him, for to the American Paris was Europe, and it lay shimmering on the far horizon of every imagination, a golden city.

Mr. Carewe lived in an old fashioned house on the broad, quiet, shady street which bore his name. There was a wide lawn in front, shadowy under elm and locust trees and bounded by thick shrubberies. A long garden, fair with roses and hollyhocks, lay outside the library windows—an old time garden, with fine gravel paths and green arbors, drowsed over in summer time by the bees, while overhead the locust rasped his rusty cadences the livelong day, and a faraway sounding love note from the high branches brought to mind the line, like an old refrain:

The voice of the turtle was heard in the land.

Between the garden and the carriage gates there was a fountain where a bronze boy with the dropsy (but not minding it) lived in a perpetual bath from a green goblet held over his head. Near by a stone sundial gleamed against a clump of lilac bushes, and it was upon this spot that the white kitten introduced Thomas Vanrevel to Miss Carewe.

Upon the morning after her arrival, having finished her pianoforte practice, touched her harp twice and arpeggioed the "Spanish Fandango" on her guitar, Miss Betty read two paragraphs of "Gilbert" (for she was profoundly determined to pursue her tasks with diligence), but, the open windows disclosing a world all sunshine and green leaves, she threw the book aside with a good conscience and danced out to the garden. There, coming upon a fuzzy white ball rolling into itself spirally on a lazy pathway, she pounced at it, whereupon the thing uncurled with lightning swiftness and fled, more like a streak than a kitten, down the drive, through the open gates and into the street, Miss Betty in full cry.

Across the way there chanced to be strolling a young lady in blue, accompanied by a gentleman whose leisurely gait gave no indication of the maneuvering he had done to hasten their walk into its present direction. He was apparently thirty or thirty-one, tall, very straight, dark, smooth shaved, his eyes keen, deep set and thoughtful, and his high white hat, white satin cravat and careful collar were evidence of an elaboration of toilet somewhat unusual in Rouen for the morning. Also he was carrying a pair of white gloves in his hand and dangled a slender ebony cane from his wrist. The flying kitten headed toward the couple when, with a celerity only to be accounted for on the theory that his eye had been fixed on the Carewe gateway for some time previous to this sudden apparition, the gentleman leaped in front of the fugitive.

The kitten attempted a dodge to pass; the gentleman was there before it. The kitten feinted; the gentleman was altogether too much on the spot. Immediately, and just as Miss Carewe, flushed and glowing, ran into the street, the small animal doubled, evaded Miss Betty's frantic clutch, re-entered the gateway and attempted a disappearance into the lilac bushes instead of going around them, only to find itself, for a fatal two seconds, in difficulties with the close set thicket of stems.

In regard to the extraordinary agility of which the pursuing gentleman was capable, it is enough to say that he caught the cat. He emerged from the lilacs holding it in one hand, his gloves and white hat in the other, and presented himself before Miss Betty with a breathlessness not entirely attributable to his exertions.

For a moment, as she came running toward him and he met her flashing look, bright with laughter and recognition and haste, he stammered. A thrill nothing less than delirious sent the blood up behind his brown cheeks, for he saw that she, too, knew that this was the second time their eyes had met.

He could not speak at once, but when he could, "Permit me, madam," he said solemnly, offering the captive, "to restore your kitten."

An agitated kitten should not be detained by clasping its waist, and already the conqueror was paying for his victory. There ensued a final outrageous squirm of despair. Two frantic claws, extended, drew one long red mark across the stranger's wrist and another down the back of his hand to the knuckles. They were good, hearty scratches, and the blood followed the artist's lines rapidly, but of this the young man took no note, for he knew that he was about to hear Miss Carewe's voice for the first time.

"They say the best way to hold them," he observed, "is by the scruff of the neck."

Beholding his wounds, suffered in her cause, she gave a pitying cry that made his heart leap with the richness and sweetness of it. Catching the kitten from him, she dropped it to the ground in such wise as to prove nature's foresight most kind in cushioning the feet of cats.

"Ah, I didn't want it that much!"

"A cat in the hand is worth two nightingales in the bush," he said boldly and laughed. "I would shed more blood than that!"

Miss Betty blushed like a southern dawn and started back from him. From the convent but yesterday—and she had taken a man's hand in both of hers!

It was to this tableau that the lady in blue entered, following the hunt through the gates, where she stopped with a discomposed countenance. At once, however, she advanced and, with a cry of greeting, enveloped Miss Betty in a brief embrace, to the relief of the latter's confusion. It was Fanchon Bareaud, now two years emancipated from St. Mary's and far gone in taffeta. With her lusterful light hair, absent blue eyes and her gentle voice, as small and pretty as her face and figure, it was not too difficult to justify Crailey Gray's characterization of her as one of those winsome baggages who had made an air of feminine helplessness the fashion of the day.

"I'm so glad—glad!" exclaimed Betty. "You were just coming to see me, weren't you? My father is in the library. Let me"—

Miss Bareaud drew back. "No, no," she interrupted hastily and with evident perturbation; "I—we must be on our way immediately." She threw a glance at the gentleman, which let him know that she now comprehended his gloves and why their stroll had trended toward Carewe street. "Come at once," she commanded him quickly in an undertone.

"But now that you're here," said Miss Betty, wondering very much why he was not presented to her, "won't you wait and let me gather a nosegay for you? Our pansies and violets"—

"I could help," the gentleman suggested, with the look of a lame dog at Miss Bareaud. "I have been considered useful about a garden."

"Fool!" Betty did not hear the word that came from Miss Bareaud's closed teeth, though she was mightily surprised at the visible agitation of her schoolmate, for the latter's face was pale and excited. And Miss Carewe's amazement was complete when Fanchon, without more words, cavalierly seized the gentleman's arm and moved toward the street with him as rapidly as his perceptible reluctance to leave permitted. But at the gate Miss Bareaud turned and called back over her shoulder, as if remembering the necessity of offering an excuse for so remarkable a proceeding: "I shall come again very soon. Just now we are upon an errand of great importance. Good day!"

Miss Betty waved her hand, staring after them, her eyes large with wonder. She compressed her lips tightly. "Errand!" This was the friend of childhood's happy hour, and they had not met in two years!

"Errand!" She ran to the hedge, along the top of which a high white hat was now seen perambulating. She pressed down a loose branch and called in a tender voice to the stranger whom Fanchon had chosen should remain nameless:

"Be sure to put some salve on your hand!"

He made a bow which just missed being too low, but did miss it.

"It is there already," he said and, losing his courage after the bow, made his speech with so palpable a gasp before the last word that the dullest person in the world could have seen that he meant it.

Miss Betty disappeared.

There was a rigidity of expression about the gentle mouth of Fanchon Bareaud, which her companion did not enjoy, as they went on their way, each preserving an uneasy silence, until at her own door she turned sharply upon him. "Tom Vanrevel, I thought you were the steadiest—and now you've proved yourself the craziest—soul in Rouen!" she burst out. "And I couldn't say worse!"

"Why didn't you present me to her?" asked Vanrevel.

"Because I thought a man of your gallantry might prefer not to face a shotgun in the presence of ladies!"

"Pooh!"

"Pooh!" mimicked Miss Bareaud. "You can 'pooh' as much as you like, but if he had seen us from the window"— She covered her face with her hands for a moment, then dropped them and smiled upon him. "I understand perfectly to what I owe the pleasure of a stroll with you this morning, and your casual insistence on the shadiness of Carewe street!" He laughed nervously, but her smile vanished, and she continued: "Keep away, Tom. She is beautiful, and at St. Mary's I always thought she had spirit and wit too. I only hope Crailey won't see her before the wedding! But it isn't safe for you. Go along, now, and ask Crailey please to come at 3 this afternoon."

This message from Mr. Gray's betrothed was not all the ill starred Tom conveyed to his friend. Mr. Vanrevel was ordinarily esteemed a person of great reserve and discretion; nevertheless there was one man to whom he told everything, and from whom he had no secrets. He spent the noon hour in feeble attempts to describe to Crailey Gray the outward appearance of Miss Elizabeth Carewe—how she ran like a young Diana, what one felt upon hearing her voice, and he presented in himself an example exhibiting something of the cost of looking in her eyes. His conversation was more or less incoherent, but the effect of it was complete.

CHAPTER II.

DOES there exist an incredulous or jealous denizen of another portion of our country who, knowing that the room in the wooden cupola over Mr. Carewe's library was commonly alluded to by Rouen as the "tower chamber," will prove himself so sectionally prejudiced as to deny that the town was a veritable hotbed of literary interest or that Sir Walter Scott was ill appreciated there? Some of the men looked sly and others grinned at mention of this apartment, but the romantic were not lacking who spoke of it in whispers—how the lights sometimes shone there all night long and the gentlemen drove away, white faced, in the dawn. The cupola, rising above the library, overlooked the garden, and the house, save for that, was of a single story, with a low veranda running the length of its front. The windows of the library and of a row of bedrooms, one of which was Miss Betty's, lined the veranda steamboat fashion, the inner doors of these rooms all opening upon a long hall which bisected the house. The stairway leading to the room in the cupola rose in the library itself, while the bisecting hall afforded the only access to the library; hence the gossips, well acquainted with the geography of the place, conferred seriously together upon what effect Miss Betty's home coming would have in this connection, for any one going to the stairway must needs pass her door, and, what was more to the point, a party of gentlemen descending late from the mysterious turret might not be so quiet as they intended and the young lady sufficiently disturbed to inquire of her father what entertainment he provided that should keep his guests until 4 in the morning.

But at present it was with the opposite end of the house that the town was occupied, for there workmen were hammering and sawing and painting all day long, finishing the addition Mr. Carewe was building for his daughter's debut. This hammering disturbed Miss Betty, who had become almost as busy with the French revolution as with her mantua maker, for she had found in her father's library many books not for convent shelves, and she had become a Girondin.

She found memoirs, histories and tales of that delectable period, and for a week there was no meal in that house to which she sat down earlier than half an hour late. She had a rightful property interest in the revolution, her own great-uncle having been one of those who suffered, not, however, under the guillotine, for to Georges Meilhac appertained the rare distinction of death by accident on the day when the businesslike young Bonaparte played upon the mob with his cannon.

There were some yellow letters of this great-uncle's in a box which had belonged to her grandmother, a rich discovery for Miss Betty, who read and reread them with eager and excited eyes, living more in Paris with Georges and his friends than in Rouen with her father. Indeed, she had little else to do. Mr. Carewe was no comrade for her, by far the reverse. She seldom saw him, except at the table, when he sat with averted eyes and talked to her very little, and, while making elaborate preparation for her introduction to his friends (such was his phrase), he treated her with a perfunctory civility which made her wonder if her advent was altogether welcome to him, but when she noticed that his hair looked darker than usual about every fourth day she began to understand why he appeared ungrateful to her for growing up. He went out a great deal, though no visitors came to the house, for it was known that Mr. Carewe desired to present his daughter to no one until he presented her to all. Fanchon Bareaud, indeed, made one hurried and embarrassed call, evading Miss Betty's reference to the chevalier of the kitten with a dexterity too nimble to be thought unintentional. Miss Carewe was forbidden to return her friend's visit until after her debut, and Mr. Carewe explained that there were always some worthless young men hanging about Bareaud's, where, he did not add, they interfered with a worthy old one who desired to honor Fanchon's older sister, Virginia, with his attentions.

This was no great hardship for Miss Betty, as, since plunging into the revolution with her great-uncle, she had lost some curiosity concerning the men of today, doubting that they would show forth as heroic, as debonair, gay and tragic as he. He was the legendary hero of her childhood. She remembered her mother's stories of him perhaps more clearly than she remembered her mother, and one of the older sisters had known him in Paris and had talked of him at great length, giving the flavor of his dandyism and his beauty at first hand to his young relative.

In the library hung a small full length drawing of Georges, done in color by Miss Betty's grandmother, and this she carried to her own room and studied long and ardently until sometimes the man himself seemed to stand before her.

Miss Betty had an impression that her grandmother's art of portraiture would have been more sucessful with the profile than the "full face." Nevertheless, nothing could be more clearly indicated than that the hair of M. Meilhac was very yellow and his short, huge lapeled waistcoat white, striped with scarlet. An enormous cravat covered his chin; the heavy collar of his yellow coat rose behind his ears, while its tails fell to his ankles, and the tight trousers of white and yellow stripes were tied with white ribbons about the middle of the calf. He wore white stockings and gold buckled yellow shoes and on the back of his head a jauntily cocked black hat. Miss Betty innocently wondered why his letters did not speak of Petion, of Vergniaud or of Dumoriez, since in the historical novels which she read the hero's lot was inevitably linked with that of every one of importance in his generation. Yet Georges appeared to have been unacquainted with these personages. Robespierre being the only name of consequence mentioned in his letters, and then it appeared in much the same fashion practiced by her father in alluding to the governor of the state, who had the misfortune to be unpopular with Mr. Carewe. But this did not dim her great-uncle's luster in Miss Betty's eyes or lessen for her the pathetic romance of the smile he wore.

