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Value of Business Training.

A STUDY OF METHODS BY WHICH UNPRODUCTIVE FARMS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO A CONDITION OF HIGH FERTILITY.

No one thing interests me more than to study the mental and applied processes of a trained business man. Recently I was called to spend a day with Burt Olney, of the Burt Olney Canning Company, upon the company's farms near Oneida, N. Y., with the object in view of arranging a system of ventilation for the various barns and outbuildings. This was accomplished after a fashion, and then I found myself studying the agricultural practices of a man of affairs, who tackles the problems of soils and plant feeding with the same keen, analytical judgment with which he works out better methods for preserving human foods.

Seldom if ever was the writer so thoroughly pumped—not as a matter of curiosity, but for business purposes. What is being done on these many farms? Chiefly the growing of peas, beans and beets for the company's factory; buying non-productive land and making it productive. How? By drainage, cultivation and fertilizers. This is a dry year, and yet I saw a second growth of clover and timothy, which would, if cut at the right time, have yielded from one and one-half to two tons of hay an acre, left for manure, and this upon land which a few years ago produced nothing. One could readily satisfy himself as to the truth of this statement from the appearance of adjoining fields.

Mr. Olney has become a drainage enthusiast. "I call it," he says, "a drainage crank." Whatever may be the correct wording, this business man has struck the keynote of soil fertility restoration upon our Eastern farms. Drainage and organic matter, thoroughly rotted by cultivation, will bring riches out of the most non-productive fields. Of course, I found Mr. Olney doing many things which the landowner without capital could not do—changing watercourses, filling ravines and making new land. But the drainage and fertility building is within the reach of every man who can carry a shovel and use it and drive a team before a plough. He has several trunk line open ditches, into which lateral tile lines now open; but they are rapidly being filled after laying 12 to 18 inch sewer pipe.

Mr. Olney proposes to have as few outlets as possible. He has found, as others have, that every outlet is a source of trouble. No, we cannot all do this. It is expensive to buy 18-inch tile, but we can run laterals into open ditches, and soon the extra crops will pay the whole expense, trunk lines included. Here is another evidence of soil improvement at a dizzy pace without cows, articles concerning which have recently appeared in the Tribune Farmer.

Mr. Olney took these lands when they were starving for nitrogen. He knew it, and so trained every known force and agency upon nitrogen generation, until now he is satisfied that he has more than is needed for his leguminous bean and pea crops. His system is drainage and the ploughing under of pea vines and bean tops, fortified with the turning under of green rye each year, and, when a sod is ploughed, covering a good growth of grass and clover.

What will this business man do now? Why, simply increase the use of muriate of potash and acid rock and cut short the expensive nitrates. Lime has been used for two years, and while Mr. Olney was not ready to give an opinion from his experiments he was strongly impressed with its place in plant feeding. Plans are now being made and executed for steer feeding this winter.

Mr. Olney frankly admits that his farm operations are not all successful. Whose are, by the way? But where he is wrong, there he fortifies, and does it intensely. He confesses a dependence upon agricultural schools and colleges, receiving the best of service from Cornell. Our own college chemist, Professor Storrs, advised me that Mr. Olney submitted and had analyzed last year while he was associated with Cornell no less than twenty samples of soils.

This article is not written because Mr. Olney has done what has not been accomplished before, but to add more evidence that trained business men can succeed in farm operations, and give those of us who have small capital object lessons which we can, to a greater or less extent, copy.—Dean H. E. Cook, St. Lawrence University in Tribune Farmer.

How to Feed.

Numerous tests by the state experiment stations have shown over and over that feeding animals out of balance of food constituents is very wasteful. When fed a balanced ration of protein and carbonaceous foods, the ration is digested and assimilated without waste, and when fed too much of the one and not enough of the other. Such is the basis of profitable feeding of domestic animals. Food that is consumed and is not digested and assimilated is lost, of course. But that is not all. The undigested food is a positive harm. It irritates and poisons. Poison is exactly the right word to use. It has been found that the undigested food produces a real poison. Hence not only the gain but the thrift and health of the animal depend on its digesting and assimilating its food.

But, further, the food digested and assimilated by the animal is divided into two portions—the food of support and the food gain. Even a well-fed animal uses about one-half of its food, or even more, as the food of support—to supply the waste of its body. The man with a good appetite digests his food well because his digestive organs are in good condition, and for the further reason that because he has a good appetite the glands that secrete the fluids that produce digestion are very active and pour out those fluids on the food abundantly. And it is just so with the horse or cow or steer or sheep or hog. And because the animal digests and assimilates its food well it has a keen appetite and eats heartily, and therefore its food for gain is a large part of the food it consumes, and it pays a good price for its food. It is being fed at a profit.—Indiana Farmer.

Quarantine to Save Maine Cattle.

At the Bangor House recently, a special meeting was held by the Maine State Board of Cattle Commissioners, composed of F. O. Beal, Bangor, chairman; John M. Deering of Saco, and Frank S. Adams of Bowdoinham, for the purpose of considering the situation with regard to the foot and mouth disease now so prevalent among the cattle of Michigan.

This matter has engaged the attention of the members of the board for some weeks, and at the meeting in view of the action taken by other states, by the federal government and by foreign countries, it was decided to declare a rigid quarantine against all cattle from outside the state coming into Maine, until further notice by the board.

Chairman Beal stated that the cattle of this state are now in unusually good condition, and that it is the intention of the board to use every effort to keep them so. Should the foot and mouth disease gain entrance to Maine the loss might and probably would reach into the hundreds of thousands.—Turf, Farm and Home.

The Dry Season.

SOME OF ITS LESSONS AND SOME ADVANTAGEOUS RESULTS.

The Portland, Me., weather bureau tells us that 1908 has been the dryest since the weather bureau opened its branch in Portland thirty-seven years ago.

During seven weeks from May 30 to July 18 less than one inch of rain fell and for about the same period during September and until the very last days of October less than one inch fell. During the last two or three days of October, sufficient rainfall occurred to enable farmers to start their fall plowing.

The hay crop in many sections of Maine was less than one-half the normal crop, and pasturage for stock was hardly worth mentioning. In July the pastures were as dry and brown as they usually are three months later in the season and were too badly injured to be even fairly good the balance of the season.

It has been necessary to feed grain in order to maintain any reasonable milk flow, and with grain where it has been this year the burden has been sufficient to set farmers to thinking.

Green forage crops to supplement the pastures would seem to be the best safeguard against a recurrence of this season's experience.

There is no doubt that a certain amount of grain can be profitably fed to cows in full flow of milk, during the summer season, but a small grain ration with a good feed of some green feed at night will be found a better milk producer than a larger grain ration without the green feed.

Again the pasture is benefited by the droppings from the grain fed cows, and as the years go by a noticeable benefit is visible, so the grain value if paid for in milk is a cumulative benefit to the pastures which in most cases receive too little attention. One man I know of in New York state who has doubled the stock carrying capacity of a 100-acre farm, and now carries nearly 30 head, says his pastures are one-third better from the effect of summer grain feeding.

For a green crop for summer feeding, Japanese millet is proving very satisfactory, and is growing in popularity. A sowing of oats and peas may be made early, if feed is needed in July, as the millet should not be sown until corn planting time, when the danger from frost is past. The millet when it does get ready will last until hard frosts come, and this is quite an advantage it has over a crop that is at its best for only a week or two, like oats and peas and hungarian. A piece of good fodder corn comes in handy, too. If you run short on other crops you can feed corn, and if you do not need it for green feed, cut up and well shocked so it will keep green, the cattle will relish a feed of it once a day after they are in the stable. While corn is not as good a milk producer as the other crops mentioned, a liberal feeding of it helps to keep the cows up in flesh and brings them to the barn in much better condition than no green feed.

The winter feeding season is now on, and with high prices for grain and a short supply of hay, the thoughtful farmer will cull very closely, keeping no boarders. Thousands of such old cows and culls have left Maine this fall, and in the end the short hay crop of 1908 will be a decided advantage to many. No doubt the price of cows will be high for two or three years for many promising heifers will be sacrificed for beef.

The abundant hay crop the country over will aid in keeping the price within reason, and the high prices for dairy products will partially compensate for the outgo of money for hay.

We have a nice flock of 225 pullets nearly ready to lay, and we expect they will be a great aid in carrying us through the winter. They are just beginning to make egg deposits and when eggs are four cents each they are profitable. A good flock well cared for are a splendid asset when there are hard times in the dairy, and equally so when the cows are doing well and the barn is full of hay. More farmers are finding this out each year. With such a market as Boston for eggs, right close by, the farmers of New England ought to supply that market, but instead, western eggs come in by carloads, and must be less fresh than a nearly fancy article would be. Those who have a good sized flock to help feed the cows this winter are fortunate, and while gathering eggs can plan for a green crop rotation for 1909, which will soon be with us.—D. J. Ryther, Yarmouth, Me., in New England Farmer.

Packing Ice Cheaply.

A separate building for storage of ice is, perhaps, a good thing, but if you have no such building do not let the fact keep you from putting up ice. A cheaply constructed bin in the corner of any old shed, or even out-doors, with a tight roof, will answer. If the ice is stored outside with only roof and sides, it is best to put in a ceiling between ice and roof. I have always used sawdust as a covering, and just as soon have that which is a year old as to have new. I use 8 to 10 inches sawdust on the bottom and sides and 12 to 18 inches on top.

The only drainage I ever give is the natural drainage of the soil. Be sure that no water stands under the body of ice. I usually set the cakes flat, the same as they come out of the pond. An important point is to pack as closely as possible and fill in all crevices with snow to exclude the air. Do not put in less than 1 1-2 cords ice, for there will be a large amount of waste if you do. The larger the body of ice the better it will keep. It should be packed high, rather than wide and flat. Keep an eye on it during the summer, and see that the sawdust is tamped down around the edges.—C. P. Olin, Grafton County, N. H., in New England Homestead.

Feeding Young Stock Profitably.

Keeping your stock on a maintenance ration is never profitable, for it is the growth that brings the profit. A friend of mine recently sold a bunch of pigs, which weighed around eighty pounds each, at $2.75 a head. He claimed he could not see anything in them when feeding 75-cent corn. I believe one can feed 75-cent corn to 7-cent hogs, and make some money. When grain is high and milk stuff is high many short ration young stock and try to get them to market on the least amount of grain possible. The results are poor stuff and poor price. I firmly believe in economical feeding, but skimping on the feed I do not consider economical by any means. High price grains will undoubtedly insure high prices for livestock, even higher than the present level. The man who has the nerve to pour his costly feed into his stock will, I believe, make money, providing he looks after the other essentials of his operations. In the first place, I should feed not only to good animals, and in the next place I should have preciseness about my feeding methods. It will hardly do to be as loose in our methods as we were when corn was selling around 40 cents a bushel.—L. C. Brown in Tribune Farmer.

Last winter I fed about two quarts of corn cob meal per day to my Durham milch cows. The herd averaged close to twenty quarts milk daily per cow. This shows what the Durhams can do for milk on an ordinary ration. I have been breeding Durhams for some years, and believe this a good breed for the New England farmer. When they are through milking you can turn them off in a short time for beef and get a mighty good price for them. No cow of a dairy breed can be fitted up, however long you feed her, to make as good beef as can Durhams.—F. E. T., Tolland County, Ct., in New England Homestead.

Lady Betty Across the Water

By C. N. & A. M. WILLIAMSON

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Chapter 2

ONLY ten days have passed, but I feel as if they were a hundred, I have lived so much I've heard people near me in deck chairs saying that it's been a "dull voyage," but what ever else it has been for me it hasn't been dull.

In the first place, I've never been on the sea before, except crossing the channel, which doesn't count, of course. And now that I've been thrown with so many people—all sorts of people—I realize how few I have known in my life so far. If I had about twice as many fingers and toes as I have I believe I might tick off every human being I've ever met as actual acquaintances outside my own relations.

I've lived always at dear, beautiful old Battlemead (it seems doubly beautiful as I think of it now from far away), and till last year most of my time was spent in the schoolroom, or walking, or pottering about in a pony carriage with one of the governesses I used to drive to distraction. When we had house parties I was kept out of the way, as mother said it spoiled young girls to be taken notice of and I should have my fun later. When the others went up to town for the season, as they often did, I was left behind, and though Battlemead is within twenty-five miles of London I suppose I have not been there more than two dozen times in my life. When I did go it was generally for a concert or a matinee, and, of course, I enjoyed it immensely, but I don't know that it taught me much about life. And the one time I was taken abroad we had nothing to do with any one we met at hotels. Being on this big ship seemed at first exactly like being at a play when I had been brought in late and found it difficult to know which were the leading actors, which the villains and villainesses and what the plot was about.

Now, though, I've been through so many experiences I feel as if I were in the play myself, not watching it from outside.

Everything was very nice, though very strange, to begin with.

Dear old Stan came out of his shell and actually traveled all the way to Southampton to see me off, which was good of him, especially as Vic explained that he and Sally Woodburn had been thrown at each other's heads in vain.

He'd bought me a great box of sweets, a bunch of roses and several

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magazines, and just as we were starting he slipped something small but fat into my hand.

"That's to help you keep your end up, kid, in case you're imposed on," said he. "You are only a kid, you know, but all the same don't let them treat you like one, and if you get the hump over there just cable me. I'll see you through and have you back again with your own sort, mater or no mater, hanged if I don't."

