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A CHAPTER ON BEANS.

THEIR USEFULNESS AS A FOOD.

What is more palatable to a New Englander than a pot of good, brown baked beans, turned down on the table by the side of a good loaf of brown bread? And verily, there is nothing more adapted to the wants of the farmer in the food line. Being full of nitrogenous material they are well calculated to make his muscle, and enable him to perform a good day's work. "Boston Baked Beans" never got their fame without a good foundation for it, and without deserving it.

I can conceive of no food better adapted to the farmer's case, or to any manual laborer, than beans and corn bread, if this class were obliged to confine themselves to any one thing. The beans contain solely muscle and strength-forming material, and the bread, while predominating in the same elements, contains enough of the carbonaceous and phosphatic elements to make a very happy combination as a food for the laboring man who is called upon to use mostly his physical strength, and who nevertheless wishes to maintain his mental capacities in a normal condition, and in a good state of preservation.

SOME OF THE CONDITIONS OF RAISING BEANS

Beans, then, being such an important article of diet, so healthful a one, should be extensively cultivated and studied—studied to learn how to produce them. Beans are very prolific and will do tolerably well on a greater variety of soils than almost anything else. They will make about as much out of "half a chance," as any thing that grows on a farm, weeds excepted. But for all this it is not to be supposed that beans have no preference as to where they grow, or what treatment they receive. On the contrary they respond readily and abundantly to a favorite soil and good treatment. They perhaps do the poorest of anywhere on a heavy soil, and the best upon a light one with liberal fertilization, and frequent hoeings. If you undertake to grow them with your corn, you should drop in some extra fertilizer on their account and not rob the corn, which is very susceptible to pilferings of this kind. To get the proverbial long ears of corn, perfect hill of beans and golden pumpkin all out of one hill, requires more manure than is apt to be used, especially if we would leave a surplus in the ground instead of sapping it, which we must avoid doing. I like this old-fashioned way of raising beans among the corn if a sufficiency of manure is used. As for me, I like to go through the corn and pull them out on a warm autumn day, or may be August day. I like to have the corn to shade my back, and as for the pumpkin vines, I am not so fond of them, but I don't mind if I get my feet up high enough to clear them. And after corn and beans are both off the field I enjoy rolling the golden pumpkins into the cart, and it seems as though we are getting a huge crop from a small space.

As to fertilizers for beans those which contain a good amount of ammonia and potash are to be preferred. To apply ashes after the first hoeing is a fine thing to ensure plenty of potash.

VARIETIES.

As to varieties of beans for a field bean, according to my experience, as a general thing the "pea," "navy" bean or the "yellow-eye" will be found the most profitable when not only the yield but the market is viewed.

RAISING BEANS TO SELL.

The market for beans is nearly always a paying one, and there are few crops that can be grown with the same certainty of a good market as the bean. And when we consider how comparatively easy it is to raise beans, how useful they are, and the prices they generally bring, do they not merit more attention than they get?—A. P. REED, in *N. E. Farmer.*

HOW GOOD BUTTER IS MADE.

Judge M. R. Gray of Ryegate, Vt., who took second prize offered by the *Manchester Mirror* for best butter shown at the Vt. dairy meeting at St. Johnsbury, gave his methods of feeding and butter making, as follows:

His cows are chiefly thoroughbred Jerseys, though he has a few high grades. The winter feed is coarse fodder, such as corn stalks, wheat, rye, oat or barley fed night and morning with ordinary English hay at noon. The coarse fodder is cut and steamed about two hours in the morning. The grain is equal weights of corn and cob meal and bran, four quarts at a meal, morning and night. Waters after feeding in the morning and before feeding at night. From 18 to 25 cows are kept. The milk is set in the large open pans, usually 36 hours, and at a temperature of 60 to 70 degrees. Churning is done from two to four times per week, in a dash churn run by horse-power. This winter the cream is churned at 67 degrees, and the butter comes in good condition to handle. Just before the butter is ready to separate, the horse is stopped and the churning finished by hand. When finished, the butter is rinsed off in clear water, and one half ounce of salt per pound sprinkled over it and worked in. While the butter is being compacted by a lever hand worker a cloth is used for absorbing the surplus moisture. The churning occupies from 15 minutes to a half hour. If the cream is too thick for proper churning it is thinned with water. He made 6,000 pounds the past year. It is put up in neat prints and sent to Hovey & Co., Boston.

Mr. N. H. Ricker, of same town, who was awarded the third premium, had never before made a public exhibit of his butter. He also keeps Jersey cows with some natives; feeds very early cut hay; aims to finish haying about the first of July; keeps 23 cows and has 44 acres of tillage and mowing land upon which he averages two tons of hay per acre, when in grass—mostly timothy, red-top and clover. Is very successful with white clover for hay; feeds a mixture of 100 pounds corn meal, 100 pounds bran and 50 pounds linseed and cotton seed meal. Milk is set in a home-made bureau in large pans where it keeps 36 hours; churn in dash churn by horse-power from 15 to 45 minutes, at a temperature ranging at different seasons from 55 to 66 degrees; works very carefully without rubbing the butter. Made last year 275 pounds per cow including heifers; received for butter made in one year from 23 cows, $2 000, the average price being about 35 cents. His butter goes to Jackson, Benton & Caverly, Boston.