Beholding this smile, one remembered the end to which his light footsteps had led him, and it was unavoidable to picture him left lying in the empty street behind the heels of the flying crowd, carefully forming that same smile on his lips and taking much pride in passing with some small, cynical speech, murmured to himself, concerning the inutility of a gentleman's getting shot by his friends for merely being present to applaud them. So, fancying him thus with his yellow hair, his scarlet striped waistcoat and his tragedy, the young girl felt a share of family greatness or at least of picturesqueness descend to her, and she smiled sadly back upon the smile in the picture and dreamed about its original night after night.

Whether or no another figure, that of a dark young man in a white hat, with a white kitten etching his wrist in red, found place in her dreams at this period it is impossible to determine. She did not see him again. It is quite another thing, hazardous to venture, to state that he did not see her. At all events, it is certain that many people who had never beheld her were talking of her; that Rouen was full of contention concerning her beauty and her gift of music, for a song can be heard through an open window. And how did it happen that Crailey Gray knew that it was Miss Carewe's habit to stroll in her garden for half an hour or so each evening before retiring and that she went to mass every morning soon after sunrise? Crailey Gray never rose at or near sunrise in his life, though he sometimes beheld it from another point of view, as the end of the evening. It appears that some one must have told him.

One night when the moon lay white on the trees and housetops Miss Betty paused in her evening promenade and seated herself upon a bench on the borders of the garden, wrought upon by the tender incentive to sighs and melancholy which youth in loneliness finds in a loveliness of the earth, for what reason she could not have told, since she was without care or sorrow that she knew except the French revolution, yet tears shone upon the long lashes. She shook them off and looked up with a sudden odd consciousness. The next second she sprang to her feet with a gasp and a choked outcry, her hands pressed to her breast.

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SEED TIME

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Flowers in the Shade.

It is not unusual to hear a complaint that one's yard has no sun, and therefore flowers cannot be raised. But there are a large number of flowers that prefer shade to sunshine in summer. The begonia is of this class. Those who have north walls or fences may have great beauty during the summer by setting out the different kinds of begonias. Even the gloxinia, the achimenes and similar hothouse plants bloom splendidly throughout the summer season when grown on the north side of walls.

Vinegar.

Vinegar is fatal to many kinds of bacteria. We read that during the great plague in London a couple earned fabulous sums in nursing the wealthy and that their own means of defense was swathing the lower part of the face with cloths dipped in strong vinegar. Some one says, "My grandmother used a gargle of salt and pepper with vinegar for all us children, and she didn't have to go to a sanitary club to learn it." True, no doubt, a timely though utterly empirical use of that gargle has saved many lives.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Carat" as Applied to Diamonds.

Although the term "carat" is applied to diamonds as well as to gold, it does not mean the same thing. Used with regard to the metal it expresses quality or fineness, 24 carat being pure gold and 22 carat equal to coined gold. But applied to the diamond carat means actual weight, and by this measure 115½ carats are equal to an ounce troy. The value of a diamond is not merely so much per carat, irrespective of size, but increases in an increasing ratio with the weight of the stone.

Ceremony.

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OUR PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic for the same.

The February meeting held with Mrs. Lucelia Morton was a most successful one. There was a good attendance and the programme prepared by Mrs. Clifford was both interesting and instructive. The question of the Mormon Octopus was opened by Mrs. Cotton of Norway. Some of the facts brought out were quite startling. A magazine favoring Mormonism was brought in by the leader. This magazine was sent to our public library, presumably by some one especially interested. That this sort of literature should be distributed in our own quiet village was a revelation to all. Two new members were received and dainty refreshments were served.

The programme for March is as follows: Mrs. G. B. Crockett, leader. Quotations from temperance workers. Neal Dow and his work. Lady Henry Somerset. Scientific temperance instruction.

Statistics show that prohibition in Kansas is an annual saving to the people of $6,000,000. Forty-four out of 105 counties are without a pauper; and in thirty-seven counties there is not a single occupant in the jails.

The Portland Express for Jan. 12th contained the following:

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Damages in $17,500 were awarded by a jury yesterday to the children of a drunken father for redress against the saloon keepers alleged to have made a drunkard of him. The verdict establishing a precedent which will result in the institution of many similar suits, was rendered in Judge Richard S. Tuthill's court. The plaintiffs were the five children of John Hedlund, and the defendants Oscar Geyer, Louis Lundquits and Ernest Thoron, saloon keepers. The verdict is against them separately and jointly.

SOME GOOD REASONS.

During a temperance campaign a lawyer was discussing with no little show of learning, the classes of the proposed temperance law, says the Presbyterian Review. An old farmer who had been listening attentively, shut his knife with a snap and said:

"I don't know nuthin' about the law, but I've got seven good reasons for votin' for it."

"What are they?" asked the lawyer.

And the grim old farmer responded, "Four sons and three daughters."

THE CIGARETTE BOY.

What is the future of a boy who smokes cigarettes? Will he try to get a place in a store? A lad in Chicago applied for ten positions, being met each time with the question, "Do you smoke cigarettes?" and was rejected in every instance.

The manager of a large department store says: "We don't want cigarette smokers—the firm has no use for a boy with dried up brains."

Will he try railroad work? The Panhandle system, the Michigan City division, the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, the South Carolina division, the Union Pacific, the Rock Island, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, have all issued orders against cigarette smokers. They say, "It is harmful, and renders men unfit for service requiring steady nerves."—Selected.

Again we quote from the Portland Express:

"There was a decrease of 18 per cent in the number of arrests for the year 1905 from that of 1904 according to the annual report of George W. Sylvester, city marshal for those years, which was submitted to Mayor Clifford this morning. The following abstract from this report shows many interesting things in regard to the arrests for intoxication and other crimes for which intoxication was responsible:

The arrests for the year have shown a marked decrease both as to the total number made and particularly so as to the number arrested for intoxication. The total arrests for 1905 are 2,625 as compared with 3,189 for the preceding year, a falling off in round numbers of 18 per cent.

The number placed under arrest for intoxication being 1,525 as compared with 2,152 for the preceding year, a decrease of 29 per cent.

In the classified list of the number of arrests for the year, the following are noted in the report: Assault, 68; assault with intent to kill, 3; breaking and entering, 24; bigamy, 1; common drunkard, 1; drunkenness and disorderly, 850; drunkenness, 674; deserting from the army and navy, 30; evading fare, 12; embezzlement, 2; forgery, 3; insane, 36; larceny, 193; malicious mischief, 43; murder, 3; running away from home, 46; safe keeping, 201; truancy, 12; unregistered apothecary, 2; vagrants, 38.

In an article in the Christian Herald upon dangerous indulgences in intoxicants, we read: "It is in the beginning that the danger lies. No one who begins the habit expects to become a drunkard. He can stop when he likes, he avers. It is seldom that he indulges. He has full control over himself. It is perhaps after long years that he discovers that he is tied and bound, unable to abstain. It is a wise saying that he who cares little for intoxicants should abstain for the sake of others; and he who does care for them should abstain for his own sake. It is the most gigantic evil of our day, and the only remedy for it is resolute and entire abstention from the first indulgence."

A story is told of an English schoolmaster, who offered a prize to the boy who would write the best composition in five minutes on "How to Overcome a Habit." The prize went to a lad of nine years. The following is his essay:

"Well, sir; habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change 'abit.' If you take off another, you still have a 'bit' left. If you take off still another, the whole of 'it' remains. If you take off another, it is wholly used up; all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of habit you must throw it off altogether."

Let us "look straight out—
See things, not try to evade them,"
Let "fact be fact" for us,
"And the truth, the truth forever."

Of all the ten or twelve thousand unfortunate girls and wrecked women arrested every year in Chicago, 99 out of every 100 attribute their downfall to their first glass of wine, taken generally with a male companion for good-fellowship sake. That first glass is the beginning of the end.—Matron Chicago Police Department.

"Never give all your pleasant words and smiles to strangers. The kindest words and sweetest smiles should be reserved for home. Home should be your heaven."

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.

The supper and entertainment given in Cummings Hall Tuesday evening by the Baptist Circle was a great success. The hall was beautifully decorated with an abundance of flags, also pictures of Washington and Lincoln. The two long tables were decorated with flags and a good number of brass candlesticks filled with lighted candles. On the center of each table were large bouquets of pussy willows. Nearly one hundred guests sat down to tables temptingly laden with baked potatoes, cold meats, salads, a "boiled dinner" and a great variety of fine pastry. The Washington table was presided over by Mr. Frank B. Hammond and Miss Mae Stowe, costumed as Gen. and Lady Washington; the Lincoln table, by Mr. William Chase and Miss Louisa Chase, costumed as President and Mrs. Lincoln. Many other distinguished guests were present. The young men and ladies who served as waiters were each in costume and each wore a silver hatchet. The entertainment was very appropriate for the red letter month of February when occur the birthdays of so many of our great men. During the evening, Norman Taylor, costumed as St. Valentine, distributed valentines to all those in costume, and to all the children. It was a very pleasant affair.

In the afternoon the ladies held their annual business meeting and the following officers were re-elected for the year beginning in February:

President—Mrs. Loren B. Merrill.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. E. O. Taylor.
Sec.—Miss Alice K. Hammond.
Treas.—Mr. U. H. Heald.

The society during the past year has been very successful financially, the net proceeds being more than any year for eight years. The new year begins with no debts but a good bank account.

List of the books given by Mrs. Hannibal Hamlin to Hamlin Memorial Library:

FICTION.

Duncan, Norman: Dr. Luke of Labrador.
Glascow, Ellen: The Deliverance.
Harland, Henry: My Friend Prospero.
Lane, Elinor M.: Nancy Stair.
Mason, Caroline A.: A Lily of France.
Waller, M. E.: The Wood-carver of Lympus.
White, S. E.: The Blazed Trail.
Wiggin, K. D.: Rose o' the River.

BIOGRAPHY.

Beach, S. C.: Daughters of the Puritans.

RELIGION.

Fiske, John: Myths and Myth-Makers.

TRAVELS.

Howe, Maud: Roma Beata.

HISTORY.

Crawford, F. M.: Rulers of the South. 2 vols.
Lord, John: Beacon Lights of History. 15 vols.
Pryor, Mrs. R. A.: Reminiscences of Peace and War.

Books given by other library friends:

FICTION.

Bates, Oric: A Madcap Cruise.

HISTORY.

Grange, Herbert: An English Farmer in Canada.

Seward Stearns has been at home from Boston for a few days' vacation.

Andover.

The prize declamation contest by the Andover High School came off last night in the Congregational church. The church was filled with an appreciative audience who gave their close attention to each selection. The judges were Messrs. Holbrook and Sanborn of Rumford Falls High School and A. S. Jordan of Andover. Music was furnished by Howe's Orchestra of Hanover. Each part was well chosen and it was on some technical points that several decisions were made so close were the competitors. Following is the full programme:

Music,	Orchestra.
Prayer.	
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The Sleeping Sentinel,	Francis De Janviers
Mary Akers.	
An Appeal to Arms,	Patrick Henry
Walter Akers.	
The Telegram,	Anon
Etta Glover.	
The Centennial Address,	Joseph Story
Cedric Thurston.	
Solo, The Children's Home,	
Vaughn Porter.	
The Red Jacket,	Geo. M. Baker
Geneva Burgess.	
Extract from an Oration,	Winthrop
Lewis Akers.	
Brave Kate Shelley,	Mrs. M L. Rayne
Gladys Howard.	
Spartacus to the Gladiators,	Elijah Kellogg
Fred Abbott.	
Solo,	The Vesper Prayer
Edna M. Luce.	
The Light Keeper's Daughter,	Myra A. Goodwin
Lucy Grover.	
The Gladiator,	Elijah Kellogg
Clarence Bailey.	
Whistling in Heaven,	Anon
Evelyn Smith.	
Tommy's Prayer,	Anon
Ethel Philbrick.	
Chorus, Village Bells.	
Members of H. S.	
The Westfield Flood,	Anon
Etta Akers.	
Supposed Speech of Regulus,	Elijah Kellogg
Harrison Amber.	
Mary Garvin,	J. G. Whittier
Evelyn Elliott.	
The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold,	
Irving Hanson.	
Music,	Orchestra.

The prizes as awarded were:

1st prize, Etta Akers.
2d prize, Irving Hanson.
3d prize, Evelyn Smith.
4th prize, Lucy Grover.

Last Friday, the 9th, gave us twelve inches of snow; a Godsend to the loggers, so now they have all the available teams at work and the outlook now is good.

Mrs. Henry Porter has returned home from Massachusetts, where she spent several months with relatives.

Lovell.

An all day meeting of Suncook Grange was held Friday. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on five candidates in the forenoon. Dinner was served at noon, and in the afternoon an interesting lecture on western life was given by Prof. L. C. Bateman of Lewiston. There was a large company present during the day.

Mrs. Shank, wife of Rev. C. H. Shank, who has been very ill with erysipelas, is improving well now.

Mrs. D. P. Lord has been ill with rheumatic fever and is improving.

An entertainment and supper was given Wednesday evening at Pine Grove Hall by the Woman's Library Club. A goodly number was present considering the night was stormy. Music was furnished by E. S. Farrington, cornet, Charles Rose, violin, Mrs. Ida Charles, piano.