Stan never made me such a long speech before, and after we sailed and I got time to look at the fat thing he'd put in my hand I found it was a lot of gold pieces bundled up in two tenpound notes. The gold made twelve sovereigns more, so Stan had given me altogether more than thirty pounds. All that money, with the twenty pounds mother had told me to use only "when strictly necessary," made me feel a regular millionaire. I've never had a sixth part as much before in my life.

Stan's kindness was just like a cup of something warm and comforting when you're tired and cold, so that I began to brighten up and feel happy.

I liked our suit, with two staterooms, a bath and a dear little white and blue drawing room about as big as the old doll's house I inherited from Vic. I was thankful to find I was to chum with Miss Woodburn, not Mrs. Ess Kay, for I never could have stood that. It was fun finding places to hang up our things when they were unpacked, and Mrs. Ess Kay's French maid Louise helped me get settled, paying me so many compliments on my hair and my eyes and my complexion that I grew quite confused, but perhaps that's a habit in which American ladies encourage their maids.

"But the marvel that is miladi's hair! It is of the color of gold and with a natural curl. It will be so great a joy if I may dress it. And her complexion! It is beyond that of any English demoiselle I have ever seen, yet all the world knows they are best on earth. With such eyes no doubt miladi can wear any color, and she has the figure for which the make of corsets is of no import."

If it had been in English I should have wanted to order her out of the room, but things like that don't sound so objectionable in French.

Miss Woodburn's and especially Mrs. Ess Kay's clothes looked so exquisite that I was mortified to have Louise unpack mine, though I have brought my smartest things, and Vic had two or three pretty blouses of hers altered in a great hurry, for me. Besides, mother said my outfit was quite good enough for a young girl in England and that I was not to let myself feel dissatisfied if in another country they chose to overdress.

Anyhow I will say for Mrs. Ess Kay that she didn't appear to be ashamed of me at first. On the contrary, she had a way of seeming to show me off, almost as if she thought I did her credit.

When we had unpacked we three went to luncheon and took the first seats which were vacant. But presently Mrs. Ess Kay sent for the chief steward or some one important. "I am Mrs. Stuyvesant-Knox," said she in a haughty voice, "and I have as my guest Lady Betty Bulkeley, daughter of the Duchess of Stanforth. You must give us three of the best seats at the captain's table."

I couldn't help hearing, and my ears did tingle, but Miss Woodburn only smiled and looked down, with a funny twinkle under her eyelashes, which curl up so much that it always seems as if she were just going to laugh.

I thought if I were the steward I would give us the worst seats on the ship to teach us not to be proud. But he didn't do anything of the sort. He was as meek as a lamb, so I'm sure he can't have any sense of humor. He said Mrs. Stuyvesant-Knox might count on him, and she and her party should have places on the captain's right hand.

Mrs. Ess Kay was as bad with the deck steward. She found that he hadn't put our chairs (which she had brought on board herself) in the right place, and she had him called up and made a great fuss. The cards of a Rev. Somebody, his wife and daughters were on chairs in the position which she had made up her mind to have, exactly amidship and on the shady side.

"I must have my chairs changed and put here," she said. And then—oh, horror!—I'm certain I caught her repeating the formula she'd used at luncheon. "I am Mrs. Stuyvesant-Knox, and I have as my guest," etc. To be sure, she had walked off to a little distance with the deck steward, where our chairs were, and I might have been mistaken, but two or three people who were standing near looked suddenly very hard at me, and I know I turned scarlet with annoyance, to be labeled in that way, as if I were a parcel marked "glass" and to be handled with care.

Afterward when I came to read the passenger list I found that there was nobody else on board with any sort of title, not even an honorable anybody; otherwise, of course, Mrs. Ess Kay's little maneuver, which I'm afraid must have been meant for snobbishness, wouldn't have excited the slightest notice.

"Now," said Mrs. Ess Kay when we were settled in our places, "I know a good many people on the ship, but most of them are nobodies, and I do not intend to be troubled with them, nor do I think that the duchess would care to have me let Betty mix herself up with anybody and everybody. I shall do a great deal of weeding and select her acquaintances carefully."

"Betty," indeed! I'd never told her that she might call me Betty, and I hate having persons I don't care for take hold of my name without using a handle to touch it. It makes me feel as I did when I was a child and mother commanded me to let myself be kissed by unkissable and extraneous grownups.

Thank goodness, Vic and I have come into the world with something of poor father's sense of humor. My share often serves me as well as balm on a wound or as a nice, dry, crackly little biscuit which you're enchanted to find when you're hungry and thought you had nothing to eat, and I got a good deal of quiet comfort out of it during Mrs. Ess Kay's "weeding" process, which otherwise would have done nothing but make me squirm.

When we had been on deck for a short time a number of people came up to speak to Mrs. Ess Kay and some to Miss Woodburn. The water was as smooth as the floor of a ballroom when it's been well waxed for a dance, and there was no excuse for the most sensitive person to be ill; consequently the deck was something like a kaleidoscope, with all its moving groups of men and women, girls and children. Most of the best looking and best dressed ones were Americans, and a great many seemed to know each other. Some of them laughed a good deal and talked in high voices, putting emphasis on prepositions, which Miss Mackinstry and the others would never let me do in writing compositions. Somehow, though, when these people spoke it sounded very nice and cordial, more so than it does when English people greet each other, though the voices weren't so sweet, except a few that drawled in a pretty southern way, like Sally Woodburn's.

I could tell which were the poor things that Mrs. Ess Kay wanted to weed out of her acquaintance garden for next season, by the way she acted when they came to say "How do you do?" to her. She screwed up her eyes till they looked hard and sharp enough to go through you like a thin knife or more like a long, slender hatpin jabbing your head, and having waited an instant before returning their greeting, slowly answered: "Very well, thank you. Yes, I am going home rather early. I'm due at Newport as soon as possible;" then fingered her open book, which she hadn't peeped into before, and made a little, just noticeable gesture with her lorgnette.

Then the poor people were too much crushed to stop and try to talk to Miss Woodburn, though she always looked at them sweetly, as if she would make up for her cousin being a dragon if she could.

By and by, somebody else would sail up, perhaps not half as nice to look at as the one who had gone. But lo, Mrs. Stuyvesant-Knox would be suddenly transformed. She would smile and hold out her hand. To their "How do you do?" she would respond "How do you do?" and though I don't think she's really much interested in any one but herself, she would ask where they had been, what they had been doing and how it happened they were going back so soon. The next thing she would say to me: "Betty, dear, I should like you and Mrs. So-and-so to know each other, as I hope you'll meet again, while you're staying with me. Lady Betty Bulkeley, etc., etc. I wonder if you have ever met her brother, the Duke of Stanforth, and her cousin, the Marquis of Loveland, over in London?"

Loveland would have had a fit if he could have heard her, for of course at home only the lower middle classes of such people hurl a marquis' title at his head in that fashion, but I suppose foreigners, unless they've been in England a long time, don't know the difference.

When I got a chance, I asked Sally Woodburn how Mrs. Stuyvesant-Knox made her distinctions in snubbing some people and preening herself to others.

"My dear," said Sally (I'm to call her "Sally" now; it's been understood between us for some time), "my dear, you're a poor, innocent child, and I reckon you've been brought up in darkness, without even so much as hearing of the Four Hundred?

"What are the Four Hundred? Are they a kind of light brigade, like the Six Hundred?" I asked. "Or is it a sort of governing body like—like the Council of Three?"

She laughed so much at this, with her charming, velvety laugh, that I grew quite nervous, for it's embarrassing to have said something funny when you've meant to be rather intelligent. But soon she took pity on me. "You perfect love," she said, "that's really two sweet. It deserves to be put in Life, or something. And yet you're not so far wrong, when one comes to think of it. The Four Hundred is a kind of governing body, only I believe it's really reduced to Two Hundred now. They govern New York, and Newport, and Lennox, and Bar Harbor, and several other places which are considered very nice and important."

An elderly, pinched little man was monotonously scraping a battered fiddle.

"Oh! Are they Republicans or Democrats?" I inquired, sure that I really was being intelligent at last, for I'd heard Stan say that in America the Republican party was rather like our Conservatives, and the Democrats like our Liberals, and I'd remembered because I believe I should be very much interested in politics if only I understood more about them. But Sally seemed to think that question funny too.

"They can be either, my poor lamb," she exclaimed, "and they can be almost anything else they like if only they're just awfully, dreadfully rich and can manage to scrape up a family crest. It used to be the crest that counted with the man who invented the Four Hundred, but since his day that idea has got buried under heaps and heaps of gold, and pearls and diamonds, especially pearls. In those places I was telling you about you don't exist unless you're in the Four Hundred, which is now being sifted down to Two Hundred, and will probably be Seventy-five in a year or two. You may have the bluest blood in America in your veins; you may be simply smeared with ancestors, but if you haven't managed to push forward in a clever, indescribable way, neither they nor you will ever be noticed, and your gray hairs will go down to the grave in the wrong set. Now do you understand why my cousin Katherine makes narrow eyes for some people and broad smiles for others?"

"Ye-es, I suppose I do," I answered. "Only—we are quite different at home. I haven't been about at all yet, but I know; because some things are in the air. How did Mrs. Stuyvesant-Knox ever have the poor wrong setters for acquaintances, though?"

"Because (she'd kill me if she heard this) she has only lately got into the right set herself and after trouble enough to give an ordinary woman nervous prostration. That kind of thing does give it to a lot of women—especially if they fail. But Cousin Katherine very seldom fails. She almost always carries things through. If you knew anything about America in general and New York in particular you'd be able to realize what a hard time she's had, when I tell you that till her husband died she lived west of Chicago. To get into the Four Hundred if you've lived west of Chicago (unless you're Californian, which is getting to be fashionable), is just like having to climb over one of those great, high walls of yours in England, bristling with nails or broken glass."

"My goodness!" I exclaimed. "How funny! Fancy if people who live in Surrey should glare at people who live in Devonshire."

"That's different. You see, Chicago is new."

"But so is all America, isn't it?" I asked stupidly. "What difference can a hundred or so years make?"

"We haven't begun to think in centuries yet on our side of the water, my dear." (She has the most delicious way of saying "my dear," and all her "r's" are soft like that; only it's too much trouble to write them for nobody but myself to see.) "Anyhow, it is so, between New York and Chicago people—that is, the people who count in Society with a big S—and it was a great triumph for my cousin to become the three hundred and ninety-ninth in the Four Hundred. She did it by buying a Russian prince."

"Buying a"—

"Yes, love, he was going to the highest bidder, and she bought him. That is, she entertained him so gorgeously and did so many nice things for him that he posed as her property, and, as every one was dying to meet him, it made her. She'd been working killingly hard before that, for a whole year after taking her house on Fifth avenue and building her cottage at Newport, but it was buying the prince which did the trick. On the strength of that episode and its consequences, she went to Europe with very nice introductions, and, as you know, dear, she has made some valuable as well as pleasant friends. To live up to them and her reputation, she will have to be busy for a while dropping a lot of old acquaintances."

"How horrid!" I couldn't help exclaiming, though Mrs. Ess Kay was going to be my hostess.

"Yes, it seems rather miserable to me because I'm a weak, lazy, southern being, who would be right down sick if I had to hurt any human being's feelings. Yet perhaps it looks fair to her. She's so ambitious, and she's worked so hard she has deserved to succeed. As for poor me, she just regularly mesmerizes me all through. She mesmerized me into coming up from Kentucky and visiting her this spring. Then she mesmerized me into going with her to Europe. But I'm not sorry I went, for I've had a right good time."

"I'm so glad you went," said I, "because if you hadn't I shouldn't have met you. I'm sure I should love Kentucky if all the people there are like you. But these things you've been saying seem so odd. Do you mean to tell me that the people who lead society in New York want to keep their set limited to a certain number and refuse to know others, even if they're extraordinarily clever and interesting?"

"They don't like them to be too clever because they call such people 'queer'—that is, unless they happen to be 'lions' of some sort from England or other places abroad. Then so long as they're not American, they welcome them with open arms."

"I'm glad society isn't like that in England," I said. "There the real people—the people who have the right to make social laws, you know—are delighted with any one who can amuse them. Of course deep down in our hearts we may be proud if we have old names, which have been famous for hundreds of years in one way or another, but we are so used, after all those centuries, to being sure of ourselves that we just take our position for granted and don't think much more about it. If people who haven't got quite the same position are gentlefolk and amusing or clever or beautiful or anything like that which really matters, why, we're only too pleased with them."

"That's all the difference in the world! You've been 'sure of yourselves for centuries.' You've said the last word, my dear. 'Out of the mouths of babes'—but Cousin Katherine's finished gushing to that silly old Mrs. Van der Windt. We mustn't dare discuss these things from our point of view any more. I reckon she would faint."

There are a good many young men on board, and some of them seemed to be quite devoted to Mrs. Ess Kay the first day out, but she was cold to them all, I couldn't think why, as some of them seemed very nice, and she had always appeared rather to like being with men. I asked Sally about it, but she laughed and said I might perhaps solve the mystery myself when we were at Newport if I remembered it then.