Miss Charlotte Hobbs is at home, having closed her second term of school at Rumford.

Wilson's Mills.

Lumber inspector, J. Polley, was in town Monday in the interest of the I. P. Co.

H. G. Bennett has finished hauling timber from the Leavitt and Bennett lot.

Elihu Leavitt has been boarding at D. C. Bennett's.

Dr. Jones of Colebrook was in town Wednesday and Thursday of the past week.

Born Feb. 7th, to the wife of W. M. Adams, a son.

Died Feb. 8th, of acute Bright's disease, Florence Viola, nee Hart, wife of W. M. Adams, and youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hart, aged 20 years. Her death was a sad blow to her family, by whom she was greatly loved. One sister and two brothers survive her. She was a member of and organist for the Aziscoos Grange.

Friday the greatest snow storm of the season.

The funeral of Mrs. Adams was held at the church Saturday. Out of town relatives who attended, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart of Milan, Mrs. L. Chase of Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Newry.

Byron.

Several from this place attended the Pomona Grange meeting at Peru the 14th, and report a very enjoyable time and a nice dinner.

J. E. and Jotham Shaw are cutting a second crop of ice.

Mrs. Leslie Dunn has returned from a visit to her father at Peru.

We hear that another child was added to the family of Ernest Hart, Feb. 16th.

Bethel.

A union Gospel temperance meeting was held Sunday evening, Feb. 11, at the Universalist church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. The pastors from the several churches participated in the opening exercises and fine music was rendered by a select choir and Miss Jane Gibson sang a solo in her usual pleasing manner. The address was given by Rev. Alfreda Brewster of Portland and the large audience gave the closest attention from the beginning to the close. Her address was an earnest appeal for higher living and she pointed out the helps to be derived from the departments of the W. C. T. U. in the different lines of work. Ten new members responded to the invitation at the close of the meeting. The Union expresses thanks to each one who helped to make the meeting a success.

Lincoln's birthday was observed in G. A. R. hall Monday evening under the special direction of Mrs. Putnam and the Relief Corps. Remarks were made by several gentlemen present, music was interspered with the speeches and the only regret was that a larger number did not attend and show a true patriotic spirit.

Dr. John Twaddle, who has been ill with pneumonia, is recovering.

A valentine supper and social was given at Pattee Chapel Wednesday evening by the Universalist society. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

There is plenty of snow for all lumbering purposes at present.

The academy has been remembered again by a donation of books from an alumnus.

The Bethel Chair Co. has added fourteen acres of land which was adjoining its plant and now has about thirty acres including the buildings used for storage and manufacture.

Gould Academy pupils are preparing for the annual prize speaking which will soon be held.

The Gebring party are enjoying the Egyptian trip and report all happy and well.

Miss Hattie L. Foster has returned from Waltham, Mass., where she has been in the hospital for a critical operation. She has returned much improved.

Bryant's Pond.

Frank Cushman and Fred Whitman are in the employ of the International Paper Co. They left Tuesday for the head waters of the Magalloway River where they will look after the company's camps in that section.

George Perham, an attendant at the Marine Hospital in Boston, is in town this week visiting his father, K. G Perham, who is quite sick.

John A. Titus has given up his milk route in the village to John Howe, who made his first trip Wednesday.

Robert G. Johnson, who for a number of years has been employed in Chase's printing office, is now foreman in the office of the Rumford Falls Times.

George H. York, who recently sold his farm to Lewis Farnum of Milton Plantation, disposed of his personal property at auction Feb. 15th. Mr. York intends to make it his home at South Paris in the future.

The Grand Trunk quarry was closed Feb. 8th, having completed their contracts for stone used in a Western depot.

Our spool factory has been sold by Stanley Dearborn. The parties interested in its future management are Jacob A. Thurston of Bethel, Frank P. Cole of Woodstock and William Clark of Rhode Island. The mill started up the 12th inst. in charge of the new proprietors.

Much sickness prevails in the vicinity of this village. One case of scarlatina is reported in the family of Arthur Bessey.

Mrs. Samuel L. Russ, who has been very ill from lung fever, is now reported as more comfortable, with a slight hope of recovery.

Hebron.

Meetings are being held each evening this week by the Y. M. C. A. as a week of prayer.

On Tuesday of this week the Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. H. K. Stearns and was handsomely entertained

The senior class ride was on the 14th with dinner at Poland Spring.

Mrs. Ira M. Bearce is in Orono for a few weeks with her husband. Mrs. Bearce's mother, Mrs. Cornelia Moody, is keeping house for her while there.

Hebron Grange had an all day meeting Wednesday, entertaining West Minot Grange and a few delegates from Lake View Grange, Auburn, and East Hebron Grange. A bountiful dinner was served, and in honor of the day the table and hall were beautifully decorated with valentines, the work of the lady members. A very enjoyable day was spent by all.

East Sumner.

Much sickness is prevailing and four different physicians have had patients to attend to in the vicinity. At present the most serious case is that of Rev. L. W. Muttart, who is quite feeble from an attack of typhoid fever and other complications.

On Tuesday last, Frank L. Ryerson, who was so severely injured by a sled passing over him, submitted to the amputation of one leg at a hospital in Lewiston. His case is considered very serious.

Mrs. Maggie, wife of J. Elmer Thompson, has gone to the hospital in Lewiston for treatment.

A. H. Harlow, who is in charge of a camp for E. I. Brown, received a severe blow from a skid that came near being fatal. He was picked up for dead. He is now able to attend to his work.

West Bethel.

"I've often thought this life of ours
Should be to labors given;
That if we train our dormant powers,
And only grow the fairest flowers,
That God will after many hours
Reward our souls in Heaven."

"That day is best wherein we give
A thought to others' sorrows;
Forgetting self, we learn to live;
And blessings born of kindly deeds
Make golden our to-morrows."

Washington's birthday next Thursday.

Josiah Horr and family have moved to Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. F. L. Higgins of Litchfield is a visitor in the home of the Democrat correspondent.

There is sufficient snow since last week's storms for all kinds of lumbering operations.

Willis Thurston is still a sufferer from rheumatic and spinal troubles.

Charles Ruggles has taken the place of E. P. Philbrook as night watchman in the mill of Merrill, Springer & Co.

Miss Lyle Blanchard closed the winter term of school in this village last week and has gone to her home in West Milan, N. H.

E. Payson Philbrook has two thoroughbred, male, Scotch Collie puppies, three months old, which he offers for sale this week for five dollars each.

We are always pleed to receive local news items for publication in the Democrat. Hand to the regular correspondent or drop in P. O. Box 55.

East Waterford.

Born, Feb. 9, to the wife of Sidney S. Hall, a daughter, (Clara Mary.)

Charles W. Farrington, wife and son, are moving from Dixfield to the W. A. Hersey farm. Mr. Hersey will go soon to North Yarmouth, where he has bought a smaller farm.

There were forty couples at the masquerade ball in Haskell's Hall Saturday evening. Twenty-five couples masked.

Sidney Hall is cutting and hauling timber to Rolfe's mill. His wife's brother, George Brown, of Twin Mountain, N. H., Frank Farris and Arthur Sanderson are working for him.

Alton and Chauncey Ames are cutting quite a quantity of wood for G. A. Miller.

Guy Walker is living in the Ames house at this place.

Northwest Bethel.

Mr. Adelman Brown received the sad news of the death of his son-in-law, Harrie Carpenter, who died in La Hunter, Colorado, where he went last fall, hoping his health would be better there, but the disease, consumption, had secured too firm a hold. Much sympathy is felt for the many who are touched deeply by the death of this young man, and especially the devoted wife who went West with him, and has been his tender nurse through the weary days among strangers, and has now accompanied his remains to Waverly, Mass., their former home. Mr. Brown went to Massachusetts the 14th to meet Mrs. Carpenter, who was expected to arrive there that day.

West Paris.

This week all roads lead to the minstrel show at Dunham's Hall. Remember the dates, Feb. 21st and 22d. Mr. H. S. Day will act as interlocutor and take the programme in charge, the outline of which is given below. Wednesday evening:

PART I.

1. Overture, Minstrels' Delight.
2. Solo, Just a Little Rocking Chair for You.
3. Solo and duet, Under Southern Skies.
Response by Chorus.
4. Song and chorus, Angelena.
5. Character Song, 'Deed I do.
6. Instrumental music, Four ladies.
7. Song and chorus, Dinner Bells.
8. Character song and dance, Four Pickaninies.

PART II.

9. Farce. Too Much Discipline.
10. Tambourine Solo. By Bones.
11. Cake walk.
12. Character Song,
Rufus Rastus Johnson Brown.
13. Song and chorus,
I'se Gwine to my Old Kentucky Home.
14. Song, Nobody, By Ebenezer.
15. Sermon, How Adam and Eve Turned White.
16. Ballad, Robinson Crusoe.
17. Queens of Ebony Belles, Eight Ladies.
18. Song, Old Black Joe.
19. Comedy Song, On Your Way.
20. Finale, Waitin' for de Horn to Blow.
Full Chorus.

Thursday evening the programme will contain new and interesting features; there will be several entirely new songs, and a different farce. Thursday evening:

1. Overture, Minstrels' Delight.
2. Song, Ebenezer Brown, By Dinah
3. Ballad, Why Adam Sinned.
4. Song and Chorus, Angelena.
5. Character Song, 'Deed I Do.
6. Song and chorus, Dinner Bells.
7. Duet and chorus. Under Southern Skies.
8. Farce, The Chinese Servants.
9. Comic Song, Everybody Works but Father.
Pickaninies.
10. Song and Dance, By Ladies.
11. Song and chorus, Old Kentucky Home.
12. Song and dance, By Nobody.
13. Irish Song.
14. Cake walk.
15. Finale, Waitin' for de Horn to Blow.

Admission to the hall each evening 25 cents. Children under 12, 15 cents. Curtain at eight o'clock. After the programme on the last evening, a short social will be held and ice cream and cake will be served by colored waiters. The committee have spared no pains to arrange an attractive and pleasing programme, and if the weather is pleasant the indications are favorable for a large attendance, as rooms are already being engaged by friends from out of town who expect to be present. New costumes have been made for the ladies and the gentlemen will be dressed in the style befitting "The Colored Four Hundred." Come and see the pickaninnies!

Samuel Estes, Jr., and his wife are moving into Mrs. Annie Emmons' house. In the Paris Hill items of last week was noted the marriage of Mr. Estes and Miss Georgie M. Garland of that town.

Miss Minnie A. Lane is now boarding at H. R. Tuell's.

Rev. Alfreda Brewster spoke in an interesting and pleasing manner at the Methodist church Monday evening of last week. Subject, "Why you should join the W. C. T. U." Mrs. L. C. Bates presided at the meeting, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Nelson. Music consisted of a solo by Mrs. S. T. White, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Irish. Closed by singing a hymn.

Miss Ethel M. Howe has been making a visit at Harrison.

Miss Jennie L. Bradbnry is visiting in Massachusetts for a few weeks.

Our people will unite in good wishes to Mr. Lewis M. Mann, who was married Feb. 14th, to Miss Mabel E. Allen of Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Mann were married at South Paris by Rev. J. H. Little, and came here where they remained for a short time, then going to Bryant's Pond. Mr. Mann's house has been unoccupied this winter, except for occasional short trips he has made here, as his mother, Mrs. Carrie Mann, is in Massachusetts. He has a superintendent looking after his clothespin mill here which is doing a good business. We think Mr. Mann is to be congratulated on his choice of a valentine, and hope he and his wife will some time make their permanent residence here.

Rev. D. F. Nelson observed Lincoln's birthday Sunday, Feb. 11, with an appropriate memorial sermon which was of much interest. A large picture of Mr. Lincoln was draped with a flag, and placed on an easel on the platform.

A party of about twenty-four gathered at the home of Geo. F. Marshall on Saturday evening, Feb. 10, to give a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Marshall, who had been invited out to tea while the preparations were in progress. They returned home to find the house filled with their friends, and a very pleasant evening was passed in playing whist and other games. At a late hour every one adjourned to the large front room where a long table lighted by candles was tastefully prepared. A supper consisting of four kinds of salads, hot rolls, all kinds of cake, chocolate, and harlequin ice cream, was enjoyed by all. The joke of the evening was that Mr. and Mrs. Marshall supposed the party to be in honor of Misses Nellie and Georgia Marshall, who were at home for a few days, and did not learn the truth until the guests had departed.

The school scholars held a social at Odd Fellows Hall last Friday evening. Refreshments were served.

The Wednesday club held its first meeting this month at the home of Miss Ruth Tucker with a large attendance. Wednesday of this week the club is entertained by Mrs. H. C. Loveland. Special topics are Famous Battles of the Revolution and Distinguished Foreigners in the Revolutionary Army. The club is considering changing the annual election of its officers to May, thereby causing the officers to serve during the prepared programme which extends from September to the last of May. The months of June, July and August are used as a vacation from club meetings.