I never heard of such breakfasts and luncheons as they have on this ship, and the first menu I saw surprised me so much that I couldn't believe they really had and could produce all those things if anybody was inconsiderate enough to ask for them. I hardly supposed there were so many things to eat in the world. But the captain heard me exclaiming to Sally, so he smiled and told me to test the menu by ordering a bit of everything on it. He'd guarantee that nothing would be missed out. This was at breakfast the second day, and when he saw that I ate several dear little round things shaped like cream colored dollies which are called pancakes (though they aren't a bit like ours) with some perfectly divine stuff named maple sirup, he said my taking such a fancy to American products was a sign that I should marry an American.

What nonsense! As if I would dream of marrying, especially a foreigner. But for all that pancakes and maple sirup are delicious. I've had them every day since for breakfast, after finishing a great orange four times the natural size, which isn't really an orange, because it's a grape fruit. You have it on your plate cut in two halves, with ice in each, and you scoop the inside out of a lot of tiny pockets with a teaspoon. You think when you first see it that you can't eat more than half, but instead you eat every bit, and sometimes if the morning is hot you even wish you could have more, though, of course you wouldn't be so greedy as to ask.

It was on the second day out, too, that all my troubles began—and in a queer way which nobody could have guessed would lead to anything disagreeable.

In the afternoon I was reading in my deck chair, drawn close to Mrs. Ess Kay's side, when that Mrs. Van der Windt whom Sally called a silly old thing, toddled up and spoke to us. "Do come and watch them dancing in the steerage," she said. "It's such fun."

Mrs. Ess Kay likes sitting still on shipboard better than anything else, but it seems that Mrs. Van der Windt is so important that if all the Four Hundred Sally told me about were pruned away except about twenty-five she would be among the number left, so probably that is the reason why Mrs. Ess Kay takes long walks up and down the deck with her, though it makes her giddy to walk, and Mrs Van der Windt is not in the least entertaining.

She got up now, like a lamb about to be led to the slaughter, except that she smiled bravely, which the lamb would not be able to bring itself to do. "Come, Betty," she said to me, "it will amuse you."

"Yes, do come, Lady Betty," repeated Mrs. Van der Windt. Whereupon I obeyed, little knowing what I was laying up for myself.

Our deck is amidships. Aft, on a level with ours, is the second class deck, and for-rard, down below, like looking into a pit, is the steerage. We walked to the rail, over which quite a number of men were leaning, to see what was going on, and several moved aside to give us room. I didn't like to take their places away, especially as they were laughing and enjoying themselves, and I could hear the sound of dance music coming up from below (such odd sounding music), but Mrs Ess Kay murmured to me that I mustn't refuse. "American men are never so happy," she said, "as when they're giving up something for a woman. They're used to it."

And evidently she, as an American woman, was used to taking it. She and Mrs. Van der Windt slipped into the vacant spaces with a bare "thank you," and I had to follow their example. We peered down over the rail and there was a sight which would have been comical if it hadn't been pathetic.

On rather a rough looking deck, about twelve feet or more below us, a dense crowd was collected around two small squares, which they purposely left open. Besides those little squares every inch was occupied. There wouldn't have been any more room for even a baby to sit down than there was in the Black Hole of Calcutta. In the crowd were old men, young men and boys, all poorly dressed, and old women, young women and girls, big and little. They wore crude, vivid colors, and more than half of them had bright handkerchiefs tied over their heads. They scarcely took any notice of the first class passengers staring down supercilliously or pitying ly at their poor amusements; they were far too much absorbed in the dancing which was going on busily—I can't say gayly—in the two hollow squares. In one of these an elderly, pinched little man who looked almost half witted, was monotonously scraping a battered fiddle for two solemn couples to dance around and around, always on the same axis. But the other "dancing salon" was more lively. There a man dressed like a buffoon, with a tall hat, a lobster claw for a nose, a uniform with big red flannel epaulettes and pasteboard buttons covered with gold paper, was pretending to conduct the band. And what a band it was!

It consisted of four sailors, rather sheep faced and self conscious. One musical instrument was a wooden box rigged up with strings and a long handle, another was formed from a couple of huge soup spoons tied together on which the player beat rhythmically with a smaller spoon; the third was a poker dangling from a string banged heartily with an enormous nail as it swung to and fro; the fourth was a queer homemade drum, which looked as if it had been made out of a wooden bandbox.

Somehow they contrived to coax out music of a sort, and a few young men and girls were solemnly gyrating to it in a way to make you giddy even to watch. When a man thought he had had enough or wanted to dance with another girl, he dropped his partner with alarming suddenness, bowed stiffly without smile or

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The President's Message.

President Roosevelt's message, delivered to congress at its assembling last week for the short session, is as usual a lengthy document, much too long for reproduction in the columns of the Democrat. Below is given merely a summary of its chief recommendations:

I strongly advocate that instead of the unwise effort to prohibit all combinations, there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control.

The railways should be put entirely under the interstate commerce commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The commission should have control over the issue of securities.

Telegraph and telephone companies in interstate business should be put under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

I most urgently urge the duty of increasing the totally inadequate salaries now given to our judges. Beginning with the supreme court the judges should have their salaries doubled.

Remedy should be devised for doing away with long delays in administration of justice. In some noted recent cases an over-regard for technicalities has resulted in a striking denial of justice and flagrant wrong to the body politic.

Our judicial system is sound at core. * * * There are however, some who have lagged behind in their understanding of great and vital changes in the body politic, whose minds have never been opened to the new applications of the old principles made necessary by the new conditions. Judges of this stamp do lasting harm by their decisions.

A temporary injunction procured ex parte may have all the effect of a permanent injunction in causing disaster to the wage workers' side. Organized labor is chafing under the unjust restraint which comes from repeated resort to this plan

The power of injunction is a great equitable remedy, which should on no account be destroyed. But safeguards should be erected against its abuse. I believe that some such provisions as those I advocated a year ago should be adopted.

Corporations are necessary instruments of modern business. They have been permitted to become a menace largely because the governmental representatives of the people have worked slowly in providing for adequate control over them.

Real progress toward self-government is being made in the Philippine Islands. I trust that within a generation the time will arrive when the Filipinos can decide for themselves whether it is well for them to become independent, or to continue under the protection of a strong and disinterested power.

The higher places in the army should be given to the most deserving men without regard to seniority.

I approve the recommendations of the general board of the navy, calling special attention to the need of additional destroyers and colliers, and, above all, of the four new battleships.

I recommend that the general naval board be turned into a general staff. There is literally no excuse for continuing the present bureau organization of the navy.

Frank H. Marshall Found Dead.

PORTLAND MAN LOSES LIFE BY ACCIDENT WHILE HUNTING.

Frank H. Marshall of Portland, a fireman on the Boston and Maine Railroad, who was at Gilead for the purpose of hunting deer, started out alone on the morning of Monday, the 7th. He had hunted in that region during several previous years, and was familiar with the woods. He did not return at night, and the next day a search was instituted for him. About fifty men were engaged in the hunt, under the direction of Walter P. Judkins, his brother-in-law, and George L. Marshall, his brother, of Portland.

On Wednesday the body of Marshall was found, about three miles and a half from Gilead in the direction of Hastings. There was an ugly knife wound in the breast and a hunting knife clasped in his right hand. The blood had flowed freely from the wound and the clothing was saturated with it.

Marks on a tree beneath which Marshall lay indicated that he had been cutting bark from the tree, and it is thought he slipped in doing this and fell upon the open knife in his hand. The wound made, it is thought, need not have been fatal if it could have been promptly attended to.

Coroner H. C. Packard of Bethel was summoned, but after being in full possession of the facts, he decided that it was so clearly a case of accidental death that no inquest was necessary.

Marshall was 32 years of age, and leaves a widow and one daughter.

Why, of Course It Is.

THE MOTH PEST STILL A SERIOUS MATTER IN THIS STATE.

A recent dispatch from Boston says:

That the gypsy and browntail moths are more than ever a menace to trees and shrubbery in Maine and New Hampshire, and that few people realize the seriousness of the situation, were the statements made to-day to D. M. Rogers, special field agent of the Federal government, by Capt. E. E. Philbrook of Portland, the special agent for Maine, and Col. Thomas H. Dearborn of Dover, the agent for New Hampshire.

Capt. Philbrook stated that the worst infested spot found in Maine was in York, where several hundred thousand feet of sawed lumber was found to contain 3,000 gypsy moth egg clusters. The lumber was awaiting shipment to Rhode Island and Connecticut, and had it been allowed to go, the dreaded moth would undoubtedly have found lodgement in those states.

The two agents were of the opinion that the Legislatures of Maine and New Hampshire would have to increase the appropriations for moth work.

Monday's city election in Portland resulted in the re-election of Mayor Adam P. Leighton, Republican, by a plurality of 2024, the largest plurality with one exception ever given a mayor in Portland. The city government is also more strongly Republican than usual.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

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

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. F. Hill, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12. Sabbath evening service at 7:30. 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.

A few inches of snow last week has given us excellent sleighing.

The Baptist Society have voted to have a Christmas tree and invite the other church and the village generally to unite with them. Mrs. L. B. Merrill and Mrs. Fred Shaw were chosen committee of arrangements.

Guy Bennett is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, until after Christmas.

About twenty couples enjoyed a social dance at Academy Hall Saturday evening. A good time is reported and another dance is to be given on Saturday evening of the present week.

Greenwood.

Touching meteorology for the benefit of those who live far away, will remark that we have had three zero mornings and as many snow storms, the last one being on Monday, when six inches fell, ending in a rain storm of short duration, but enough to turn the snow into a mess of slush. This raised the small streams a little for the time being, but of short duration so that practically the drouth is still on, and a neighbor told us yesterday that his well had been dry for three months, and he had been obliged to haul all the water used a long distance in barrels.

The man who went on a visit and hunt to West Bethel last Monday week, returned the following Thursday and reported what Uncle Solon would call good easy hunting so far as big game was in it, since they had nothing to do but to go right along without having to stop and take aim. Put into plain English, they traveled over hills and through swamps for two days, and yet the nearest they came to seeing what they were after were their tracks made some time previously.

Thanks to the Hendricks brothers for a three-foot picture, entitled "Destruction of San Francisco by Earthquake and Fire, April 18th, 1906." It is printed in colors, the names of the buildings on fire being given, thirteen in number, and says that "every building shown in the above picture was destroyed" by the great fire. It is hardly necessary to add that it is a doleful looking scene and gives one a good opportunity to ask the question why, if so disposed.

Also to Mrs. M. W. E. of Rumford Falls for another post-card, the picture being the M. E. church of that place. It is a fine looking building, and here's hoping the true God is worshiped there instead of Mammon or creed.

Again we have looked upon death, it being the remains of Kilbon Perham, whose funeral occurred Wednesday at Bryant's Pond. We visited his home more than a year ago and found him then so feeble that his death brought no surprise. He was a distant relative, his grandfather, Rouse Bisbee, being a brother of my grandfather, who was John Bisbee.

Hiram.

On Dec. 1, the mercury reached 56 above zero, and on Dec. 3, forty hours later, it had fallen to 6 above zero.

Mr. Fritz Milliken has gone to St. Augustine, Florida, to fill a position in a hotel until spring.

Mr. Isaac S. Lowell has sold his homestead farm and the Nelson Adams farm to Hon. L. R. Giles of East Brownfield, who has sold it to Mr. Rufus N. Lowell.

The old union church at East Hiram is being repaired and fitted by Messrs. Leland L. & Clarence Kimball for a workshop and manufactory of Yankee notions.

Mrs. Charles W. Kennedy of Cambridge, Mass., who has visited her friend, Mrs. Ella Howard, has returned home.

Mr. Freedom Wadsworth continues very ill.

Mr. Isaac L. Brown has bought the Jesse T. Irish place near Cornish bridge.

There is a quiet, progressive revival of religion in the Durgin district in South Hiram.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Wadsworth are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Colcord, in Cornish.

Our efficient deputy sheriff, Mr. Albert F. Berry, declines a reappointment.

West Lovell.

John A. Fox and Alexander Laroque are building them a camp for comfort of themselves while eating their dinner.

Mrs. Correnne Fox had another illturn Monday, but is better at this writing.

Fred Stearns and Oris LeBaron went to North Stow after deer the middle of the week.

North Paris.

A. J. Abbott has been in bed two weeks with pleurisy and light run of fever. Is now on the gain but at this writing, Dec. 10, has not been out.

Apple packers are at Dea. Dunham's this week. Mr. Dunham has sold more than one-half of his stock, and has calls every day by those waiting.

Leroy Abbott and wife made a business trip to Lewiston last week.

Bert Fuller's family are reported to have the mumps.

Fred Hendrichen has been finishing some rooms in his chambers and Lincoln Whitman has moved in and occupies them.

Norway Lake.

Mrs. A. D. Kilgore is real sick again. She was very sick for several weeks in the fall.

C. A. Stephens is at home now.

Mrs. George Horr is stopping with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Stephens.

George Frost is having quite a hard time with teethache and grippe—perhaps.

Partridge Bros. have the foundation all ready for the new engine, and it will be moved in right off.

Locke's Mills.

Mrs. Lucinda Small is the guest of Mrs. Will Coolidge.

Mr. A. W. Bryant and Mrs. Fred Bryant drove over from Milton Thursday and took dinner at David Foster's.

Rev. Felix Powell of Berlin, N. H., the Italian preacher, gave a very interesting lecture at the Union church Tuesday evening. His subject was from "Ditch to Pulpit," and all who attended felt that their money was well spent after hearing him talk.

Mr. F. E. Purington, who has been station agent here for several years, has been sent to Lewiston Junction. We all are sorry to have him go as both he and his wife have made many friends during their stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett, Mrs. Abbie Trask and Lola Foster attended the funeral of Kilbon Perham at Bryant's Pond, Wednesday afternoon.

North Waterford.

Waterford Grange is still progressing. They conferred the first and second degrees on two candidates. After that they had election of officers.

It was quite a surprise to the people here when Willis Kilgore set out the cigars a few nights ago saying he and Lucy York had been married about two weeks.

Inez Flint visited her friend, Mrs. Bert McIntire, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hazelton went to Norway Tuesday.

Mrs. Will McAllister has two Adams fellows boarding there.

Ernest McGray recently went to George Ames' of Norway and staid all night. He brought his mother home with him, who had been there on a few days' visit.

Denmark.

Silver Rebekah Lodge, No. 19, conferred the degree upon two candidates Thursday evening, Dec. 10. Cake and coffee were served after the meeting.

Mr. Leon Ingalls will commence his dancing school in Odd Fellows' Hall Monday evening, Dec. 13.

Mr. Fred Sanborn has started his saw mill at the Day place under the mountain.

The winter term of high school began Monday, the 7th. Miss Parsons, teacher.

West Paris.

The drama, "Grandmother Hildebrand's Legacy" was well played last Friday evening to a good sized audience. All the characters were well taken, and some of the leading parts were so well impersonated as to win special commendation from the listeners. Music between acts was furnished by Mr. Martin and Mr. Tuell on violin and piano, and a trombone solo was played by L. M. Irish. After the play there was a pleasant sociable and refreshments of pop corn and home-made candies were on sale.

The other side of the Rebekah contest will present their entertainment Friday evening of this week, Dec. 18th, at Centennial Hall. A good program has been arranged which will consist of a variety of selections of music both vocal and instrumental, readings and tableaux and a three-act drama entitled "Out of His Sphere." Characters:

Jedediah Blood, a farmer, Ellsworth D. Curtis.
Thomas Blood, his son, Carroll A. Bacon.
Carl Schmidt, his hired man, Edgar L. Wood.
Alphonso Markham, a rich man, Earle Adams
John, his servant, R. Morton Hammond.
Mary Mower, his maid servant. Mabel E. Ricker.
Betty Blood, wife of Jedediah, Cora D. Lurvey.
Lucy Blood, his daughter, Mattie D. Tuell.

Price of admission 20 cents; under 12 years, 10 cents. An oyster supper will be served in the hall from 5:30 to 7:30 Supper tickets 20 cents. Combination tickets to both supper and entertainment 35 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. The play is a good comedy of about one hour in length, and the whole program will occupy about two hours, which will be followed by a social with plays and games.

The three Sunday Schools are to unite in an observance of Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Bowker are to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Tuell, this winter. Mr. Bowker is night engineer on the special engine here on the Grand Trunk road.

George Curtis has returned from the hospital and stopped with his brother, Charles H. Curtis, for a few days.

Mrs. Sidney Farnum, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Mrs. Betsey G. Curtis made her niece Marion a birthday gift the 7th of a nice Lauter piano.

Miss Madge L. Tuell has been at Sabattus several days visiting Miss Annie Stoehr.

Some repairs and improvements have been made on the house occupied by A. L. Bacon and family.

Last Saturday officers were elected in West Paris Grange as follows:

Master—A. J. Abbott.
Overseer—O. G. Chandler.
Lecturer—Delia F. Reed.
Steward—C. S. Dudley.
Asst Steward—Charles Marshall.
Chaplain—Augusta M. Beck.
Treasurer—M. S. Bubier.
Secretary—Edith Day.
Gate-Keeper—Walter Littlehale.
Ceres—Mrs. E. S. Porter.
Pomona—Mrs. Carrie Dudley.
Flora—Mrs. Cora Marshall.
Lady Asst. Steward—Mrs. Peterson.
Chorister and Organist—Ora Field.
Librarian—Ada B. Barden.

A strong effort will be made the coming summer to build a new Grange Hall and it was voted at this meeting to hire quite a large sum to put with the present fund for that purpose. A committee was also appointed to get up a drama in the near future.

Miss Alice Penley is very sick.

West Sumner.

The farm buildings of Moses Dow were burned Sunday night, the 6th inst. The fire was caused by the burning out of the chimney. The family were in bed and the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. About 10:30 Mrs. Dow was awakened by the light and the crackling of the flames. An alarm was at once sent in on the telephone, but before help could reach them nearly all their furniture, clothing, etc., was burned. The stock was saved. The barn was well filled with hay which was burned together with most of the farm implements. Loss $1800. Insurance $1000.

The ladies of the Relief Corps held an all day meeting Saturday, Dec. 5th, which was well attended. Election of officers occupied nearly all the forenoon. The relief committee were instructed to present comrade A. B. Wheeler, who is sick in bed, with $5. At noon a basket lunch with hot coffee was enjoyed. At the afternoon session, Mrs. Maud Merrill, of Hebron, Corps inspector, was present. The floor work was exemplified and highly commended by Mrs. Merrill, who found the corps in good working order. This corps already has thirty-four members and more coming.

Charles Austin of Buckfield is threshing for Oscar Swift.

Wm. Mason of Paris and Willie Daniels of Minot were at Frank Young's Thursday.

Henry Merrill of Hebron was the guest of his cousin, Arthur Bonney, Saturday.

Mrs. Maud Merrill and daughter Mildred of Hebron took dinner with Mrs. E. G. Small Saturday.

Albert Washburn of Massachusetts has been in town recently visiting old friends.

Hiram Dunham of North Paris has bought a cow of D. D. Small.

Emery Ryerson, son of Herbert Ryerson, is very ill with a disease of the kidneys.

Elias Johnson and Lester Harris of Strickland's Ferry are here buying cattle.

Mrs. Effie Robinson is in very poor health. She is keeping house for Wallace Chandler.

Florence Farrar has gone to Strickland Ferry visiting.

Mrs. Freeman Farrar has gone to Redding to stay with her daughter, Mrs. John Foster, who is ill in bed. Harriet Swett of Canton is keeping house for Mrs Farrar.

The ladies of the Baptist Circle held a sale in the vestry Wednesday, the 9th inst., which was very successful. A very pretty silk quilt was sold by vote and brought $29.10. There were two candidates, Miss Laura Bonney and Miss Luella Farrar. Miss Bonney received the largest number of votes and of course the quilt fell to her, while Miss Farrar was presented with a silk crazy work sofa pillow that was in readiness for the candidate that was second on the list. In the afternoon a free entertainment was given which consisted of music, readings and selections on the phonograph by A. G. Farrar. From the sale (including quilt) and dinner the sum of $40 was realized. Among those from out of town were J. A. Noyes and wife, South Paris; Mrs. Martha Andrews and granddaughter Beatrice, A. T. Hollis, wife, and three children, North Paris.

There will be a Christmas tree in the Baptist church Thursday evening, the 24th inst. There is to be a concert after which the presents will be distributed. All are invited to participate in the festivities.

East Sumner.

As a rule country ministers and physicians earn their money and are entitled to all that they get. Their work is more strenuous and calls for greater exposure to the weather and road conditions than the city profession, while their salary is usually much less. Take for example the work put in by Rev. S. C. Eaton last Sunday, Dec. 6. At 10:30 he supplied his pulpit as usual. At 12 attended the Sabbath School. At 2 P. M. he preached at Hartford Center, causing a five-mile trip. As soon as he returned home he had only time to eat a piece of pie when he had to go nearly five miles to the north part of the town to perform a marriage ceremony. Returning home he had just time to conduct an evening service at the vestry. Five services and nearly fifteen miles travel in the cold.

Then take the case of the physician. After a long day's work and exposure to the cold weather he finally arrives at home tired, and hopes to enjoy a much needed night's rest. He retires, gets fairly to sleep, when he is suddenly aroused and called to go several miles into some back country over poor roads in the darkness, and maybe in a tough storm, to visit some poor family in need of his services. He goes without complaint, ministers to their needs, and finally at a late hour returns home to find another message to hurry to another place where he is much needed. Think of the weary hours in the darkness, over dangerous roads, and the danger of becoming ill himself. And sometimes his only comfort (?) is the sweet reflection that he may never get a cent for his labor. We are of the opinion that the professionals richly earn their pay and should be considered as noble benefactors to the human race. Give them their due cheerfully.

Bethel.

The town schools opened Monday. A number of the scholars from the village schools were detained at home with chicken pox.

Mr. W. J. Wheeler has recently placed a Packard piano in the home of Mr. Ed Arno for his daughter Hazel.

Mrs. Gotthard Carlson has been spending a few days in Portland with Mr. Carlson.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Club of the Congregational society held the annual Christmas sale. The fancy tables were well supplied with articles for Christmas presents. The apron table, candy table and food table were all well patronized. In the evening a fine entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. Curtis. The double quartette furnished Songs of Ye Olde Times, in costume. Mrs. Emma Vandenkerckhoven gave a very pleasing reading. Miss Almira Pease delighted her audience with the Family Album. The sale and entertainment proved very successful. On account of the recent fire no supper was served.

Dr. Edson Buker is spending his vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Curtis.

The stores have put on a Christmas air with their decorations. Mr. Edward King, Mr. Pushard's drug store and Mr. Basserman's drug store, also Miss L. M. Stearns' millinery and fancy goods store are well filled with Christmas goods.

There is nearly a foot of snow which gives good sleighing. Saturday morning it is still snowing.

Gould Academy opens Tuesday.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

A letter from S. G. Packard of Elmira, N. Y., to his sister in Bethel, Me., says: "The weather here is beautiful so far this fall. Thanksgiving was warm and pleasant. I hope it will continue a while longer till I get some more work done. I received a letter from sister Rose recently. She sent me a lot of 'snap shot' pictures of places connected with our old home and other scenes in South Paris, all of which are dear with recollections of years past. Rose's lines are cast in rather pleasant ways. Her children are smart and capable and do a good deal for her. I am busy with my work all the while and have no time for indulging in fanciful dreams. Some definite aim is essential to success. Too many are looking for 'snaps' and soft jobs and places for advancement. Great ability is not so essential to success as to know how to use what ability we do have in some settled, definite purpose, and get at it and keep at it and no looking back. If I have accomplished more than some others it is because I have not been as afraid of work and of hard blows and aching joints, and withal what 'people say,' self respect is the fruit of downright, hard, honest work, and this is the surest way to have the respect of others. Failure comes along the side of laxity in a person's natural propensities—the short name of which is vice." In a late letter from the sister Rose referred to above I find these beautiful lines referring to her departed mother:

"I seemed to see thy spirit leave the clay
That was its mortal tenement of late;
I seemed to see it falter at the gate
Of the new life as seeking to obey
Some inner law, yet doubtful of the way
Provided for its passage by that fate
Which makes birth pain, and gives to death such state
And dignity, when soul withdraws its sway.

A tremor of the pale and noble brow,
A tightening of the lips, and thou wast gone—
Gone whither? Ah, the hush of death's abyss!
All tenantless thy beauteous form lay now
As the c'cada's fragile shell outgrown,
Or as the long-forsaken, lonely chrysalis."

Rose was a devoted daughter to her mother and she sometimes says she cannot live without her. She with her brother, S. G. Packard, it will be remembered, are Oxford County people.

West Bethel.

"Full knee deep soon will lie the snow,
And winter winds will wail and sigh,
While waiting maidens mourn and cry,
As they behold the old year go,
'Leap year, you must not die!
You came to us so lovingly,
We looked on you approvingly—
Leap year, oh, please don't die!'"

"There's something wonderful about the ice so thin and white
Across the narrow little rut that dried up in the night!
It's criss-crossed in a hundred ways with streaks and veins and lines,
And sparkles out like diamonds when the sun spunks up and shines,
And when you break it with your heel you couldn't hardly tell
Its rattle from the jingle of a little silver bell."

Albert Littlefield of Stoneham was in town last Tuesday.

Charles A. Dunham is working in a blacksmith shop on Bethel Hill.

H. P. Dennison is beginning to make a display of Christmas goods in his store.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns of Grover Hill is teaching the West Bethel village school.

Devil wagons are housed for the winter and horses are once more enjoying life without fear.

Francis Mills and Susan Tyler enter Gould Academy this week for their second term.

Alanson Tyler is on the road this week delivering pictures and frames, and soliciting more orders.

Six men employed in cutting birch for D. R. Hastings are boarding at H. B. Lowell's.

The snow and rain which fell Monday covered the frozen earth with a crust, making sledding on smooth roads.

H. P. Dennison now has three girl assistants in the post office and store, and all are kept busy.

Edward Mason and family moved from their farm in Northwest Albany to this village last week.

The season for the slaying of deer is over for this year, but the sleighing of deers is just beginning, and may be continued for the next three months.

Oxford.

Rev. Mr. Farnsworth, pastor of the M. E. church, is holding a series of meetings. He is assisted by Mr. Joslin, Mr. Pierce and others.

Rev. Mr. Newport and wife went to Turner, his new field of labor, on Wednesday. The pulpit will be occupied on Sunday by Mr. Wm. Ames, a student from the Bangor Theological Seminary.

The ladies of the Congregational Circle held a sale and supper at Temperance Hall Wednesday evening, which was well patronized.

Preparations for Christmas are going forward.

The high and grammar schools opened on Monday after a short vacation.

Albany.

George Cummings had the misfortune to crush his knee very badly recently.