Mrs. Lucelia Morton returned home to South Paris last week after having spent a few days with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Morton. Mr. Morton has been ill with the grippe, but is now convalescent. Mrs. Morton has just gone to Haverhill, Mass., for a short visit with her relatives. During her absence Mr. Morton will board at J. R. Tucker's.

About fifty members of Paris Grange visited West Paris Grange by invitation on Saturday, and a fine social time was enjoyed by all. After a little business in the morning the rest of the forenoon was occupied in relating incidents in the life of Abraham Lincoln. Rev. Mr. Clifford of Paris Grange gave an interesting talk on the life and work of our first martyred president. A bountiful dinner was provided in the dining hall lately fitted up for such purposes. The afternoon was occupied in a literary programme provided by West Paris Grange. It consisted of music, readings and a farce entitled "An Irish Engagement." Remarks were made by several members of Paris Grange in regard to the fraternal state of feeling which has always existed between the two granges. All returned to their homes feeling that another social and profitable meeting had been enjoyed by all who attended.

North Paris.

Plenty of snow now and there are lively times amongst the teamsters.

Another heard from. Alfred and Beatrice Andrews have a last spring pullet that laid an egg that measured 6 1-4 by 8 inches. As they count their eggs they think this one ought to be counted as two.

Albert Littlehale came up from South Paris on the 11th to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Littlehale.

We have had such rough weather that news is scarce.

Fred Stevens' horse stuck a stab in his foot a few days since, and is laid up for repairs.

East Hebron.

The late storm has finely carpeted the ice, and the hope is expressed that no more bones will be broken from falling.

The number of sick is numerous. Colds, sprains and broken bones are the general complaints.

Baker Phillips arrived home Sunday afternoon from Franklin County, where he has been canvassing for the Maine Farmer. He finished his work on Friday and found very deep snow to drive through Saturday.

Mrs. L. R. Hodsdon and granddaughter, Hazel, are visiting in Auburn this week, and Belle DeCosta is keeping house for her.

Rena B. Pierce is visiting at Mechanic Falls. Her little nephew returned home with her. He had been with his grandparents for several weeks.

Warm days would be a great blessing, after the cold days and nights.

Buckfield.

Mrs. O. G. Turner, living near the mountain, is very ill, also Miss Della, daughter of Llewellyn Jordan. They are improving.

Mrs. Ames, an elderly lady, is reported sick.

Several whom we have reported of the sick people are favorably reported.

Mrs. Gregg has returned to her home in Andover.

Union Grange of East Sumner visited and entertained Buckfield Grange Feb. 3, making things interesting for all concerned.

A. F. Warren's team made a very quick trip from the depot Friday. No great damage reported.

At the time that the Spanish war was brewing, a layman was conducting religious meetings in an outlying district. Locking arms in a brotherly way with an old man, he said to him, "Hadn't you better join our army?" "I'm too old a man to fight them d— Spaniards."

There is a man in town wiring for electric lights. Conant, the barber, and A. Damon, the machinist, have them first, and Hotel Long.

Tuesday was a gala day for Buckfield Literary Club. A new departure is for three members to entertain at stated intervals, and last Tuesday it came our way. Yes, the writer has always favored the woman's clubs if they were not too many, or too long, but for an old rheumatic who has seen better days to have to hike here for cream, and there for something else, with no future prospect of a finger in the pie, seemed a little tough; but later through the kindness of Rev. Mr. Pottle who drove round and took the refreshments to his house, we were somewhat relieved. Mrs. Pottle, Mrs. I. W. Shaw and Mrs. Tilton entertained. One feature was solving conundrums for a prize. The one that solved the largest number got a prize, which was Mrs. Virgil Cole. The prize was a twisted doughnut, nine inches long, elaborately done up.

My personal benefit derived, reminds me of an incident that occurred once on a time in this village. A farmer from outside came in one Sunday and procured a pint of alcohol. He called on a friend to furnish a bottle, and some water to split the same. The man was all attention, watching with great expectation for a smile, when, alas, the man departed with never a thank.

Being indisposed I gave last week's locals to the boy to mail. After carrying from Friday noon to Saturday night, he returned the same in good condition.

Presiding Elder Parsons came Saturday, stopping over Sunday. He preached at the M. E. church on Sunday.

Howard P. Shaw has returned to his Tech studies.

Edward Bicknell and wife of Hartford Cold Spring have gone to Windsor Spring, Lewiston, in the employ of Wm. Bridgham.

Edmund DeCoster, a member of Fessenden Post, passed away Friday at East Buckfield after a long illness. J. H. DeCoster of Mechanic Falls, a brother, attended.

Mrs. Chas. Buck is to accompany her husband on the road, he being a commercial traveler.

Alice Nulty and Helen Shaw are ill, but improving. Many are ill with colds. Wife and I have been chastened, but it's scarcely worth mentioning.

Thursday evening was set for a dramatic entertainment by a Turner club at Nezinscot Hall, but the storm blocked the game.

Next Monday evening at Nezinscot Hall a drama will be witnessed in the interest of the grange.

Rev. C. F. Parsons, presiding elder for Lewiston district, held his last quarterly meeting for the conference year Saturday and Sunday last, preaching at East Buckfield in the morning, and at 2 P. M. at the village.

The Quarterly Conference Saturday evening was well attended, only one member being absent. A good showing for the year's work was made. About $800 has been expended on the church property by way of repairs and improvements. There have been additions to the church membership and an increased interest and courage noted. The return of the pastor, Rev. A. W. Pottle, for another year was unanimously requested. The following persons were elected to the official board of the church: E. M. Atwood, Asa Atwood, S. A. Lucas, Harry Dudley, Cyrus Dudley, Miss Nellie Dudley, Mrs. Emma Jewett, Mrs. Julia Harlow, Mrs. Josephine Thomes, Fred W. Warren, Mrs. Effie Warren, Francis Hunt, J. M. Millett.

An increasing interest is being evidenced in Buckfield in the work of the W. C. T. U. as was manifest Friday in a meeting both afternoon and evening at the Baptist church under the patronage of the local union. The occasion was the visit of Mrs. Brewster of Portland, field worker for Oxford County. In the afternoon she met the ladies and matters of local interest were discussed. In the evening a good audience for Buckfield assembled and was favored with a rare treat in the very interesting and practical address by Mrs. Brewster. Miss Barrett, president of the local union, presided; Mrs. Pottle read the scripture lesson and offered prayer; Mr. and Mrs. Pottle conducted the singing.

Mr. W. J. Wheeler of South Paris was in town this week delivering a musical instrument in Hartford, also a piano in Buckfield. Mr. Wheeler is a reliable dealer, doing a large business in musical instruments as well as in other directions.

Greenwood.

Is this month destined to rival Minnesota in the matter of snow? It is now twenty inches deep in the woods and still coming. Well, it is as true to-day as ever that better late than never.

And now the question is, how long will the sledding continue? One man thinks it will hold out until near the end of March, while another offers to wager a pint of peanuts that it will practically end by the middle of the month. As for ourself we do not care to risk that amount of personal property on either side.

Mrs. Edgar Morgan and Mrs. Viola Herrick visited at the Bennett place Wednesday. Mrs. Morgan reports her sister, Mrs. Abbie Hayes, as having a severe time with erysipelas in her face; also that Sylvester Cole was about the same as on the sick list with grippe. She also informed us that they think the Herrick boy has been heard from, and that he has gone to work for a man in Shelburne, N. H., but how he got there, unless he had assistance, is still the question.

A letter from Mrs. Jennie Howe of West Minot gives us some unpleasant news, among the rest that her father, John A. Page, who, it will be remembered, was our former schoolmate, is so troubled with heart disease as to be about the same as on the sick list. And there are those who will also remember that Mr. Page spent last winter with his daughter, Mrs. Andrews, in Tacoma, Washington, and was very much delighted with the country and climate.

Accidents continue to happen; recently while Daniel Bryant was loading some logs, a skid flew up striking on the acoustic appendage, the effects of which are still visible.

We have just finished reading a book of 96 pages entitled Intra Muros, and written by Rebecca Ruter Springer. She claims it to be an imperfect sketch of what she saw and heard in the celestial world while in a trance, during a severe sickness; or, as she puts it, "when life hung in the balance between Time and Eternity, with the scales dipping decidedly toward the Eternity side." We will only add here that imperfect as she claims it to be, it is one of the most interesting religious books we ever read.

Denmark.

Dr. Shaw has been in Portland for a day or two.

Mr. Chas. Vancor will drive the team from which Mr. Ezra Davis was killed and finish the logging job for Mrs. Davis.

The last term of high school for the season began Monday, the 12th.

Only two weeks now to the annual town meeting.

Oren True, son of Mrs. Frank True, aged 17 years, 8 months, died Monday, the 12th, after a short illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Freeman Sanborn is reported as being a little under the weather.

Bad colds are raging in this section.

Leon Ingalls shot a nice fox a few days ago.

West Sumner.

Mr. H. W. Whitman of Buckfield was in town Wednesday.

The new hall is completed and preparations are being made for a grand opening by a masquerade ball in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Field of West Paris visited Mrs. Field's aunt, Mrs. E. G. Small, Thursday.

Mrs. Thurza Crockett went to Canton Monday to spend a few months with her brothers, the Messrs. Dearborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chandler and two little daughters left for Lynn, Mass., Monday to visit Mr. Chandler's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tobin, of Bear Mountain, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Farrar.

Mr. Frank Young moved his family to the farm of R. N. Stetson Thursday. Mrs. Young will keep house for Mr. Stetson and Mr. Young will work for him on the farm for one year.

A telephone meeting was held here Thursday, which in spite of the snow storm, was largely attended. Among those from out of town were Dr. E. H. Andrews of Brunswick, Mr. Bird of Rockland, representing the Eastern Telephone Co., and Mr. Storer of Boston, in the interest of the New England Telephone Co.

Oxford.

T. A. Roberts W. R. C. observed the eight anniversary of its organization Saturday evening at the M. E. vestry. An entertainment was given consisting of selections on the graphophone by Mr. Harry Andrews; singing by the quartette; a solo by Miss Grace Farnham, with remarks by Rev. Messrs. Chapman and Newport and from the comrades. Refreshments of coffee, cake, etc., were served.

The fourth anniversary of the Pythian Sisterhood was observed recently with entertainment of musical and literary exercises, with refreshments of cocoa, cake and confectionery.

The Congregationalist Ladies' Circle met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. B. Andrews.

Rev. Mr. Chapman delivered a sermon on Lincoln's birthday on Sunday last at the M. E. church.

Newry.

Died in North Newry, Feb. 10th, Thirza King, wife of Horatio Wight, after a long and painful illness from stomach trouble, aged 48 years. Mrs. Wight was one of four sisters, only one of whom is now living, Mrs. W. B. Wight; three having passed away within four years. Her husband, who cared for her so faithfully through an illness of many years' duration, will be very lonely, as there have been no children in their home.

Maud Vail, who has been assisting Mrs. W. A. Foster, has scarlet fever and is quite sick at Mrs. Foster's.

Mrs. Angelia Farrar of Grafton, an old-time correspondent of the Democrat, who was stricken with paralysis more than a year ago, had another attack a week ago and was very low when last heard from.

People are rejoiced to learn of Dr. Twaddle's convalescence after a dangerous illness.

February is giving us some truly winter weather.

Mexico.

Albert D. Park visited his sisters Monday afternoon, and spent the night at his father's.

Herbert O. Gleason remains with his father, David O., who no doubt will not recover from his illness.

Many from Mexico Grange attended Pomona at West Peru, and report that the meeting was a success; that they had an all-round good time.

Old growth dry hard wood in 16-inch lengths (not split) sells for $6.50 per cord.

A lively contest at the March (town) meeting is anticipated over the effort to obtain a new school house near A. W. Richards' mill, below Ridlonville. It is understood that the school officers will report that it is a necessity. It is thought that Mexico will vote against joining with Rumford in the choice of Superintendent of Schools and will select one living in Mexico. Prominently named for that position is Rev. A. G. Warner.

Mason.

Ervin Hutchinson traded a nice pair of work horses for a large pair of oxen with Walter Emery of Bethel.

Alton Merrill has moved to Birchmont Farm, where he has employment. Marion R. Bean went with them to help take care of their little one while they get settled a little.

Ervin Hutchinson bought a cow and a nice hog of Eli A. Grover.

J. M. Philbrook and T. F. Hastings were in town the 14th.

George W. Mills, who has been stopping with G. B. Mills for the past few months, returned to his home in Worcester, Mass., the 14th.

Mrs. A. E. Tyler is visiting her parents at Bolster's Mills.

Bertha Tyler has returned from a visit at her grandfather's, B. F. Skillings', of Bolster's Mills.

Brownfield.

First Congregational church, Rev. Dr. James J. G. Tarr, pastor. Sunday, Feb. 25, morning

SOUTH PARIS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Commencing October 1, 1905,

TRAINS LEAVE SOUTH PARIS

Going down (east)—5:36 A. M., daily; 9:50 A. M., daily except Sunday; 4:35 P. M., daily.

Going up (west)—9:50 A. M., daily; 3:26 P. M., daily except Sunday; 8:47 P. M., daily.

SOUTH PARIS POST OFFICE.

Office Hours: 7:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M.

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.

Coming Events.

Feb. 21.—Entertainment and pie social of Epworth League, Methodist church, South Paris.
Feb. 21.—Washington's birthday supper, Baptist church, South Paris
Feb. 22.—Supper and entertainment, Congregational church, South Paris.
Feb. 26, 27.—Illustrated lectures by Albra Fogg, Methodist church, South Paris.
Feb. 28, March 1.—Good Cheer fair, "At the Sign of the Pink Carnation," South Paris.
March 5.—Annual town meeting in most Oxford County towns.
March 6.—Oxford Pomona Grange, West Paris.
March 13.—Supreme Judicial Court, South Paris.

Mrs. George A. Cutting is visiting relatives in Waterford.

Mrs. N. D. Bolster spent several days in Portland last week.

The private school taught by Miss Ruth I. Stearns will close Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. George M. Cutting visited her daughter, Mrs. Edgerley, in Canton, a few days last week.

Mrs. Charles H. Howard and son Henry returned last week from a visit of two weeks in Oxford.

Work on the town report is well along at the Democrat office, and the report will be issued some time this week.

Members of the festival chorus who have not secured their books must do so at once, as those not taken must be returned.

The Schubert Quartette sang at an entertainment at North Buckfield last Thursday evening, under the auspices of Mountain Grange.

C. F. Chase has been employed for some weeks putting in machinery in a mill for Bearce & Millett at Hebron, and is now running the board saw in the mill.

On account of his illness Hon. Geo. A. Wilson has resigned as referee in bankruptcy for Oxford County, and Walter L. Gray has been appointed to fill out the term, which expires next July.

One of the attractive features "At the Sign of the Pink Carnation" will be the supper which will be served Wednesday at 6:30, at Good Cheer Hall, at the usual price. It will be first-class and you don't want to miss it.

At the skating rink Tuesday evening, a special attraction was a two-mile race between Dellea and Ayres, for a pair of ball bearing roller skates. They were won by Ayres by a lap and a half. The rink is run every Tuesday and Saturday evening, and the crowds which go and skate are a reminder of the palmy days of skating, twenty-odd years ago, when big buildings constructed for rinks sprang up like mushrooms all over the land.

The Seneca Club was entertained last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Morton by Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Effie Howe. It being conversation evening and no programme laid out the affair was turned into a valentine party. Suitable games were played after which dainty refreshments were served, the table being set to carry out the idea of the evening. On the whole it was a very enjoyable evening. A few invited guests were present.

The warrant for town meeting will contain a few articles relating to matters outside of the ordinary routine business of the annual meeting. Such are the following:

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to build an iron bridge at Trap Corner, and what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the same.

Article 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to extend the sewer in South Paris village.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to pay the bill claimed by A. W. Walker & Son for extending the sewer in 1904.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the selectmen from Main Street past the residence of James L. Chase, Paris Hill, Maine.

Article 26. To see if the town will instruct the superintending school committee to maintain schools in the Bisson, Forbes, Partridge, Snow's Falls, Hall, Whittemore, Tubbs and Bolster districts.

Jailer Farrar on Thursday arrested Voyle L. Morrill, who was wanted at St. John, N. B., for embezzlement. Morrill, who was employed as bookkeeper by a firm of machinists in St. John, is charged with making an unauthorized collection of $660 due the firm, and converting it to his own use. The peculiar feature of his act was that he deposited $400 of the amount in a St. John bank, and took with him only $260. He was traced to Portland, and the police learned that he had been seen in company with a man who had been to South Paris and returned. They immediately telephoned Mr. Farrar, and after some investigation he was able to locate his man, who was employed in canvassing in Paris and Norway for a picture enlarging concern. He was taken to Portland Saturday by Mr. Farrar, and turned over to the St. John officers, who had come after him. Morrill is 22 years of age. He was evidently surprised at being discovered. About $100 of the money he took with him was recovered.

Although the evening was stormy, a good audience gathered at the Methodist church Wednesday evening for the entertainment for the benefit of the public library. Hon. James S. Wright presided, and expressed the hope that the library, in which all were interested, would some day find a Carnegie who would build it a home without imposing conditions too burdensome. Several selections were sung by the Schubert Quartette, and by a male quartette composed of Messrs. Dunn, Cole, Briggs and Hall, all of which were well received. The principal part of the evening's time was taken up by Rev. E. A. Clifford of the Methodist church, who gave his lecture, "Studies in Biography." This consisted of incidents, descriptive matter, etc., regarding eminent men and women whom he had met, seen, or heard speak. It was a large list of distinguished names, and an hour and a quarter was most entertainingly occupied in incidents regarding these people or personal experiences with them. A hearty rising vote of thanks was extended at the close to Mr. Clifford and the singers, all of whom gave their services for the benefit of the library. The net proceeds of the evening were nearly thirty dollars, which will be used for the purchase of new books.

Mrs. Dorcas M. Richardson is visiting in Bethel.

Dr. Earle E. Bessey of Danvers, Mass., is a guest at H. A. Morton's.

Mrs. Robert Bean of North Bethel is spending a few weeks at home.

Miss Florence M. Richardson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Pease, in Exeter, N. H.

Charles Kimball, on the Herbert Tucker farm, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Philip S. Mason and family will start Tuesday morning for a visit of a few weeks to friends in Massachusetts.

Miss Susie M. Wheeler entertained sixteen of the teachers of South Paris and Norway at her home Saturday evening.

Mrs. George Soper received a box of roses and violets recently from Mrs. G. W. Whitman of Florida, which she appreciated very much.

Mrs. J. F. McArdle and Miss Iva McArdle have moved on to the second floor of their house, and L. B. Carter and family will occupy the rent on the ground floor.

Rev. A. K. Baldwin preached an interesting sermon on missions last Sunday morning at the Methodist church in exchange with the pastor. Next Sunday evening Rev. C. F. Parsons will preach.

The Epworth League will have an entertainment and pie social at the M. E. church parlor on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st. Pies sold at close of entertainment. Ladies requested to bring a pie. Admission free to all.

The monthly supper at the Congregational church Thursday, Feb. 22d, Washington's birthday. Very handsome menu cards will be distributed. Soups, oyster patties, salads and cold meats. Entertainment by local talent.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wheeler and Miss Sue Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Gray attended the ladies' night banquet of the Oxford County Association of Knights Templar at Beal's Hotel, Norway, Thursday evening.

Tickets for the male Pink Carnation Minstrels, which will appear in New Hall March 1 and 2, will go on sale at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s Saturday morning, Feb. 24th, at 9 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents, all seats reserved. Children under 12, 15 cents.

After the regular meeting of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge Friday evening of this week there will be a book social and each member is asked to represent the title of some book. The one guessing the largest number correctly will be the best fellow.

Mt. Mica Lodge of South Paris, West Paris Lodge of West Paris, and Mechanic Falls Lodge of Odd Fellows have all been invited to meet with Abou Ben Adhem lodge of Auburn on Thursday evening, March 1st. West Paris degree staff will confer the 2d degree.

"The Jolly Eight"—although for that evening they were seven—were entertained Wednesday evening by Miss Kitty Morton, one of their number, at a valentine party. The evening was passed in dancing and other amusements, and was much enjoyed by all.

The members of the Fan Tan Club who haven't entertained will entertain the club at a banquet at the Beal's House, Norway, Tuesday, Feb. 20. The banquet will be served at nine o'clock, and the membere are asked to take the quarter past eight car.

Miss Grace Bennett, who is teaching in Amesbury, Mass., is just recovering from injuries caused by the collapse of a chair in which she was sitting. She was confined to the bed for two or three weeks, and serious injuries were feared, but she is now getting around again.

Two splendid illustrated lectures will be given in the Methodist church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 26 and 27, by Mr. Albra Fogg. The subjects are "Scenes in California and the Rocky Mountains," and "Vacation Glimpses," a trip to Washington and other places.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Baptist church will celebrate Washington's birthday Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st, by giving a baked bean supper. The waiters will be costumed in Martha Washington style. Supper at 6:30 P. M. Interesting literary games will be played during the evening.

Quite a delegation of ladies from the W. C. T. U. accepted the invitation of the Norway Union to meet with them Friday afternoon and were most loyally entertained in Grange Hall. After a most pleasing entertainment a generous collation was served. Long live the Norway Union of the W. C. T. U.

Harry M. Wheeler, who has been submaster in Norway High School for the past two terms, goes to-day, Monday, to Harvard, where he will complete the course and take his diploma with the class of 1906. Mr. Wheeler entered Harvard in 1902, and was taking the course in three years, but was obliged by ill health to drop out about a year ago.

Those of the W. C. T. U. who heard Miss Brewster at the Baptist vestry Tuesday afternoon were well repaid for any effort made. She had an easy and graceful manner, while what she said was entertaining and profitable. Miss Tolman rendered a sacred solo in her usually pleasing manner and one more name was added to the list of white ribboners.

They were trying to arrange rehearsals, and dovetail them in some way among the continuous series of events in the place. "Can't you postpone that other rehearsal to some other night in the week?" was asked. Postpone!" was the response. "Good land! there isn't any night to postpone anything to in South Paris. If you can't have it on the night set, you've simply got to cut it out entirely."

It is the request of the supper committee for the annual fair supper of the Good Cheer Society, Feb. 28, that all members cook two things, and any one unable to do so, after receiving their slip will kindly notify the chairman, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, as soon as possible. Also there are several tablecloths that have been taken out to wash which have not been returned. It is very necessary that they be looked up and brought in by next Wednesday, Feb. 21st. The supper will be in Good Cheer Hall, Feb. 28th.

The masked poverty "soshul" of the Congregational Christian Endeavor Society in Oald Nu Haul Friday evening was a very successful affair, brilliant in its line, and well attended. Rip Van Winkle's attire, after his twenty years' sleep, was discounted by some of the costumes which appeared. The Bingville Band furnished most appropriate and highly appreciated music for a series of games, and a very gay time was had throughout. The prize for worst looking man's costume was awarded to Roy Cole, and that for woman's to Mrs. C. W. Bowker. A very effective costume, in different style from the others in the hall, was that worn by Mrs. Alton C. Wheeler, which was made up of copies of the Oxford Democrat.

BOLSTER DISTRICT.

Miss Mattie Pratt is helping Mrs. Arthur Talbot.

Bert Moore of Norway is getting out pulp wood for Arthur Talbot.

Miss Mary Swan is assisting Mrs. Charles Gowell with her house work.

Henry Record is hauling cord wood and timber with four oxen to the village.

Arthur Talbot, who has been confined to the bed for the past three weeks by illness, is reported improving.

Mrs. W. E. Waldron spent the past week in Buckfield helping care for her mother, Mrs. A. K. Winslow, who is in feeble health.

Harry McKeen, Chas. Gowell, Oscar Parsons and Chas. Swett are also improving the good sledding hauling wood and timber to South Paris.

Two Bowdoin college students have been expelled from the college and two suspended for six weeks, the charges being drinking and gambling in the first case and intoxication in the second.

As to School Matters in Paris.

MR. FIELDS FAVORS THIRTY WEEKS AND ONE TERM OF HIGH SCHOOL AT WEST PARIS.

West Paris, Feb. 17, 1906.

Having last spring expressed myself quite freely in regard to school matters, and having advanced opinions which now seem to me to be erroneous, I wish through the columns of the Democrat to state my views of the school question at the present time. Not being egoistical enough to think that this will cause many voters in town to change their views necessarily, I still wish to express them in order to account for my seeming inconsistency in my action at the town meeting last spring and this, if I am permitted to attend, and also hope that this expression of my views may at least cause others to examine into this matter more deeply and possibly arrive at the same conclusions.

Last spring I stated that I thought twenty or twenty-two weeks of schooling was sufficient for a school year. I have modified my views so that I thoroughly believe that although twenty or twenty-two weeks a year may be sufficient for farmers' children, yet for children in our villages thirty weeks is none too much, as then they find quite enough time to idle around the stores, post office, railroad station or in the streets.

Now this lack in our villages, in two of them at least, has been supplemented by terms of private school, yet this is an unsatisfactory arrangement, because there are in every village poor people who can perhaps ill afford to pay the tuition, at the same time wishing to have their scholars enjoy the same privileges that the children of wealthier parents have, and which in the matter of schooling should be theirs.

I am convinced that the town should support at least 30 weeks of school in our villages—perhaps others may think in our rural districts as well; this of course is a matter for the town to decide at the annual town meeting, and whichever way it decides will be perfectly satisfactory to me.

I wish also to express a desire on the part of the people in this section of the town to have at least one term of high school held at West Paris this year. Now as a matter of justice and equity we think this should be done, as there are quite a large number of high school scholars in and around West Paris who would be accommodated by a term of high school here, and if $1500 is raised for high school in town, we think $400 or $500 could be profitably expended here at West Paris, and should be done. We only ask to have what is fair and just, and all fairminded citizens must allow that this should be granted us. It is quite a saving to parents who wish their children to attend high school to have the chance to board them at home, besides being much more convenient. So we hope the voters of the good town of Paris will accord us that right.