Isaac Morrill has bought all the stumpage on the Hiram Bean lot and has a crew of men working for him.

A brush fire caused quite a scare at Isaac Wardwell's recently. The wind blew the flames toward the buildings and it was thought they would burn.

Thomas Poole has taken a job of Eben Kilborn cutting timber. A. A. Lufkin and a Mr. Hodgkins are working for him.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrill and little son of Bethel have moved into the H. H. Bean house for the winter.

Stow.

Winter has begun in good earnest.

Irving Guptill started the 8th for California, where he will spend the winter.

Simeon Guptill is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Guptill. He will commence work soon for Buzzell driving team.

Ernest Jewett, who has been very sick with rheumatic fever, is on the gain now. He sits up in bed some.

Lottie Leavitt is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Lary.

Liston Abbott of Waterford is in town looking for a logging job.

Mrs. W. H. Walker visited Mrs. Seavey at the Harbor the past few days.

Miss Ethel Guptill's school closes the 18th for a short vacation.

Miss Grace Plummer's school begins the 14th in District No. 2.

The people are taking advantage of the their first snow. They are getting up their wood.

East Waterford.

Will Brown's little eight-year-old boy has rheumatic fever.

Miss Elsie Sanderson was at home for one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Young have moved into their new house.

Phil Rolfe has returned and is getting the rent over the store ready for his family.

Buckfield.

Bonney Chaffin has gone to Norway to work in the shoe shop.

Isaac Jordan of Brockton has been visiting his father and brothers here during the past week.

F. R. Dyer, Esq., went to Rumford Friday to try a case. Mrs. Dyer visited friends in Auburn Friday and Saturday.

Paul Bridgham, son of the late Dr. Charles B. Bridgham of Cohasset, Mass., has been visiting relatives here.

C. C. Withington has been in Portland and vicinity on a business trip this week.

B. E. Gerrish shipped a carload of live stock Thursday.

Merritt Parsons still continues quite feeble and is confined to the house most of the time.

Miss Laura Dean is quite seriously ill, having been threatened with pneumonia.

The long heralded minstrel show given by the local Eastern Star fraternity occurred Friday evening. The circle was composed of a mixed chorus of seventeen voices with Mrs. F. P. Withington as interlocutor; Mrs. Belle Nulty, Mrs. Emma Davee with tambos; Mr. Arthur Peaslee and J. C. Withington with bones as ends. During the first part solos were sung by Mrs. Arthur Hall, Mr. Arthur Hall, Mr. Peaslee, Mr. Warren, Mr. Irish, and a duet by Mrs. Rawson and Mr. Warren. The second part consisted of a stump speech by Mrs. Annie Withington, which was most excellently done, banjo solos by Professor Allie Barrows of Sumner and character songs by the same artist. A personal song by Professor Hall proved a great hit. The entertainment closed with a minuet in costume by four couples, which was the finest thing of the evening. The entertainment was followed by an oyster supper prepared by Chef Crockett, and a dance. Music was furnished for the evening by the Swastika Orchestra of South Paris and was much enjoyed by all.

Hebron.

Mrs. J. C. Donham is visiting her father and sisters in Auburn.

Mrs. H. A. Cushman returned from Auburn last week.

Miss Velma Bean, who has been with Mrs. Newton this fall, was called home last week by the illness of her mother.

Miss Bertha Packard, who has been in poor health all the fall, passed away Friday evening, Dec. 4th, and was buried Monday afternoon. Miss Packard was the oldest daughter of the late Z. L. Packard. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. H. T. Glover and Mrs. Fred Cushman of this place and Mrs. Warren Hanscom of New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Hanscom were here to the funeral. Miss Packard was a member of Z. L. Packard W. R. C., Hebron Grange and Sunshine Society and an active member of Maple Ridge Cemetery Association. She will be greatly missed by all and her death has cast a gloom over the community. "None knew her but to love her."

Hebron Grange held an all day meeting at their hall Dec. 9th and elected officers as follows:

Master—Fred Marshall.
Overseer—Arthur George.
Lecturer—Emma Phillips.
Steward—D. B. Perry.
Assistant Steward—Walter Conant.
Chaplain—D. F. Cummings.
Treasurer—Charles George.
Secretary—Gertie George.
Gate-Keeper—Marshall Keene.
Pomona—Bertha George.
Flora—Mrs. D. B. Perry.
Ceres—Abbie Marshall.
L. A. Steward—Emily Conant.

East Bethel.

Farmers were ploughing Dec. 1st, now we are in the midst of winter.

Robins have been here this week.

Mr. Z. W. Bartlett visited Lewiston last week Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Fred Emerson of Lowell, Mass., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett last week.

Mr. George Armitage, who has been spending the past five weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Etta Bean, has returned to Lawrence, Mass., much improved in health.

The winter term of school is in session under the instruction of Mr. Fritz Vail. He is boarding at J. M. Bartlett's.

Zero weather and snowing hard Dec. 11.

Maine News Notes.

Portland's endorsement of its Republican administration was a very handsome one.

Leo Gilbert, 17 years old, received injuries which caused his death on the 5th by being caught in a rotary saw in a sawmill at Schoodic.

The Grand Trunk station at Cumberland was burned Thursday night, presumably from an overheated stove. Loss about $1500.

It is said the Grand Trunk wharves in Portland burned in the recent fire will be replaced with concrete piers and fireproof sheds.

John Davis of Rockland, aged 14 years, was killed Saturday by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting. He evidently stumbled over a fallen tree and caused the accident.

Gilbert D. Watters of Bangor, while on a visit to relatives in New Brunswick, was drowned in Magaguadavic Lake on the 5th. He was 34 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children.

The East Machias Lumber Co. suffered loss on the 6th by the third incendiary fire which has destroyed its property within six months. This time a boarding house and dwelling, both occupied, were burned.

Morris W. Littlefield of Grand Falls Plantation, aged 21 years, was shot and instantly killed by his companion, Lloyd R. Shorey of Burlington, who mistook him for a deer, on Sunday, the 6th. Littlefield had been married but three months.

At Belfast Monday evening Miss Stella Moore was shot twice by George E. Benson. Jealousy was the cause of the act. Benson is bound over under heavy bail. Miss Moore will probably recover. She is about 30 years of age, and Benson about 40.

Portland Advertiser: There is a report that President Taft will spend his summer vacations either in Maine or Massachusetts—a tip that should not be lost on the Portland Board of Trade. Portland would make an ideal summer capital for the nation.

Mary, the 14-year-old daughter of Auguste Poitras of Brunswick, was fatally burned on the 5th. She had prepared for bed and was putting some wood on the fire when her night dress became ignited and she was burned from head to foot. Her death occurred within an hour.

Does farming pay in Aroostook? Well, here is a little story that illustrates things up in the garden county. A farmer in western Maine sold his farm for $2000 last year and moved to Aroostook. He bought a farm there for $6000, paying down $2000 and giving a mortgage for $4000. From the profits of his potato crop this fall he is able to pay off the mortgage in full. That is a fair year's work on a farm.

The Work of the Tree Surgeon.

How the tree surgeon—or dentist, perhaps, inasmuch as a great part of his work consists in the filling of cavities—is saving the lives of many valuable trees is shown in an interesting article by Newton Forest Russel in the current issue of Harper's Weekly. Shaping and trimming of trees, and fighting fungus and the depredations of insect pests are other features of the tree surgeon's work. This article has a timely interest in view of the national awakening to the need of preserving our sylvan growth against reckless destruction.

MEDICINE THAT IS MEDICINE.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters: a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s drug store.

When Rubbers Become Necessary

And your shoes pinch, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for Breaking in New Shoes. Sold Everywhere, 25c. Sample FREE. Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

Resolutions.

Buckfield Grange, No. 488.

Whereas, In the Providence of God, He has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Henry G. Shaw, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in this bereavement, this Grange has lost a good and faithful member, who sought in his daily life to carry out the principles of the Grange.

Resolved, That while we bow to the divine will, we mourn the death of a good and beloved brother, a good neighbor and citizen.

Resolved, That we tender to his family and relatives the sympathy of this Grange.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of this Grange, that a copy be sent to the family, and a copy be sent to the Oxford Democrat for publication.

C. N. TILTON,
A. F. WARREN,
MRS. A. F. WARREN, } Committee on Resolutions.

MARKED FOR DEATH.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s drug store. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

Nine-year-old Joseph Hecktl of Durham found his father's shot gun where he could get at it, "didn't know it was loaded," and pointed it at his six-year-old brother, Michael Hecktl. Death was instantaneous. The mother had gone to a neighbor's and left the two boys alone with the gun.

Glasses and Glasses.

SOME people seem to think that if they only wear Glasses it will be all right with their Eyes. There would be just as much sense in prescribing the same medicine for every disease.

Consult us. We give examinations that leave no defects undiscovered.

S. RICHARDS,
EYESIGHT SPECIALIST,
6 Pleasant St., South Paris, Me.

To the Horse and Dairy Men!

I have the facilities for handling

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cheaper than any other mill in town. Call and get my prices and convince your self.

I am agent for SUCRENE Dairy Feed and SCHUMACHER Stock Feed. I call your attention to these two feeds as they have stood the test and cannot be surpassed.

I have a car of Cotton Seed Meal that is odd weight, so am making the price low to cut it off.

Be sure and get my prices on Hay before buying.

A. C. Maxim,
Two Mills, { South Paris. West Paris.

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of
JOS. BOIVIN, } In Bankruptcy.
of Rumford, Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Jos. Boivin, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1908, the said Jos. Boivin was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 8 Market Square, South Paris, on the 30th day of Dec., A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, Dec. 12, 1908.

WALTER L. GRAY,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

F. A. SHURTLEFF & CO. F. A. SHURTLEFF & CO.

OUR 22nd ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS SALE!

Is Now Going on.

Our assortment this year is larger and better than ever. Careful buying early in the season has given a more complete stock and better goods than usual. You will find everything strictly high grade, of best quality and sold at a fair price. **Christmas buying should be done NOW.** Every day's delay means that you must choose from a smaller selection. Don't forget our store when you are making your Holiday purchases. We have hundreds of Christmas articles especially selected for this particular time of the year and especially for you. Unless you personally look over our stock you cannot possibly know of the great variety of goods, nor can you imagine how beautiful they are either in value or attractiveness. Keep this in mind—those who come first have the best selection. Our stock is very large but the way we are selling these Christmas articles the assortment will soon be broken. Note some of the things we excel in.

Leather Goods.

Purses, Hand Bags, Pocket Books, Card Cases, Cuff Boxes, Bill Books, Medicine Cases, Music Rolls and Portfolios, Cigar Cases, &c. Prices run 5c to $5.00.

Perfumes.

The most popular odors from the leading manufacturers. In plain and cut glass bottles, 10c to $4.50 each. In bulk 40c to $2.00 per ounce. Imported and Domestic Toilet Waters, 25c to $1.00 per bottle.

Stationery.

Always an important item in our stock, but our line this season comprises the greatest values we have ever shown. An elegant assortment of Xmas boxes from the leading makers. A box of stationery always makes an acceptable Christmas gift. 25c to $5.00 per box.

Work Baskets.

Large and small. An appropriate present for the ladies. 25c to $5.00 each. Also a fine line of Waste Baskets.

Fountain

SOUTH PARIS.

As far as the store windows are concerned, Christmas is here.

Mrs. Herman Phillips is in Auburn caring for her mother, who is sick.

The Careful Gleaners will meet with Mrs. T. N. Kewley Tuesday afternoon.

Carl S. Briggs has closed his violin studio at Rumford, and is at home again.

Miss Staples of Brunswick is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Motley at Hotel Andrews.

Miss Rose A. Murphy is assistant in the post office through the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Plummer visited Mr. Plummer's mother at Sweden Wednesday.

David Rounds of Danville has been the guest of his nephew, J. D. Haynes, the past week.

Miss Leona D. Stuart is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Brown, in Portland, for two weeks.

Vernon A. Curtis, who has been in Pennsylvania for some time, is with his mother here at present.

Clayton K. Brooks of Boston, formerly of South Paris, was here on a short business trip last week.

Mrs. Geo. C. Fernald was called to North Conway, N. H., last week by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Abbie Briggs of Roxbury Mass., has been the guest of Mrs. William P. Morton for a few days.

And none of the windows draws any more attention than the Humpty Dumpty circus at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s.

The Mason Manufacturing Co. is now running only four days a week, and is shut down on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mrs. E. N. Anderson arrived home a few days ago after a five weeks' visit in Providence, Old Orchard and Portland.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. hope to see every Son of a Veteran at the supper they are to give them, Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will have a business meeting Wednesday night at the close of the prayer meeting. A large attendance is desired.

Don't forget the supper at the M. E. church Thursday, Dec. 17. A fine entertainment will be furnished. Supper 15 cents, entertainment 10 cents.

Mrs. Fannie Record, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. H. Bumpus, for the last few weeks, returned to her home in Boston last Wednesday.

A cantata, The Santa Claus Club, requiring about forty for its presentation, is in preparation by the Methodist Sunday School for a Christmas entertainment.

The Fan Tans will observe their regular club night Tuesday evening of this week. The club will be entertained by the last division. Supper will be served at 6:30. A good time is assured.