Before closing we wish to speak a word of praise for our very efficient school board, and particularly School Superintendent Alton C. Wheeler, who as we understand refuses to serve the town in that capacity any longer.

He has served the town faithfully for several years as superintendent, and it is a pleasant duty to commend, and we gladly do it. It seems to be quite a fad with some to find fault with the selectmen and school officers, but we think this is a bad mistake. If we would show our appreciation of their faithful efforts and zeal to serve the best interests of the town it would give them a greater incentive to do their best by which we would profit. Faultfinding will not do it, and we should censure when we have a proved wrong intent, and only then.

E. E. Field.

Shooting Affair at Mechanic Falls.

NOBODY HURT, BUT CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC DIFFICULTY UNCOVERED.

Tuesday evening, after the arrival of the train from Auburn at Mechanic Falls, there was an affray in which a revolver was fired. The parties were Albert W. Kesten and Perley Cox. It appeared from what was later developed that Cox had been boarding with Kesten and his wife, and his presence in the house was by no means agreeable to Kesten. On Tuesday Cox and Mrs. Kesten had been to Auburn and returned on the evening train. Kesten was waiting at the station, and after they had got off the train there was an affray between Kesten and Cox, and Kesten fired a revolver. He asserts that he did not fire at Cox, but fired at one side to frighten him. An attempt was made to apprehend Kesten, but he got away and stayed in hiding until the next morning, when he gave himself up to the officers.

In the Auburn Municipal Court on Wednesday Kesten was given a hearing, and was bound over in the sum of $5000.

In the meantime Kesten had sworn out a complaint against his wife for adultery, and she was arrested when she made her appearance in the court room as a witness against her husband. She furnished bonds for her appearance at a continued hearing.

Cox was arrested later on the same charge, and committed to jail.

From the office of Hon. S. W. Carr, insurance commissioner, it is learned that the whole number of fires which occurred in the state during the year 1905 was 1,927, and the loss resulting therefrom was $2,425,520. The number of fires for the year 1904 was 1,829, with a resulting loss of $2,207,380, which compared with the record for 1905, shows an increase of 98 in the number of fires for the latter year, and an increase of $218,140 in the resulting loss. The number of fires for the year which resulted from defective flues and chimneys was 287, which was nearly three times as many as resulted from any one cause, and the loss resulting therefrom was $201,219; lightning caused 77 fires, with a loss of $22,438; there were 18 incendiary fires, with a loss of $15,376; 20 fires were due to spontaneous combustion, and caused a loss of $162,933. The number of dwellings destroyed during the year was 1185; dwellings with barns and stables attached, 126; farm buildings, 79; public halls, 14; hotels, 33; restaurants and saloons, 10; stores unclassified, 74; stores and dwellings attached, 87; storehouses, 27; summer cottages 19.

An Innovation on Grand Trunk Railway.

In order to facilitate the prompt delivery of baggage at Toronto, Montreal and Hamilton, and to avoid delay and annoyance often occasioned at these points, the General Baggage Department of the Grand Trunk Railway System are arranging for the checking of baggage from all stations in Canada direct to residences, hotels, railway stations and steamboat wharves in the above cities.

Under this arrangement a passenger from any station on the Grand Trunk Railway System, upon payment of 25c. for each piece, will be able to check their baggage direct to any residence, hotel, etc., thus avoiding the necessity of making arrangements for delivery on arrival and insuring the prompt receipt of baggage at destination.

Under this system baggage when received from trains at destination will be immediately delivered direct to the Transfer Co. for Prompt Delivery, thus avoiding delays previously occasioned by placing same in baggage room, recording, re-assorting, etc., thus saving time and unnecessary handling.

Further announcement will be made of date this service will be put into effect.

GAS IN THE STOMACH.

Belching and that sense of fullness so often experienced after eating is caused by the formation of gas. The stomach fails to perform its functions and the food ferments. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct the disorder. They aid digestion and strengthen and invigorate the stomach and bowels. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Mrs. Salome Sellers, Deer Isle's centenarian, has been ill, but is now much better and is expected to reach her 107th birthday in fair health.

Arch supporters for men and women, price $2.00 at Smiley Shoe Store, Norway.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout, Pastor. Preaching service Sunday, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 11:30 M.; Y. P. S. C. E., Sunday Evening, 6:30 P. M.; Social Meeting, 7:00 P. M; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Tuesday evening.

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

Methodist Church, Rev. C. A. Brooks, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M., prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting Friday evening. Epworth League, Sunday evening, 6:30 P. M.

Baptist Church, Rev. E. S. Cotton, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Prayer Meeting, Sunday evening 7 P. M., Wednesday evening, 7:30.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 19, in Masonic Hall, Friday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 29, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, after full moon. Oxford Lodge, No. 1, Ark Mariners, Wednesday evening after full moon.

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

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month. Lake Assembly, No. 33, P. S., second and fourth Friday evenings of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

K. G. E.—Oxford Castle, No. 2, meets in Ryerson hall, every Thursday evening, September to May, first and third Thursday evenings, May to September.

David Flood is one of the largest shippers of pulp wood from the Norway station. He and his sons are doing an extensive business.

Horace S. Perry will deliver to the firm of C. B. Cummings & Sons between two and three hundred thousand feet of pine from his home lot. The pine is delivered on the ice near the school house.

M. L. kimball, Esq., was in Rockland this week on official business connected with the K. of P. order.

Frank H. Beck has a new wood sawing machine. He takes this way to advertise his new engines and power and at the same time does most excellent work.

Now good people are making complaint of the abundance of snow. It's hard to please all.

Mrs. Eugene F. Smith entertained the "Merry Eight" Tuesday evening. A valentine dinner was in order with a most pleasing menu of chicken, salads, cakes, frozen pudding and all the other good things that go to make up a most excellent meal. Following the dinner whist was enjoyed for a time. Mrs. V. W. Hills entertains the club at a Washington dinner party next week.

There is some talk of constructing a new street, commencing at a point on Main Street between Dr. B. F. Bradbury's and C. L. Hathaway's places and extending to Orchard Street to the residence of E. F. Bicknell. A foot path has already been built. It is said that the cost of construction would be small. It would be necessary to fill in some and place a bridge over the stream. This would open up some excellent building lots.

The monthly meeting of the Norway Board of Trade was held at the Engine House Hall Tuesday evening with a very good attendance.

The installation of officers elect of Oxford Lodge, No. 1, Ark Mariners, took place at Masonic Hall Wednesday evening. The officers are:

Ven. Pat.—E. E. Andrews.
Ark Mate—J. M. Palmer.
Ark Master—H. L. Bartlett.
Treas.—Charles H. Adams.
Sec.—Merton L. Kimball.
Tyler—Thaddeus Cross.

The warrant for the annual March meeting is out. The warrant contains the usual articles: Art. 7 is to see if the town will maintain a school in Yagger.

Art. 8 is to see if the town will vote the sum of $300 for instruction in drawing and music in the schools "of twenty-five pupils or more."

Art. 27 is to see what disposition the town will vote to make of the balance of money now on hand received from the state on account of state road, being the sum of $399.97.

Art. 28 is to see if the town will vote to change its fiscal year, which now ends Jan. 31, so it shall close its fiscal year Dec. 31st.

Art. 29 is to see if the town will vote to instruct the road commissioners and others, who cut bushes by the roadside, to reserve trees for shade purposes.

Art. 30 is to see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from Water Street, past Holden and Allen lots, to the Ellsworth Murch place.

Art. 31. To see if the town will discontinue the road from A. B. Farnum's to T. L. Newcomb's.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to purchase an iron bridge to replace the wooden one on Pleasant Street near the mill and to appropriate money for the same.

Art. 33 is to see if the town will vote to adopt the new law of 1905, relative to "wooden swing doors" for voting compartments. The object of the law being to screen the voter from observation while marking his ballot.

Art. 34 is to see if the town will vote to choose a committee to investigate the advisability of purchasing a steam roller and stone crusher for the use of the town.

Albert C. McCrellis is to use a twenty-five horse power electric motor in his new grist mill. He recently put in an expensive gas plant such as the Norway Water Co. put into its new plant.

One hundred and fifteen couples were on the grand march at the Veranda Club ball Wednesday evening at the Opera House. Music by Stearns' orchestra was, as usual, first class. It was the largest and best party of the winter. The entertainment of F. J. McCarthy and W. S. Chandler was first class. The net proceeds will be used for the poor.

Carl Stone was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Stone, over Sunday. He returned to his college studies at Bowdoin Monday.

The Martha Washington fair at Concert Hall by the ladies of the Universalist church will take place Feb. 20th and 21st.

Perley Proctor is the new delivery man for the A. C. McCrellis mill.

F. A. Hall has been sick and unable to work the past week.

Joseph S. Holt and Eben C. Shackley have returned from the hospital.

The remains of Mrs. Robert N. Millett were brought from Hanover, Mass., to Norway for burial Tuesday. Mrs. Millett's maiden name was Catherine Wetherbee Hobbs, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Moulton) Hobbs. She was born in Norway Jan. 10, 1868. She graduated from Norway High School in the class of 1890, and for some time was one of Norway's most successful teachers. She attended Farmington Normal School and entered Colby. She married Robert N. Millett in August, 1897, who with two sons survives her. The services were held at the home of Helen Noyes, Rev. J. A. Harding of Camden and Rev. E. S. Cotton officiating. There was a great quantity of most beautiful flowers. Interment Pine Grove.

Mercy Millett, upper primary, has resigned her school and gone to Hanover to keep house for her brother, Robert N. Millett. Marguerite Finney is now in charge of the school.

Thursday evening the Knight Templars of Oxford County enjoyed a banquet at the Beal's House.

A HABIT TO BE ENCOURAGED.

The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup, to which children are susceptible are quickly cured by its use. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security. Sold by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Maine News Notes.

Capt. E. E. Philbrook, who is investigating the brown-tail moth plague, reports many thousands of nests in the coast towns of Lincoln County.

Sydney Smith of Phillips, formerly of Gardiner, who was injured while at work for the Berlin Mills Company at Phillips, died later. Smith was caught in the shafting and badly crushed.

In the logging woods near Machias, Percy Willard of Great Pond cut his instep with an axe and died the next day from loss of blood soon after his arrival in East Machias, where he was taken for treatment.

Mary's lamb has a dangerous rival. Over in York, the other day, a full-grown buck walked into the schoolyard, to the delight of the boys and girls, but a dog happened round in time to give the deer a race for life. The deer won.

Portland has formed a power boat club and secured quarters for a club house. The members expect to have a long distance race next summer from Boston to some point on the Maine coast and will probably make it at the same time that the Boston yacht club has its annual cruise to Five Islands.

At Bangor Tuesday Frank Gallato, who had once been tried for the murder of Frank Trugelio at Millinocket, with the result of a disagreement of the jury, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and his plea was accepted. He was sentenced to ten years in state prison, which it is thought will amount to a life sentence, as he is apparently in consumption. He is an Italian, as was his victim.

Flashe Laimaillette of Riley was almost instantly killed, and Alphonso Legere of the same town was seriously injured as a result of the carriage in which they were riding being struck by a passenger train on a grade crossing between Chisholm and Jay Bridge Tuesday. Legere's injuries, while considered serious, may not necessarily prove fatal. The horse was killed and the carriage demolished.

Two Machias men were recently tried in the United States court for concealing part of their estate in bankruptcy, and the unique defence was made that the goods were not a part of the estate in bankruptcy, but that they had been sold some time before the bankruptcy, for delivery in Canada, and had been stored where they were found for the purpose of smuggling them across the border. The men were convicted.

For the break in the Red Beach post office, and the assault on the watchman who was shot, Ashton and Phelps were sentenced in the United States court on the 10th. Ashton, the Negro, whose real name is Minot St. Clair Francis, and who shot the watchman, got a total of sixteen years in state prison, and Phelps got a total of five years. The prompt capture, trial and sentencing of these men was a very satisfactory piece of work.

Hon. C. A. Milliken of Augusta last week completed the purchase of the Van Buren Lumber Co.'s plant, which includes the mills at Van Buren and all their timber lands, 135,000 acres in the provinces and 12,000 acres in this state. Mr. Milliken will operate the business and says there is now on hand at this mill about 10,000,000 of spruce, and cedar enough for about 40,000,000 shingles. The shingle mill is a big one, a 16-machine mill.

Kennebec Journal: Charles M. Cumston, who has just died in Boston at the age of 82, was one of many Maine men who have won success and fortune in the Bay State. Though a native of Scarboro he spent his boyhood in Monmouth and the beautiful Cumston hall which he gave Monmouth a few years ago is his enduring monument there. He graduated from Bowdoin in 1843 and in 1847 the college gave him the degree of LL. D. For a third of a century he was a teacher in Massachusetts, being for 20 years a teacher in the famous English High School of Boston and for five years its headmaster. Fortunate investments in real estate brought him a fortune. Since his retirement he has spent much of his time at his old home in Monmouth.