W. Herbert McCann, Division Commander, S. of V., will inspect Joshua L. Chamberlain Camp Tuesday, Dec. 15th. Supper will be served at 6:45 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

W. H. Jenne and Alton C. Wheeler were at Redding most of last week running lines where there had been a disputed boundary. Mrs. Wheeler was meanwhile with her father's family at Auburn.

The Seneca Club meets this Monday evening with Mrs. Eastman and Miss Thayer. The topic for the evening is Inventors, with essays on Franklin, Stephenson, Edison, and the Modern Aeronauts.

Assignments of justices for the Oxford County terms of Supreme Judicial Court in 1909 are as follows: March term, Judge Cornish; May term (at Rumford) Chief Justice Emery; October term, Judge Savage.

Mr. George Richards, who is at King's Hospital, suffered an ill turn last week, an attack of the grippe. He is very comfortable at this writing, and if nothing new sets in, expects to be at home in about two weeks.

Teamsters are busy. The snow of Friday and Saturday, while there was not enough of it to make sledding in the woods, has made the best sledding on the road that we shall have this winter, and things are moving.

Our advertisers are having an inning this week, and occupying rather more of the space in the Democrat than usual—in fact, a little more than was expected until the last minute. Their advertisements are full of suggestions for the season, and make a good buyers' guide, and will be read with interest.

Advertised letters in South Paris post office Dec. 14, 1908:

Mr. Harry Hodgkins.
A. C. Richards.
Mr. F. F. Whitman.
W. S. Wright.
Mr. Peter Crosse.
Mr. Frank E. Baker.

S. F. Davis, Postmaster.

A large horizontal boiler on a sled was stored in the square Friday night. It belonged to Archie H. Curtis, and was used by him last winter on a lot in Oxford where he was operating. From here it went to the mill at the Moody Brook bridge about six miles north, where Mr. Curtis is to operate.

F. E. Porter and family have moved from the W. C. McArdle house off Western Avenue to one of the new houses built by W. B. Russell, and Robert Tufts is to occupy the other one. The McArdle house will be occupied by J. J. Hayden and family, formerly of South Paris but for some time living in Norway.

Letters have recently been received by their parents here from Capt. A. A. Starbird, of the United States Artillery, who has been transferred to the Philippines, and his sister, Miss Abbie Starbird, who accompanied him. The letters announced their arrival at Manila, after a very pleasant trip, considerable time having been spent at Honolulu on the way.

There was an interesting wedding service at the residence of Rev. J. H. Little last Wednesday evening when Crockett C. Record and Lucinda May Everett were married, the ring service being used. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Allen Buck acted as groomsman and bridesmaid, and they assisted a large party who were waiting outside to give the bride and groom a royal send off as they left the house.

Those who have taxes to make may have a passing interest in the fact noted at the close of the county supervisors' meeting in St. Lawrence County, New York, that on account of murder trials and some other matters, the tax decimal for the town of Canton in that county is .00426942399 against .00418389995 last year. However, it is fair to assume that that is the rate of the county tax assessed on the town as a whole, and not the rate which is used in figuring the individual taxes.

One of the flourishing clubs of the place is the Parliamentary Club, composed of about twenty of the boys of the high school. This club holds meetings at the Congregational vestry alternate Saturday evenings. Beginning its work last winter, it took up the study of parliamentary law, and this winter has regular debates on various subjects. Every third debate is open to the public. The officers of the club are:

President—Stanley Shurtleff.
Vice-President—Albert King.
Secretary—Ray Jenne.
Treasurer—Philip King.

BOLSTER DISTRICT.

Mrs. A. O. Wheeler was in Lewiston last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Foster of Everett, Mass., were recently at J. S. Brown's.

Grover Brown, who has been ill at his home here, is much improved in health and returned to Orono last Friday.

Orington York of Minot was in the place last Saturday. He has sold his farm at Minot and expects to locate in Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Waterhouse of Bryant Pond are passing the winter with Mrs. Waterhouse's sister, Mrs. I. D. Cummings.

Another Water Question.

Snow's Falls, Dec. 9, 1908.

While public interest is directed to the subject of water supply through the controversy at South Paris, I wish to call attention to another grave question probably affecting a wider territory. I refer to the danger of poisoning from the lead pipe so commonly used for supplying drinking water.

The great natural purity and softness of our spring waters, due to their granite origin, renders them more liable to lead contamination, for, as a rule, the softer the water the more readily does it dissolve lead. Neither can our harder waters be considered safe. If the hardness is "permanent," that is, not improved by boiling, it is usually due to sulphates of lime and magnesia and protects the pipe by coating it with the extremely insoluble sulphate of lead. Yet the frequent remark, "Well, our water's all right for it coats the pipe" is not justified. Although my own water is otherwise excellent and coats lead pipe heavily, I found lead in it while analyzing a sample at Bowdoin College where I was then assistant in chemistry. Some doubt having been expressed regarding my conclusions, I asked Professor Robinson for his opinion, which, after examining the test, he gave as follows: "You may tell—so and so—from me, that the water contains lead and in dangerous amount." Not caring to let mere convenience outweigh my own judgment, backed by that of Professor Robinson, I have since that time brought by hand or otherwise all water used for drinking, etc., from a distance of more than sixty rods—no pleasant job at this season,—although my subsequent analyses showed the amount of lead to be very slight—not far from one part in ten million.

This is trifling, however, compared with the situation at West Paris, to which my attention was called some time ago through analysis of water for a friend. At that time I was unable to follow up the matter, but last summer I obtained samples from other families in the village and found myself obliged to condemn four out of the six and to call another doubtful. Thinking by that time the matter was one of public importance I reported it to the chairman of the board of health, who later sent six samples to the state laboratory for analysis, four of them waters I had not tested. I am told one was pronounced pure, the other five condemned for lead ranging in amount from three-tenths to one and five-tenths parts per million—from three to fifteen times as much as that in my own water previously condemned by Professor Robinson.

I regret an apparent tendency in some quarters to minimize the gravity of the danger indicated by this official report. If taken into the system, lead tends to accumulate there rather than to be eliminated, and the proportion contained in these waters is by no means so minute as a mere glance at the figures seems to show. Moreover, in such small amounts the poison has no well marked symptoms. A professor in the Maine Medical School told me five years ago that a recent investigation of water supplies,—I think in Vermont—had shown numerous cases of lead poisoning from drinking waters. Many of the persons affected had been treated for various years for chronic diseases without success, and had been cured or at least much benefited by changing the treatment to that usually employed for lead poisoning. My informant therefore believed it probable that poisoning by such small amounts of the metal was much more dangerous than it had been considered, especially as it might closely resemble almost any chronic disease instead of showing its own characteristic symptoms. Then, too, some are far more resistant than others, and a man in good health may throw off the poison for years, yet be affected by it if once weakened through some other cause.

I understand that when other work permits it, suspected waters may be analyzed by the director of the State Laboratory of Hygiene at Augusta without expense to citizens of this state, and I hope those who are using lead pipe will arrange with him for such analyses. I cannot think it at all likely that the danger is confined to this one locality, especially as I have just found lead in a water sample from another town, and in view of the usual nature of our water supplies and of the large proportion condemned in these investigations, I cannot urge too strongly the importance of avoiding this grave menace to public and private health. Even if allowed to run at its full capacity, all water flowing through lead pipe should be suspected unless proved safe by analysis.

Robert S. Benson.

Christmas Sunday Music.

The musical program at the Congregational church next Sunday will be as follows:

Organ Voluntary.
Doxology.
Anthem, Joy Fills the Heart To-day, Porter.
Gloria Patrie.
Violin solo, Belle Nuit, Carl Briggs.
Selection, Calm on the Listening Ear of Night, Adams.
Congregational Hymn, Joy to the World.

There will be special music at the Universalist church next Sunday by a choir of eight voices. Following is the programme:

Christmas Bells, Adams.
Sextette, Spirit Immortal, Attila.
Incidental Solo, Mr. Kinney.
Anthem, Christian, the Morn Breaks o'er Thee, Sweetly Shelley.
Duet, We'll Tell the story, with Chorus, Fillmore.
Miss Thayer, Mrs. Robbins.

Choir:

Soprano—Miss Grace Thayer, Mrs. H. E. Wilson.
Contralto—Mrs. Geo. Robbins, Miss Jessie Totman.
Tenor—Messrs. George Robbins, L. S. Sessions.
Baritone—Mr. Kinney, Mr. George Briggs.
Organist—Mrs. W. P. Morton.

Notes from South Paris Schools

The Pleasant Street Primary School closed Friday afternoon with a Christmas tree. Those not absent one-half day:

Helen Lowell, Leo Lowell.

Sara I. Swett, Teacher.

Pupils in the Shurtleff Primary School not absent one-half day during the term which closed Friday are:

Bessie Campbell, Gladys Hatch,
Winnie Pinkham, Ruth Thurlow,
Ray Thurlow, Harvey Herrick,
Maxine Bennett.

Absent one-half day only:

Bertie Clifford, Lavinia Wetherell.

Scholars not absent one-half day for the term at the Shurtleff Intermediate school are:

Vivian Heath, Henry Wetherell,
Gustave Porter, Curt Rosenstrom,
Luther Mason.

Those absent one-half day:

Gertrude Smith, Carl Fales.

Gustave Porter has been six terms without missing one-half day.

Last Session of October Court.

Wednesday of this week will probably see the end of the October term of court. Judge Bird, who presided at the regular session of the term, will not be here, but Judge A. R. Savage of Auburn instead will preside at the session of Wednesday, the 16th. There is nothing of importance to be done, but a few entries will probably be made. A decree is expected in the contested divorce case of Brown vs. Brown, heard by Judge Bird in October. At the conclusion of the business, which may not take more than a few minutes, it is expected that the October term of court will be finally adjourned.

Schools Begin.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances and difficulties a change has been made as to the time of opening the schools. The school taught by Miss Hatch, comprising the eigth and ninth grades, will not begin until the 29th of December.

The Tuell, Porter, and Biscoe begin on the 28th of December. In the Mountain District we expect to be able to have school commence the 21st of December.

In the other districts the schools will open as before stated.

The December number of The Chronicle, the Paris High School paper, was issued last week. It is a particularly creditable issue.

NORWAY.

Many farmers are obliged to drive their cattle a long distance for water.

The skating rink on the Beal estate has been abandoned, owing to the inability of the Norway Water Company to supply the necessary amount of water to flow the field.

C. B. Cummings & Sons have repaired their steam heating pipes in front of F. P. Stone's drug store and opposite the Waite store. The last is the first break in the main pipe line for a long time. The trouble is usually where the main is tapped.

F. H. Cummings comes in for very much credit for his skillful work in the decoration of Concert Hall for the ladies' fair.

Harry Everett and others have made important changes in the kitchen at Concert Hall. The room has been enlarged and well furnished with shelves and cupboards.

The most attractive way to reach Lewiston and Auburn from this section of the county is to drive to Mechanic Falls and take the electrics to the city. By this method one can go and return as he pleases. Pleasure parties to the theatre find it most convenient, also.

The Ladies' Circle held its annual fair in the vestry of the Universalist church Wednesday afternoon, evening and Thursday afternoon, concluding Thursday evening with a chicken-pie supper at 6:30 o'clock and at 8 o'clock with a concert at the opera house. The whole venture was a marked success by reason of a large amount of earnest and constant work. The vestry was most attractively decorated with brilliant colors. Each booth was known by some well known book as Vanity Fair, fancy articles; Great Expectations, food table; Miss Petticoats, wearing apparel; Old Curiosity Shop, variety table; Snow Bound, Mother Goose, Hidden Treasures, etc. Nearly everything was sold to the large attendance Wednesday afternoon and evening. Ice cream and cake and foods were among the tempting things offered for sale. Everything was low in price and most excellent in quality. The chicken-pie supper was patronized by all who could be accommodated. The concert was also well attended. Every one interested in the society contributed freely. The concert was under the direction of Mrs. Bial F. Bradbury, and she did herself much credit. Norway Ladies' Quartette consisting of Mrs. Bradbury, Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Burnham and Miss Noble, and Howard R. Stevens of Portland, baritone; Martha F. B. Hawes of that city, contralto; Karl L. Tower, pianist, and Mrs. T. L. Marble of Gorham, N. H., gave the well filled house a most happy entertainment. The society will clear about $300 on the fair.

The village schools closed Friday for the holidays. There will be a vacation of two weeks before the commencement of the winter term.

Anthony Leferriere has returned from a two weeks' visit with his daughter, Mrs. Annie Wingate, at Hallowell.

The officers elect of Harry Rust Post, No. 54, G. A. R., are:

Com.—S. L. Ethridge.
S. V. C.—Columbus Richardson.
J. V. C.—W. S. Cordwell.
Sur.—Ed R. Kneeland.
Chap.—W. F. Cox.
Q M.—M. E. Kimball.
O. D.—D. A. Jordan.
O. G.—Oliver Graves.
Guard—S. Robinson.
Aud.—A. J. Nevers.

Delegate to the State Encampment, Calvin C. Hussey. Alternate, A. J. Nevers.

Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge held a special meeting Friday evening and worked the degree upon several candidates. Refreshments were served.

Right Excellent Grand P. C. W. James H. Witherell of Oakland will make an official visit to Oxford Council, No. 14, R. and S. M., on Friday evening, Dec. 18.

Mr. George Brown and wife of Bangor have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Howe, Jr. Mrs. Howe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The first rehearsal for the Concert of Nations to be given at the opera house the last of January will be held at Concert Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 16. The rehearsals will be under the direction of Mr. W. W. Littlefield of Bangor with Mrs. Stella Burnham as pianist.