James Roundy, aged 45, of Fairfield, was shot in the back Monday night, while attempting to gain an entrance to the home of Elmer J. Hallett in the town of Sidney. He is expected to recover although blood poisoning is feared. Hallett admitted he fired the shot from a revolver of 32 calibre, but did so in self-defence, and the officers who investigated decided not to arrest him. It appears that Roundy, accompanied by a man named Ames, also a resident of Fairfield, drove to the Hallett house. Hallett's wife has been divorced from both Roundy and Ames, so they assert, and it is alleged Ames attempted to gain possession of his 14-year-old son, the mother of whom is Mrs. Hallett. It is alleged that both Roundy and Ames fired revolver shots into the air, and one or more through the window, and that they broke in the door. Hallett has applied to a trial justice at Oakland to issue a warrant for the arrest of Roundy and Ames for assault with intent to kill with a dangerous weapon.

COMMON COLDS ARE THE CAUSE OF MANY SERIOUS DISEASES.

Physicians who have gained a national reputation as analysts of the cause of various diseases, claim that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Every one knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from a cold, and chronic catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung trouble are aggravated and rendered more serious by each fresh attack. Do not risk your life or take chances when you have a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains no opium, morphine or other harmful drug and has thirty years of reputation back of it, gained by its cures under every condition. For sale by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Noyes Drug Store, Norway; Jones Drug Store, Oxford.

The Ellsworth American, in August, 1900, printed the following item: "One young man showed a wisdom which should entitle him some day to be president of the United States, by selecting Ellsworth as his birthplace, even against the wishes of his parents. His mother, who is Mrs. Luther E. Cotton, was on her way from Portsmouth, N. H., to her old home in Columbia. At Ellsworth she left the train and went to the Hancock House, where an hour later Dr. N. C. King announced the arrival of a boy. That young man should be named Ellsworth Cotton, and he ought some day to be a great man." The suggestion of the American was adopted, and on Monday of last week, Master Ellsworth Edward Cotton, now of Kittery Point, visited Ellsworth with his mother for the first time since that eventful day in his life in August, 1900. Mrs. Cotton called at the American office and introduced Ellsworth. The editor says: "He is a bright, handsome boy, and bids fair to verify the American's prediction and do credit to the name he bears."

LAME BACK.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day and rubbing the parts vigorously at each application. If this does not afford relief, bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampened with Pain Balm, and quick relief is almost sure to follow. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Milford is priding herself in the report that there will be 25 or 30 houses built there the coming season, and that a big manufacturing plant is to be put in as soon as the power is available.

ITCHING PILES.

If you are acquainted with anyone who is troubled with this distressing ailment you can do him no greater favor than to tell him to try Chamberlain's Salve. It gives instant relief. Price 25 cents per box. Sold by Shurtleff & Co., South Paris; Jones Drug Store, Oxford; Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Glasses on weekly payments. Dr. Parmenter. Read my ad.

Rumford Falls Liquor Cases.

The respondents in the cases where liquor was seized at Rumford Falls were given a hearing in the Rumford Falls Municipal Court Wednesday. In several of the cases, a fine of $200 and costs and 60 days in jail was imposed. William Ross went to jail. John Lemon, $100 and costs, 60 days in jail with 60 days additional in default of payment, appealed and furnished $200 bonds. John Doe, Joe Bill, Polly Procopo, Thomas Demonte, Jacob Aaron, Patrick Pajaspa, Paul Normando, C. C. Italien and Gideon Ferland also received the same sentences as did Lemon, and all furnished $200 bonds.

The following were acquitted: Joe Mitchell, Roland McPhee, John Metevier, Mike Beczevicz, Lawrence Lavorgna.

Two cases, those of Mike Melligan and Ben Breau, were continued until Feb. 24th. Both men furnished $200 bonds.

THE YELLOW FEVER GERM

has recently been discovered. It bears a close resemblance to the malaria germ. To free the system from disease germs, the most effective remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed to cure all diseases due to malaria poison and constipation. 25c at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s Drug Store.

Two of Maine's four members in the Annapolis senior class get their diplomas.

FRIGHTFULLY BURNED.

Chas. W. Moore, a machinist, of Ford City, Pa., had his hand frightfully burned in an electrical furnace. He applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve with the usual result: "a quick and perfect cure." Greatest healer on earth for Burns, Wounds, Sores, Eczema and Piles. 25c at F. A. Shurtleff and Co., Druggists.

Don't deceive yourself. If you have indigestion take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It will relieve you. Rev. W. E. Hocutt, South Mills, N. C., says: "I was troubled with chronic indigestion for several years; whatever I ate seemed to cause heartburn, sour stomach, fluttering of my heart, and general depression of mind and body. My druggist recommends Kodol, and it has relieved me. I can now eat anything and sleep soundly at night." Kodol digests what you eat. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

A man who had rough horny hands made them soft and smooth with Witch Hazel Salve, but he used the genuine—that bearing the name "E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago." For sores, boils, cuts, burns, bruises, etc., it has no equal, and affords almost immediate relief from blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

One Minute Cough Cure contains not an atom of any harmful drug, and it has been curing coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough so long that it has proven itself to be a tried and true friend to the many who use it. No need to fear of your child choking from croup with One Minute Cough Cure handy. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Many Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York. Breaks up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1905.

Mortgage Loans,	$ 15,000 00
Stocks and Bonds,	1,753,542 33
Cash in Office and Bank,	208,342 08
Agents' Balances,	394,522 52
Bills Receivable,	18,940 55
Interest and Rents,	9,260 52
Gross Assets,	$2,397,608 00

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1905.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$ 116,114 73
Unearned Premiums,	1,531,901 59
Cash Capital (Deposit Capital),	201,000 00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	548,591 68
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$2,397,608 00

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Cash Capital,	$1,000,000 00
Reserve for re-insurance,	2,852,315 16
All outstanding claims,	232,131 03
Net surplus,	1,729,173 17
Total assets, Jan. 1, 1906,	$5,813,619 36

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THE PUZZLER

No. 8.—Anagrams.

1. Invite your — if you wish. It is a — fish, but it has a white —.
2. This camera is all right except that it has no —. I never dreamt there was so much mischief — —.
3. It is a very — set. — — to me in a saucer. Bring some — — for the canary cage.

No. 9.—A Word Puzzle.

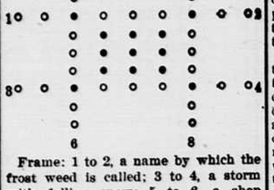
Four parts have I of varied sounds.
The power of kings in me abounds.
My FIRST is felt as from above,
A kind of fear that mates with love;
My SECOND's seen in melting snows;
My THIRD a hardy cereal grows;
My FOURTH is called a cheering cup.
Now tell my WHOLE or give me up.

No. 10.—Names of Famous Books.

The answer to each of these definitions will be the name of a well known book or play.

1. A red portion of the alphabet.
2. A beautiful white stone and a mythological creature.
3. The house of a relative named Thomas.
4. The friend of both of us.
5. A building where flour is made, on a river.
6. A song of a great holiday.
7. Vegetable growths from an ancient house.
8. A story of more than one city.
9. Boys.
10.—Girls.

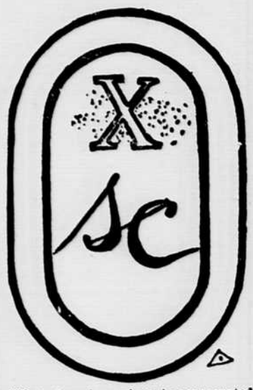
No. 11.—Framed Word Square.



Frame: 1 to 2, a name by which the frost weed is called; 3 to 4, a storm with falling snow; 5 to 6, a shop where books are sold; 7 to 8, spar formed into the shape of drops.

Inclosed Word Square: 1. The name of a cold substance, crystals of which late in autumn shoot from the cracked bark of the plant named by the letters from 1 to 2. 2. To study. 3. To terminate.

No. 12.—What River?



What American river is represented by the picture?

No. 13.—Subtractions.

[One letter remains.]

1. Subtract stiff from cold.
2. Subtract an insect from need.
3. Subtract the whole from an entrance.
4. Subtract roguish from the name of a month.
5. Subtract a lyric poem from to presage.

No. 14.—Animal Puzzle.

Each definition names an animal.

1. To endure.
2. To follow persistently.
3. To close a letter with wax.
4. To bother or tease.
5. A massive work of stone to defend a port from the sea.

The Trouble.

Mrs. Firem Quick—I'm worrying about that new cook.

Mr. Quick—What's the matter—afraid she won't stay?

Mrs. Firem Quick—No; I'm afraid she won't go.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Very True.

Nobody goes so far as the man who does not know where he is going.

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 1.—Diamond: 1. T. 2. Dog. 3. Tower. 4. Keg. 5. R.

No. 2.—Illustrated Numerical Enigma: Pictured words—Wheel, disk, dart, thong, study, third, hunt, irons. "He that is giddy thinks the world turns round."

No. 3.—Diagonal:

C O F F E R
G Y R A T E
A L P I N E
S T A R C H
U S E F U L
A B B E S S

No. 4.—Easy Beheadments: 1. Score, core, ore. 2. Small, mall, all.

No. 5.—Additions: Cow-l, morse-l, cur-l, mode-l, pear-l, bow-l, how-l, ear-l.

No. 6.—Enigma: Bridge.

No. 7.—Definitions: 1. Juniper. 2. Icicle. 3. Farcical. 4. Festoon. 5. Fibril.

All old-time Cough Syrups bind the bowels. This is wrong. A new idea was advanced two years ago in Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. This remedy acts on the mucous membranes of the throat and lungs and loosens the bowels at the same time. It expels all cold from the system. It clears the throat, strengthens the mucous membranes, relieves coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Tess—Oh, yes, she was married on the 13th? Jess—On the 13th? Gracious! isn't that unlucky? Tess—How can it be unlucky if she's actually married?

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"Did you hear that young Charley Blank is paying devoted attention to a handsome young married woman?" "Dear me, no. Who is she?" "His wife."

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For a good old soul was he,
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Miss Elderby—Do you really think that women propose?

Oldbach—If they don't, there are a great many marriages I cannot account for.

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Uses of Paper.

In these days the model housewife is not the one who strives every moment of her life to see how much work she can do, but the wise woman who seeks in every way to save work, so that the actual amount of labor she is obliged to perform is made as small as possible.

To this end the use of old newspapers in the saving of work is not half appreciated, for, if it were, one would see them used to a far greater extent than they now are.

In this article are given a few of the ways in which old newspapers may be used to lighten labor, but even with this list the half hath not been told, and it remains for each housewife to see just how they may be put to particularly good use in her own domain.

In the early summer mornings, when bouquets are brought in from the garden to be arranged, all the work of picking up the dropped leaves and stems will be unnecessary if a newspaper is spread out upon the table before the flowers are laid down to be arranged.

This is also true when preparing vegetables or paring apples or other fruit. The newspaper, spread upon the table or at the side of the sink, catches the parings and all refuse bits, and one has only to roll up the paper and dispose of it in the garbage. No table or shelf to wipe off, and no pieces to be picked up and disposed of after the work is done.

Whenever a scrap bag or a piece box is to be sorted in the effort to find some article in its depths, lay a newspaper on the floor and turn the contents out upon it. One can find the sought for article at a glance; the others are soon slipped back into the box or bag and the threads and snips are rolled up in the paper and burned instead of being strewn over the carpet for some one to pick up. The pieces are also less likely to be soiled in this way than if they are turned out on to the carpet.

A newspaper tucked inside the belt of the kitchen apron when obliged to perform rough work, like washing dishes or cleaning a stove, will catch much of the dust and dirt, and, even though the apron becomes too soiled to wear in other places, there is still less dirt to be removed from the front of it, and less wear and tear in the washtub. Ofttimes this folded paper will prevent the work apron from becoming soiled for a long time.

When frying ham or pork, or any food that is apt to spatter, a few newspapers spread around the stove upon the floor will prevent the tiny but unsightly grease spots that sink into the wood and are so very difficult to remove. Newspapers tacked to the wall back of the range and spread around on the floor before commencing to blacken the stove will catch all the dust and black lead that is so apt to lodge on the woodwork and floor, and which means an extra hour of work scrubbing it off. These papers should be rolled up tightly and burned at once, since black lead is a most disagreeable thing to have lying about loose.

When cooking, upon the bread shelf in the pantry or upon a table in the kitchen spread a newspaper underneath the cake board, and then place several on the floor in the path between the stove and the pantry; these will do away with quite a little after cleaning up, which most housewives dread.

When dressing a turkey, chicken or other fowl, place a folded newspaper near at hand and throw on to it all the parts that are discarded, and there will be less cleaning up to do after the fowl is dressed.

When stitching at the sewing machine, spread a newspaper on the floor at the right side and place the waste basket upon it; any threads or clippings that are thrown towards the waste basket will fall upon the floor if they fail to reach the receptacle, and when gathered on the paper one does not have to stoop to pick up snips afterward. When mending clothes or darning stockings, place a sheet of newspaper on the floor and let all the threads and snips fall upon it, instead of allowing them to fall upon the carpet to be picked up afterward or to litter the work basket.

When the machine has been newly oiled it is wise to place a folded newspaper underneath the treadle in order to catch any drops of oil that may fall and which would otherwise stain the rug or carpet.

When one's home is heated by stoves, every piece of thick wrapping paper should be carefully saved to spread upon the floor before the stove whenever the ashes are to be removed; then the ashes that fall are caught upon the paper instead of falling upon the carpet or rug to make dust and work, or to burn a hole through the fabric. When the empty pan is replaced and the stove is wiped down, the newspaper can be rolled up and carried away, and the work is finished.

Many people spread a sheet of soft paper over the dresser and sideboard at night to keep the cover and the articles on it free from dust. In the morning it is removed the first thing, and certainly all the articles on these pieces of furniture keep clean for a longer time when this is done. When ripping up an old garment spread several sheets of paper on the floor around the chair, and then, as each part is ripped and the threads removed, place it on one sheet by itself. The bits of thread and scraps can go in one place, trimmings in another, shields, waist steels, taffeta binding and the pieces of dress goods themselves can go into separate heaps; afterward, each pile can be looked over and made into bundles and put away, then the papers can be rolled up and disposed of, and none of the litter that usually follows the ripping of a garment remains to be cleared away.

A thickly folded newspaper kept near the sink is most convenient for placing underneath an iron kettle before setting it down on the shelf or in the sink, keeping the black on the bottom of the kettle from smudging the iron sink. For the same reason folded newspaper should be placed on the bottom of closets where kettles are placed when they are washed and put away.

A rug made from several thicknesses of newspapers laid one over the other and stitched together on the machine, using a long stitch, is very convenient to place before the ironing board or in front of the sink when one is obliged to stand in that position for some time while at work. This rug will keep the floor clean in front of the sink, saving it from many a spot and splatter, while the rug used before the ironing board will make the work of ironing less hard on the feet.

A piece of paraffin paper placed tightly over a piece of cold meat will keep it from becoming dry before it is used, and any article of food that is likely to cause an unpleasant odor in the refrigerator will not do so if it is first wrapped in the paper that is used to line cracker boxes; a small piece of it placed over the top of cream or milk will keep it from becoming contaminated by other foods, and these are only a few of the ways in which paper may be used around a house, both to prevent work and to keep things in condition.

The best of it is, when one once begins to employ papers in the saving of labor there are countless new ways in which they may be used which are cropping up all the time as one goes on her daily way, and in every family there are ways peculiar to that home in which they may be used to good advantage, and the housewife who once uses them will readily discover just what these ways may be in her own particular case.

It is not generally known that newspapers are the best moth preventive one can use. There is something about the odor of printers' ink that most bugs detest, and moths in particular. The winter flannels and woolen blouses that are wrapped in several thicknesses of newspaper and tied with a string will emerge the next fall without a trace of moths. The boxes, barrels and trunks in which winter clothing is packed should be lined with several thicknesses of newspaper before anything is put inside; then, after the receptacle has been packed, a piece of cotton saturated with turpentine may be placed in each corner between the newspaper lining and the outside of the box as a further preventive.—Table Talk.

His Guess.

"Ah," said Miss Anteek after the man had helped her over the fence and thus beyond the reach of the rapidly approaching bull, "how can I ever repay you? You have saved my life. I owe my very existence to you."

"It's all right, miss," he replied, edging away a little. "I have done no more than any man would have done under the circumstances. I am very glad I happened to be passing when you needed help."

"Thank you—thank you a thousand times. Your modesty alone would prove your bravery if I had not had a more thrilling proof of it. But tell me one thing. You have called me 'miss.' What made you guess that I was unmarried?"

"You're so young looking I supposed, of course, you were single. Pardon me if I have made a mistake. I assure you—"

"O, it's all right," she replied, preparing to leap; "it is as you have surmised. I am a maiden still. And to you I owe my—"

But he jumped the fence and ran, preferring to take chances with the bellowing beast, for he was a man who knew the difference between bravery and reckless daring.

Privileged.

(Harper's Weekly.)

Simeon Ford enjoys nothing better than to tell a story of the humors of the hotel business.

"A friend in the West," says Mr. Ford, "once related to me the trials and tribulations of the people employed in the office of his hostelry to keep in proper bounds a young man from Chicago, who, as soon as he had registered, proceeded to make things lively. The first evening he spent with them he did the proprietor out of a neat sum at poker, the next night he returned to his quarters considerably intoxicated after having whipped his cabby; the third night he gave an impromptu concert in the halls. This was too much for the hotel; they asked for his key and rendered his bill. Evidently the amount thereof was not to his liking, for he exclaimed pathetically: "'Say, don't you fellows make any discount to the clergy?'"

The late Mr. Duffy of Keene, N. H., according to the Boston Herald, had a very red nose, despite that he was noted in his town as a total abstainer, both by profession and practice. On one occasion, when he was on business in a liquor saloon in his neighborhood, a drummer came in to sell cigars. To gain the good graces of the bartender, he invited all in the place to drink, to which invitation all readily responded save Mr. Duffy. The drummer went to him and, slapping him on the shoulder, said: "I say, old man, what are you going to have?" "I thank you, sir-r, but I niver dhrink," was Duffy's quiet reply. "What! You never drink?" the drummer responded, with a sarcastic laugh. "Now, if you never drink, will you please tell us what makes that nose of yours so red?" The impertinence of the questioner at once aroused the irascibility of the old gentleman, and he replied: "Sir-r, it is glowing with pride because it is kept out uv other people's business."

"So you and he are related by marriage?"

"Yes, in a way. My first husband is married to his second wife."

What is a cold in the head? Nothing to worry about if you treat it with Ely's Cream Balm as soon as you begin to sneeze and snuffle. Neglected, the cold may grow into catarrh, and the air-passages be so inflamed that you have to fight for every breath. It is true that Ely's Cream Balm cures catarrh, promptly and certainly. But you know the old saw about the ounce of prevention. Therefore use Cream Balm when the cold in the head shows itself. All druggists, 50 cents, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York.

He—His doctor ordered Wilkins to give his brain a total rest. She—Did he follow the advice? He—Oh, yes, he fell in love.

Don't deceive yourself. If you have indigestion take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It will relieve you. Rev. W. E. Hocutt, South Mills, N. C., says: "I was troubled with chronic indigestion for several years; whatever I ate seemed to cause heartburn, sour stomach, fluttering of my heart, and general depression of mind and body. My druggist recommends Kodol, and it has relieved me. I can now eat anything and sleep soundly at night." Kodol digests what you eat. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

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"Oh, I'll fix that," replied the author, "I'll simply have my hero and heroine divorced in the last chapter."

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"Your friend Delver," said the editor, "left some verses with me to-day that were quite amusing."

"You don't say?" exclaimed Reeder. "I didn't think he was a humorous writer."

"Neither does he."

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

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Mrs. Smith—Why, Willie, you've been fighting again. Don't you know that good little boys don't fight?

Willie—I know, and I thought Johnnie was a good little boy, but I hit him once and found out that he wasn't.

They never gripe or sicken, but cleanse and strengthen the stomach, liver and bowels. This is the universal verdict of the many thousands who use DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These famous little pills relieve headache, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, torpid liver, sallow complexion, etc. Try Little Early Risers. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"What do you think about this swearing off business? "I think it's fine. It reminds me of a fellow quarreling with his best girl." "In what way?" "It makes it so much nicer to begin over."

One Minute Cough Cure contains not an atom of any harmful drug, and it has been curing coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough so long that it has proven itself to be a tried and true friend to the many who use it. No need to fear of your child choking from croup with One Minute Cough Cure handy. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Little Elmer—Papa, what is a critic?

Professor Broadhead—A critic, my son, is a person who couldn't have done it himself.

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He—But, of course, like anybody else, you are not fond of money for itself? She—No, for myself.

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"It seems to me your wife ought to do the cooking instead of employing a cook."

"Possibly she loves me too well, mother."

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An Animal Story For Little Folks

A Rather Brave Chicken

There was a chicken who wanted to be a policeman. Now, what do you think of that? A chicken a policeman!

Anyway he went down to see the police board, which is the body of men who make the policemen, and he told them just what he wanted.

"Very well," they said, and they turned him over to the doctors to see if he was strong and healthy, and they said he was.

"Now," they declared, "we will have

"IS THAT LIKELY TO HAPPEN?"

a little talk with you to see if you are brave enough to be a policeman."

"Oh," exclaimed the chicken, "I'm very brave."

"Are you afraid of nothing?"

"I am afraid of nothing," said the chicken boldly.

"What would you do if you saw two big, bad robbers in the dark, with pistols in their hands, and they tried to shoot a poor man and take his money from him?"

"Is that likely to happen?" asked the chicken.

"Yes."

"Then I would seize the robbers and take their pistols from them and send them to jail for twenty years," answered the chicken.

"That's very good," replied the men. "But what would you do if you saw an old negro woman creeping up behind you, with a hatchet in her hand, about an hour before dinner?"

"Is that likely to happen?" asked the chicken.

"Yes."

"Then I guess I don't want to be a policeman. Good day, gentlemen." And the chicken was so frightened he hid behind the pigsty for two days before he ventured out to get something to eat and drink.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Live While You Are Alive.

Enjoy life as it comes to you. Listen to the bird songs and the voices of the children. Linger to watch the sunset or the opening of a flower. Take into your life the goodness, the pleasure and the brightness of every day, for "we shall pass this way but once," and then when you reach the last day that is given you here you will be content and can say, "I have lived."—Town and Country.

A Good Beginning.

Smythe—I intend Harry for the bar. Would you advise his beginning on such old works as Coke and Blackstone? Tompkins—No. I would begin by grounding him even further back. Smythe—Indeed! In what? Tompkins—The Ten Commandments.

He Knew.

"You are sure that man cheated?"

"Yes, sir," answered Three Finger Sam. "He held four aces."

"But that is not conclusive evidence."

"It was in this case. I knew where the regular aces was myself."—Washington Star.

Sudden.

"Now," said the professor, describing the work of his class to Miss Elderberry, "we are engaged"—

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THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY IN THE U. S. ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Cash on hand and in the hands of Agents or other persons,	$ 332,437 94
Real Estate unincumbered,	Nil
Bonds owned by the Company, bearing interest at the rate of....per cent., secured as follows:	
United States Government Bonds, Market value,	288,400 00
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Municipal Bonds, " "	602,509 00
Railroad Bonds, " "	1,426,227 47
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages of Real Estate, worth double the amount for which the same is mortgaged, and free from any prior incumbrance,	Nil
Debts otherwise secured,	4,150 89
Debts for premiums,	254,110 47
All other Securities. Interest due and accrued,	37,185 40
Total Assets,	$3,455,012 17

LIABILITIES:

Amount due to Banks or other creditors,	Nil
Amount owing and not due, to Banks or other creditors,	Nil
Losses adjusted and due,	Nil
Losses adjusted and not due,	25,241 00
Losses unadjusted,	111,134 00
Losses in suspense, waiting for further proof,	11,986 00
All other claims against the company,	47,216 06
Amount necessary to reinsure outstanding risks,	1,869,485 50
Total Liabilities,	$2,065,062 56
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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of CHARLES H. WHITMAN, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

CHARLES H. WHITMAN, of Mexico, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 14th day of October, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

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

Dated this 23rd day of Jan., A. D. 1906.

CHARLES H. WHITMAN, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 27th day of Jan., A. D. 1906, on reading the foregoing petition, it is—

Ordered by the Court, That a hearing be had upon the same on the 16th day of Feb., A. D. 1906, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

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

Witness the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 27th day of Jan., A. D. 1906.

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

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1905.

Real Estate,	$
Mortgage Loans,	
Collateral Loans,	
Bonds,	1,184,577 86
Cash in Office and Bank,	147,989 53
Agents' Balances,	146,620 59
Bills Receivable,	
Interest and Rents,	
All other Assets,	12,563 71
Gross Assets,	$1,491,751 69
Deduct items not admitted,	12,094 89
Admitted Assets,	$1,479,656 80

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1905.

Net Unpaid Losses,	$ 75,783 96
Unearned Premiums,	759,588 01
All other Liabilities,	4,533 96
Cash Capital,	
Surplus over all Liabilities,	639,795 87
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	$1,479,656 80

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Notice of First Meeting of Creditors

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

In the matter of FRANK K. DAVIS, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Frank K. Davis of Buckfield, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of Jan., A. D. 1906, the said Frank K. Davis was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, Maine, on the 21st day of Feb., A. D. 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

FOREST E. LUDDEN, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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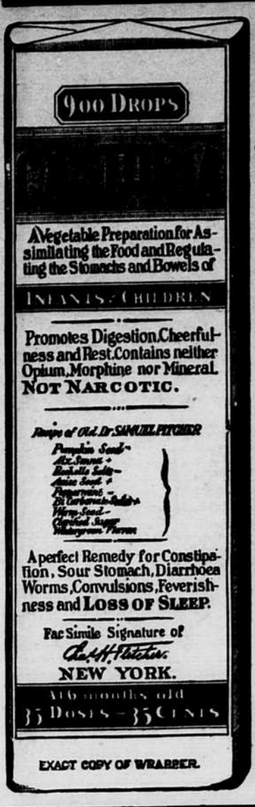

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