New Year's ball will be given by the members of Oxford Castle, No. 2, K. G. E., at the opera house on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st. Floor manager, Urshal G. Gammon. Aids, Carl W. Boynton, Guy N. Carter, Verne A. Ranger, Harry H. Glidden, Eugene O. Russell, George W. Winslow and George L. Curtis. Music by Stearns' Orchestra. Refreshments at intermission.

I. W. Waite, J. J. Foster and C. F. Bradford went to Hastings this week for a few days' outing and some big game.

The Partridge Brothers of Norway Lake have purchased of Frank H. Beck a twenty-horse power gasoline engine to replace the one used by them at their mill for some years.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Norway National Bank will be held at the banking rooms Tuesday, Jan. 12, '09.

Mrs. Annie Morse is at the Elm House with the new landlord, her nephew, Ellsworth Young. Mrs. Morse for years was employed in the hotel by the late owner.

Miss Etta Harnden, at some time in the office of B. F. Spinney & Co., has again entered the firm's office as bookkeeper.

R. K. Morrill has returned from a visit and hunting trip in Grafton. He reports a good time but did not see any deer he cared to shoot.

Mrs. John F. Devine, after a visit at Rumford Falls of two months, has returned to her Norway home for the winter.

Oxford Pomona Grange.

The January meeting will be held at Norway on the first Tuesday.

PROGRAMME.

Opening ceremony.
Music, ... Brother F. S. Pike.
Reading, ... Oxford.
Conferring degrees.

Recess.

Music, ... Norway Grange Choir.
Reading, ... Frederick Roble Grange.
Address, ... B. W. McKeen.
Reading, ... North Waterford.
Music, ... Norway.

Granges wishing to entertain Pomona please notify secretary, naming date.

Per order, Secretary.

Red Cross Stamps.

F. A. Shurtleff & Co. have a supply of the Red Cross stamps, which are so popular this year. These stamps are issued by the National Red Cross Society. They have no intrinsic value, nor does their sale mean any profit to either seller or buyer. The proceeds from their sale are devoted to the work of conquering the "white plague," tuberculosis, or, as we used to call it, consumption. The proceeds of the sales in Maine will be devoted to the work in this state.

THIS IS WORTH READING.

Leo F. Zeliuski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone. Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at F. A. Shurtleff & Co.'s drug store.

The finding Sunday morning of scattered fragments of a man's body strewn along the Maine Central Railroad track for a distance of nearly three miles in the vicinity of Bowdoinham, together with tracks in the snow at one point of the track, indicate to the officers that the man was murdered and placed upon the track, where his body was later struck and torn to pieces by a train. There is nothing about the remains by which to identify them, nor is there any other clue to the affair.

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Born.

In Paris, Nov. 27, to the wife of Ernest F. King, a daughter.

In Rumford, Dec. 4, to the wife of W. H. Allen, a son.

In Mexico, Dec. 6, to the wife of C. A. Clifford, a son.

In North Buckfield, Dec. 4, to the wife of Irving Smith, a son.

In Norway, Dec. 7, to the wife of John J. Delahanty, a son.

Married.

In West Paris, Dec. 4, by C. H. Lane, Esq., Mr. Paavo Hiljanen and Miss Manda Koskelo, both of Paris.

In Sumner, Dec. 5, by Rev. S. C. Eaton, Mr. George Winslow Spaulding and Miss Florence Lucy Poland, both of Sumner.

In South Paris, Dec. 9, by Rev. J. H. Little, Mr. Crockett Clark Record of South Paris and Miss Lucinda Mae Everett of Norway.

In Kezar Falls, Dec. 1, by Rev. F. C. Potter, Rev. H. A. Peare and Miss Jennie Moulton.

In Norway, Dec. 6, by Rev. B. S. Rideout, Mr. Charles S. Bartlett and Miss Grace E. Smith, both of Auburn.

Died.

In Hebron, Dec. 4, Miss Bertha Packard.

In Bryant's Pond, Dec. 7, Kilbon Perham, aged 86 years.

In Gilead, Dec. 7, Frank H. Marshall of Portland, aged 32 years.

In Hartford, Dec. 1, Lemuel C. Lucas, aged 82 years.

In Woodstock, Dec. 8, J. H. Davis, aged 71 years, 7 months.

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NOTICE.

My daughter, Lillie Louise Sumner, having left my bed and board withouth a just cause, I shall pay no more bills of her contracting, and shall claim none of her wages, after this date.

ROGERS C. SUMNER.

Greene, Maine, (R. F. D.) Nov. 30, 1908. 50-52.

Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands of Non-Resident Owners.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Paris, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1908.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Paris, aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said town on the 8th day of June, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes, with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at New Hall, South Paris, in said town, on the first Monday in February, 1909, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of owner.	Description of Property.	Amount of Tax due, including interest and charges.
Davis, Eliza,	McAllister land,	$ 7.13
Howe, Henry,	Heirs of, or owner unknown, Powder mill lot,	5.28
Hammond, D. S.,	Heirs of, homestead, North Paris,	9.90
McArdle, Wm. C.,	Stand and land west of Paris Mfg. Co.,	19 15

A. H. JACKSON,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Paris.

Dec 11th, 1908. 50-52

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You can find here all kinds of warm lined footwear for both Men and Women, a sure cure for cold feet; and do not forget we make a specialty of house shoes for women. You will be comfortable if you wear our shoes. As usual we have a very nice line of Slippers for Men, Women and Children, and all kinds of Overshoes, Rubbers, Leggins, Gaiters, in fact, you can find here all kinds of footwear for the whole family.

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Jewelry—Cuff Buttons, Stick Pins, Studs.

Mufflers and Mufflets—Prices from 25c to $1.50.

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LARGE THINGS TO GIVE.

Fur Caps—for Men $1 50, $2, $3, $3 50, $4. Ladies' Caps, $1 90, $2 75, $4.

Fur Coats—for Men. Several kinds, $16 up to $70.

Fur Lined Coats—for Men. $50 to $60 buys a good one.

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Never had so many good values. Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Berry Sets, Ice Cream Sets, Melon Bowls, Moustache Cups, Mugs, Plates, Fruit Bowls, Pitchers. A fine Nickel Table Lamp $1.50, and many other useful articles.

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Pretty Line of China suited to the Holiday Trade.	
Fancy Belts,	25c., 50c., $1.00
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Linen Damask by the yard,	50c. to $1.50
Napkins in all prices.	
Tray Cloths, Linen and Mercerized.	
Towels,	10c. to $1.25
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House Coats

Had you thought of a house coat for him? If it doesn't fit we'll gladly exchange it after Christmas. We have them in several shades of blue and gray. $5 each.

Night Robes

in white cotton, some with trimmings, 50c, 75c, $1, and $1.25. Outing flannel night robes, roomy and comfortable, 50c and $1. Outing pajamas, $1 to $2.

Hosiery

Men who like good wearing hose come here. We pay particular attention to quality and offer good wearing hose. Cotton hose, plain or fancy colors, 15c and 25c. Wool hose, 25c and 50c. Home knit hose, 50c and 75c.

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Bath Robes

A bath robe will be sure to please him. Our robes are the big, warm, comfortable blanket robes that every man wants to own. Plenty of variety in patterns. All sizes, small to large, $5.

Sweaters

are the correct thing for this season of the year. We have the coat shape in various colors, $2 to $5.

Armbands

are always in demand. We have them made of silk elastic webbing with fancy buckle and bow in gift boxes, all colors, 25c.

Christmas Clothes

for your boy. Why not buy him a new suit. He will need it soon if not now. Our suits for boys are made of carefully selected fabrics, and are made to hold an active boy. $2 to $5.

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Handkerchiefs

Experience has taught us and you the popularity of handkerchiefs at Christmas time. White, blue, red and bordered handkerchiefs, 5c. White handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c. Initial handkerchiefs, 10c, 15c and 25c. Silk handkerchiefs, plain or initial, 25c and 50c.

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Substantial umbrellas made to give service. You'll find here a large assortment. All grades from 50c to $4.

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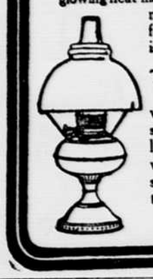

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The Puzzler

No. 332.—Peculiarities.

[Head and tail are syllables.]

Behead me, whether I'm a dunce,
A scholar or a sage,
And I have been presented once
Upon the public stage.

Restore my head and in a trice
You'll see I've been presented twice.

Curtail me then and I return
An impulse or impression,
Resisting force, however stern,
And that without concession.

Behead what's left and me you cause
To be a book containing laws.

Now join my head and tail in one,
And then that part of me,
When you the thing have rightly done,
A rustic pipe will be.

Once more my parts together frame
And tell me if you know my name.

No. 333.—Rebus Rhyme.

No. 334.—Hidden Dress Goods.

1. Seizing the rascal, I compelled him to give up the money.
2. Aunt Nell is fond of singing "Hamburg."
3. Belle Prescott only failed once last year.
4. Eveline never learned self control.
5. Where is Towser, Gertie?
6. I last met Homer in Oregon.
7. Where did you find such a queer fossil, Kenneth?
8. Tom Thumb was a tiny specimen of humanity.
9. Did Erasmus Lincoln lose all his property in that fire?

No. 335.—Diagonals and Acrostic.

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Crosswords: 1. A child's name for its mother. 2. Joyous. 3. A song of joy. 4. Flat circular plates. 5. An aquatic worm. 6. A water nymph. 7. A tree. 8. Tables for readers and writers. 9. Exhibits.

From 1 to 2, a month; from 2 to 3, an animal associated with that month; from 4 to 5, a month; from 5 to 6, birds associated with that month; from 7 to 8 (transposed), certain spring flowers. —St. Nicholas.

Scat!

What kind of a cat do we always find in a library? A cat-alogue.

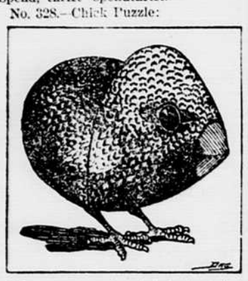
Key to the Puzzler

No. 325.—Garden Paradox: The first bed was diamond shaped, nine and five feet between points. This year's bed is rectangular, nine and five feet between sides.

No. 326.—Hidden Name Puzzle: Newton.

No. 327.—Charades: 1. Ant, hem—anthem. 2. Nail, head—nailhead. 3. Spend, thrift—spendthrift.

No. 328.—Chick Puzzle:



The accompanying sketch shows how the chick may be cut into two pieces and reformed into an egg. Cut on the black line, and the resulting two pieces may be fitted together in the form of an egg.

No. 329.—Hidden Countries: 1. Greece. 2. Spain. 3. Sweden. 4. Anam. 5. Siam. 6. China. 7. Peru. 8. Chile. 9. Natal. 10. Tripoli.

No. 330.—A Diamond:

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No. 331.—Words Within Words: 1. Ch-ant-s. 2. P-lay-er. 3. C-love-r. 4. S-ton-e. 5. Es-cape-s. 6. D-otter-el. 7. Cur-ass-ow. 8. B-owl-der. 9. P-hen-ix. 10. De-clam-ation. 11. G-lad-e. 12. H-elm-et.

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OPPOSUM SHAWL COLLARS, choice quality, very durable, finished with tails, some trimmed with animal heads, $4.50, 5.98. Muffs to match, $3.98, 4.98

THROW SCARFS of Fox finished with tails, very long, $7.50, 9.00; Squirrel, finest quality obtainable, $3.98, 7.50, 9.00. Muffs to match, $9.00. Opossum, some lined with figured satin, pointed ends, $2.98, 3.98, 4.98; blended Muskrat, very soft and fine, $5.50, 8.00, 9.00

RUG MUFFS, fashion's latest, made of selected Fox, lined with finest quality shirred silk, $13.50; Oposum with pretty lining, ... $4.98

FUR CAPS in many styles and qualities, $1.98, 3.98, 4.50, 4.98.

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS, large assortment to choose from.

Shirt Waists.

Those who are contemplating the purchase of a shirt waist for Xmas gift will find the greatest assortment at Smiley's.

FIGURED COTTON WAISTS, front trimmed with one-half inch tucks, wide tucks in back, long sleeves, button front, laundered collar; Madras waist, white trimmed with tucks front and back, choice of these waists only . . . . . 98c.

WHITE LAWN WAIST, entire front of handsome embroidery, baby tucks and hemstitching, tucked collar and cuffs only $1.49

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HERE is a page full of useful things — that will help you. The suggestions on this page are the fruits of this store's long experience in handling the Christmas Gift Question. From the hundreds of gift possibilities in our stocks we have endeavored to make selections that will be above all others practical.

It is not a question of how to spend, but what kind of a gift will bestow the greatest pleasure to the recipient. Therefore by all means buy a useful one. No one is better able to supply you with such gifts as this store, and people have been coming here for many years, because they found the largest assortment to choose from in Oxford County.

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No woman will refuse one of these articles, because they are the "Domestic make" wrapper and "Kingston make" petticoat.

WRAPPERS in light and dark shades of blue and grey with figures and stripes, some trimmed with bias bands, made in Print and Flannelette, $1.00

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WRAPPERS in colors that will please, extra heavy, trimmed with pleats, very full, belt giving shirt waist effect, deep flounce, ... $1.50

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PETTICOATS, black sateen with 13 inch flounce with tucks and a six inch shirred ruffle, and dust ruffle only 98c. Many others in finer qualities with deep flounces of tucks and hemstitching, ... $1.25, 1.50, 1.98, 2.98

SATEEN PETTICOATS, fine quality, extra full, 17 inch flounce with six inch ruffle, special for Xmas, $1.98. Don't fail to see this one.

WOOL MOREEN, the kind that wears so long, the cheapest in the end, $3.98; Cotton Moreen, $1.98; Silk Moreen, $2.98

TAFFETA SILK SKIRTS, $4.98, 5.98, 7.50

HEATHERBLOOM PETTICOATS, $1.98, 2.98

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ONE LOT, special for Xmas, very large and heavy, grey only, . . 75c pair

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TABLE DAMASK, good quality linen, large assortment of patterns, 64 to 72 inches wide, . . 87½c, 75c, 69c, 50c

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TRAY CLOTHS, 18x27, fancy patterns with hemstitching, 25c; fancy drawn work, hemstitched, 37½c; fine linen, pretty designs, 19x29, 50c; rose bud and lily patterns, fine and pretty, 20x30, ... 75c and 98c

TEA or LUNCHEON CLOTHS, pretty patterns, 32 inch, 75c; 36 inch, fine linen, 98c, $1.50; extra large and fine quality, . . . $1.98, 2.25, 2.50, 3.00

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TOWELS, in Damask and Huck, pretty patterns, good size, . . . 25c, 29c

TOWELS, in large sizes, fine linen, pretty patterns, 50c, 75c, $1.00, 1.25, 1.50

TABLE COVERS and PILLOW SHAMS, fancy embroidery 29 inch square, hemstitched, some escalloped edge, only 25c. Dresser scarfs to match, . 25c

TABLE COVERS and PILLOW SHAMS of Union linen, fancy drawn work, hemstitched, 50c; scarf to match, 50c; fancy Mexican work in covers and shams, ... 87c

DOILIES, fine linen, 17 inch, fancy Mexican work, hemstitched, hand work, very pretty, 62c; 18 inch fancy drawn work and hemstitching, buttonhole stitched edge, 50c; 12 inch . . 25c

SET OF DOILIES, fine linen, includes six six inch, six nine inch and one 23 inch with buttonhole stictbed edge, $2.75 per set

Dress Skirts.

Any woman will be pleased with a new skirt. Why not get her one.

SKIRTS, invinsible check, in blue, black and brown, new flare cut with four stitched bands of self material on each side near bottom, only . . . $3.98

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APRONS of muslin with hemstitching and hamburg ruffle, some with insertion, others with tucks with deep hemstitched ruffle, ... 25c

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WAITRESSES' APRONS, very large, with pocket, 25c; fine quality, . 50c

APRONS, fine lawn with eight inch fancy embroidered ruffle with tucks, hemstitched pocket and ties, others with fancy insertion and hemstitched tucks, ... 50c

APRONS, fine Persian lawn with eight inch embroidered ruffle, headed by tucks, fancy pocket, ... 87c

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Never before have we shown so large an assortment of these goods. At this counter you will be able to find many practical gifts for a little money.

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HANDKERCHIEFS, pure linen, Irish hand embroidered, embroidered lawn with escalloped edges, Irish Shamrock, embroidered linen in colors, Emerald lawn, hemstitched and embroidery in checks, and shadow embroidery, only 25c; finer qualities 37c, 39c, 42c, 50c

HANDKERCHIEFS, fancy hemstitched, lace edged, Belfast plaids and fancy embroidery, . 5c, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 25c

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MEN'S HANDKERCHIEF, linen, 12½c, 15c, 25c, 42c; Ladies' and Gents' initial handkerchief, . 12½c, 15c, 25c

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Dainty Dishes.

SQUASH BISCUIT.

To one egg, well beaten, add one cup of sweet milk. Then the following dry ingredients mixed and sifted together; three level tablespoons of sugar, one teaspoon of soda, two of cream of tartar, two cups of flour and a little salt. Stir in two-thirds cup of boiled and sifted squash, add a piece of butter size of an egg. Beat well and bake in gem pans half an hour.

BAKED APPLE SAUCE.

Pare, quarter and core a pan of cooking apples. Put in a stone jar with two or three cups of water, cover and bake long in a moderate oven. As the fruit shrinks in the jar scrape from the sides and add sugar to your taste. Bake as long as you would beans and you will have a sauce rich, red and delicious.

SALMON CHOWDER.

Four potatoes cut into dice, three chopped onions, a half can of salmon, half can of corn, three slices of bacon, lump of butter size of half an egg, one tablespoon each of chopped parsley and Worcestershire sauce, four soda biscuits, salt and pepper. Cut the bacon into small pieces and fry in the bottom of the kettle. Place a layer of onions and one of potatoes until all are in the kettle. Cover with hot water and let cook for half an hour, taking care that it does not stick on the bottom. At the expiration of half an hour, add the salmon, corn, sauce, butter, and soda biscuits broken into bits, and let simmer for another half hour. It adds additional flavor if four slices of lemon, cut into halves, and two hard-cooked eggs, cut into slices, are put into the tureen before the chowder is poured in.

OYSTERS A LA LESTER.

Strain twenty-five oysters and put the liquor on the fire in a saucepan to boil up. Into a porcelain-lined pan put a tablespoon of butter, let it melt and brown, but not burn. Add a tablespoon of flour and blend until well browned. Pour on this the hot oyster liquor and if the mixture is too thick, thin with boiling water. Season with half a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce, salt to taste, one tablespoon of chopped parsley and a little pepper. Place the oysters in a shallow pan on the range, without butter or liquid and when they are plump and curled add them to the sauce. Have ready four slices of toast and on each one a tablespoon of stewed celery, which has been made by cutting up the green stalks and ragged pieces of a bunch of celery and stewing them in salted water until tender. Pour over these the sauce and oysters and serve very hot.

"MAYONNAISE" WITHOUT EGG.

Few people know one can make a perfect-looking and perfect-tasting stiff mayonnaise without any egg at all. Place a teaspoon of plain mustard, mixed with a few drops of cold water, in a small bowl. Add oil, not necessarily drop by drop, but still rather slowly. Stir vigorously all the while. As it thickens too much to handle comfortably, thin with lemon juice or vinegar. A little tarragon vinegar is always a great addition to any salad. After the mayonnaise is finished season according to taste and discretion. There is hardly any limit to the quantity of oil that may be used. Less or more mustard may be used, but it must be borne in mind that it is the made mustard that holds the oil together. I generally make a large quantity of mayonnaise at once, using a dessertspoon of mustard and as much oil as I can afford—enough for several meals. It keeps beautifully in a covered jar in a cool place.

BEANS, SPANISH STYLE.

Soak over night two cups of white or pink beans. In the morning boil with a pinch of soda fifteen minutes and drain. Fry one large sliced onion with a piece of pork or bacon. Add these to the beans, also a cup of canned tomato, two shredded chili peppers, salt and sufficient hot water to cover well. Boil briskly for ten minutes on the stove before putting in the cooker. Leave in for five hours.

COFFEE CARAMEL COOKIES.

Having had considerable difficulty in securing good molasses, it occurred to me to try sugar caramel cooked down to the consistency of molasses. It is not as sweet as molasses and not fermentable—so these cookies may be given to children or invalids. Cook one cup of sugar in a saucepan until it melts and becomes a light amber color, then add one cup hot, strong coffee and simmer until the caramel is completely melted—about twenty minutes. Pour while still hot over one-half cup of shortening, cool slightly and add one egg well beaten, one teaspoon of vanilla and four cups of flour sifted with four level teaspoons of baking powder and one-half teaspoon of salt. Drop by spoonfuls into buttered pan and press out with bottom of measuring cup. Bake in moderate oven. If these cookies are not sweet enough add one-half cup of sugar to the recipe and you will have coffee caramel snaps.

FRIED PARSNIPS.

Wash them carefully and scrape. Boil until tender. Cut into lengthwise strips. Dip these into molasses, drain well, drop into hot butter and fry brown on each side.

CHRISTMAS CARROT PUDDING.

Scrape, cook and mash four medium-sized carrots, add nine tablespoons of flour, four tablespoons of brown sugar, two tablespoons of chopped suet, one-half cup of chopped nuts, one cup of seeded raisins, one cup of currants, one-half cup of candied or fresh orange and lemon peel, (the candied is preferable), one teaspoon of cinnamon, one-half teaspoon of allspice, and one teaspoon of soda dissolved in a little water. Put this in a well buttered mold and boil it five hours, then bake it in a hot oven half an hour. Serve hot with a liquid or hard sauce.—Good Housekeeping.

Water Power Helps Build Railroads.

ELECTRICITY GENERATED FROM MOUNTAIN STREAMS BORES TUNNEL

Never before in the history of railroads was a great building project carried out so quietly as the Pacific coast extension of the St. Paul road. In this great undertaking, which means so much to the Pacific Northwest, more than $100,000,000 is being expended with as little fuss as an ordinary business enterprise would make in expending a few thousand dollars. The St. Paul road is not coming into a country that needs the aid of the promoter or the land agent. In timber alone there is almost a competency for the new line, for the St. Paul management has been given assurance that not fewer than 50,000 carloads will be given it the first year after the work has been completed.

One of the wonderful facts regarding the construction of this new transcontinental line, which will stretch from Chicago and the Twin Cities by the way of Butte, Montana, to Seattle, and Tacoma, Washington, is the thoroughness with which it is being constructed. It is not generally known, for example, that over the 800 miles of mountain stretches electricity is to be used as the motive power, and the engines will be 200-ton electric motors. Down the sides of the Bitter Root mountains are pouring a sufficient number of streams to furnish abundant power for all of the electric motors which the St. Paul will need to handle its trains over the mountain division. These streams are to be harnessed at the cost of millions. The boldness of conception and the unobtrusive way in which the work is being executed challenge admiration. Through the fastnesses of the Bitter Root range a tunnel 8,750 feet long is being constructed by electrical power and through it will be operated trains hauled by motors. One end of this tunnel will open in the State of Montana and the other will land the traveler in Idaho, and its grade will not exceed .02 of 1 per cent.

In general the work on the west end of the road between Butte and Seattle is nearly finished on some of the divisions, but the long tunnels and the heavy fills will take some time to complete. Rails are now laid in five different sections, but the track is not continuous for more than 120 miles. On the Seattle-Tacoma line the track has been finished from Black River Junction to Summer, Wash. East of Seattle the road is completed for a distance of seventy-five miles, and work over the Snoqualmie Pass of the Cascades is being rapidly pushed. On one division there are at least sixty fills to be made of an average depth of seventy feet, and the road between Black River and the tunnel will cost probably $75,000 a mile.

Through the St. Paul Pass, in the Bitter Root mountains, work is further along; the grading is completed and the bridges are built. In Seattle the terminal work is scarcely begun. In view of the fact, however, that the greater part of the extension has been done during a time of financial depression, the work in general is a marvel in the annals of railway construction.

The cutest candy bags for the Christmas tree I ever saw were cut from tarlatan in the shape of little men. A big, flat peppermint (the one-cent size), formed the head, and a face was drawn on one side of it. The bodies of the candy bag men were filled with broken candies. The men were about a foot tall. The pattern is easily cut, as one would cut the old fashioned paper dolls.

In trimming a Christmas tree there is nothing more convenient than a package of invisible hairpins to use for fastening the decorations to the branches.

In the town of Ballinagh lived a butcher, who was famed for selling tough meat. A countryman went in one day to purchase some.

"Well, my good man," asked the butcher, "is it for frying or boiling you want it?"

"Neither," replied John. "It's to make hinges for the stable door."

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"Do you know," said Mrs. Youngbride, with a tremble in her voice, this is the first time we have been separated."

"Cheer up," said Uncle Cynicus. "it won't be the last!"

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Prosperous young actor (returning tired after a matinee and evening performance of successful play)—Ah, dear boys, I really think it's time all good actors were in bed.

Grumpy Tragedian (looking up from his paper)—They are.

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Alice—Jack was so romantic in his proposal! He said I was a white pearl shining on a sun-kissed coral strand.

Maude (disgusted)—Can't Jack ever be original? He said the same thing to me three years ago, and I know he cribbed the expression from a ten-cent calendar.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

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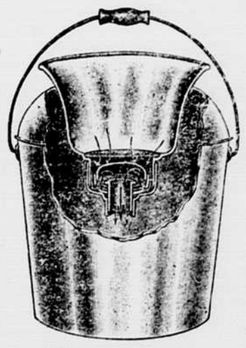

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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of FRANK W. NOYES, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

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

FRANK W. NOYES, of Norway, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 16th day of Oct., last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

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

Dated this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1908.

FRANK W. NOYES, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 5th day of Dec., A. D. 1908, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 24th day of Dec., A. D. 1908, 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 5th day of Dec., A. D. 1908.

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

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

PROBATE NOTICES.

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

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

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Jan., A. D. 1909, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Isaac Davis, late of Fryeburg, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Fred C. Davis and Edward N. Davis, the executors therein named.

Freeman C. Stacy, late of Porter, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Mary A. Stacy, administratrix.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.

A true copy—attest:

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

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

In the matter of JOHN H. RAYMOND, of Upton, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of John H. Raymond, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of Dec., A. D. 1908, the said John H. Raymond was duly adjudicated bankr