THE FRUIT CROP.

The apple crop of the State has now nearly all gone forward to market, and at prices which have been highly encouraging to the industry. The shipments abroad have been considerably in excess of last year, yet prices have been steady and well sustained throughout the season. Growers have realized a satisfactory price for their fruit, while, unlike a year ago, shippers have received reasonable profits for doing the business. The sales of fruit have brought a large amount of money into the State, so much even that it has been sensibly felt in the State at large. In the midst of the ruling low prices for farm products in general, the favorable prices for fruit have been fully appreciated. A year ago many orchardists were seriously entertaining the idea that possibly, after all, the fruit growing business was already overdone and no longer offered any hopeful outlook. All this happily has passed away in view of the quicker market and better prices which have prevailed this year, and all hands are now full of courage as they should be. More trees will be set the coming spring, and those now bearing fruit will be better cared for than ever before. All this should be encouraged, and we may still plant more trees and confidently look forward to goodly returns from them. —*Maine Farmer.*

—That excellent paper, *Orchard and Garden*, impresses it upon its readers that nut growing for pleasure and home use will soon become popular; while nut growing for profit will grow into a mighty industry, and become one of the most important branches of horticulture.

FEEDING HUNGARIAN GRASS.

Editor Agr'l Dep't:

Thinking perhaps some of your readers might be interested to know something of the value of the Hungarian as food for stock, I venture to give you my experience with this valuable fodder-grass. For the past few years we have raised and fed more or less of it, and find it a very valuable addition to our hay crop. When properly cured, it is eagerly eaten up by all kinds of stock, and furnishes them a variety, thus helping them to keep up a healthy appetite and aid digestion. It is a valuable food by itself. It is, I think, as nutritious as the best quality of mixed English hay. Perhaps not as much as clear clover.

My practice is to feed all my stock, except horses, wholly upon it for their morning meal. Other foods are given during the remainder of the day; but if a lock of the Hungarian happens to fall within reach of them they will leave the best of hay to pick it up.

It is particularly valuable for cows giving milk in winter. I find an increase in richness in the milk when they are fed largely upon it. My horses also are fed at noon upon it, when at work, and if I had a plenty, I should not hesitate to feed it to them in quite large quantities. Young calves eat it greedily, and thrive upon it.

Perhaps not every farmer is so situated as to be able to raise it to good advantage. But it will make quite a good growth on nearly all kinds of land. It is at its best, however, on any good, light soil, suitable for corn. A piece of good corn land prepared to grow a good crop of corn, will be found the best adapted to Hungarian. In practice, I think it is generally sown too late. It should be sown, on land that is adapted to its growth, just as soon as it will do on account of frosts. Then it will get its growth and be fit to hay before the good haying season is over. I should not hesitate, though, to sow it as late as the 20th of June. If a drouth destroys the prospects of a hay crop it becomes invaluable as a substitute. After the prospects for hay become fixed, land can be prepared, Hungarian sown, and a short hay crop loses its terrors. I have tried feeding it green, as a soiling crop; but, for some reason, it is not eaten so well as corn fodder or freshly-mown field grass. Therefore I would cure it for hay and expect only good results from its use.

Care should be taken when purchasing the seed, as it is sometimes adulterated;—wild turnip being most frequently found with it. The seeds should be of uniform size, with not too many colors—the dark seed being preferable. One of my neighbors, Mr. John Walker, raises his own seed. It is run through a common threshing machine, and comes out in good shape. This, he considers, quite a saving, and claims also that he always gets pure seed in this way.

Some farmers object to seeding down with Hungarian; but, if not sown too thick, it is a good crop to seed with. It is stocky, stands up well, and its leaves furnish ample protection to the young grass plants and at the same time permit sufficient light to fall upon them to properly nourish them.

I have known farmers to get disappointed with this grass by taking some low place in their fields for the crop. One that was too wet to work early. The trouble was not with the crop, but with the land it was put upon. If the low, wet places are properly worked and left in good condition, light and easily accessible to the air, a fair growth may be expected, but otherwise not. If the land is cold, wet, closely packed and but a little above the surface water, each plant that happens to come up will look as though it had been driven out from home and kindred and was waiting for a suitable chance to return.

Again, I would say to those who have never raised Hungarian: try a small piece next year, and become convinced of its value. B. WALKER MCKEEN.

Fryeburg, Mar. 25, 1887.

INSTITUTE AT BRIDGTON.

The Farmers' Institute at Bridgton, arranged by Mr. Harris, the Cumberland County member of the Board of Agriculture, held on Thursday last, drew together a goodly number of the prominent farmers of that and the surrounding towns, though the weather was stormy and the traveling bad. There were present of the Board, besides Mr. Harris, A. O. Pike of Fryeburg, S. L. Holbrook of Brunswick, and the Secretary.

The leading lecture of the day was by Prof. Jordan, Director of the State Experiment Station, on the subject, "Manures, Barn and Commercial." "Dairying, by the Creamery Method," was another subject selected, the dairymen of the neighboring town of Harrison having been considering the matter of starting the creamery system of butter making in their town. These subjects were fully discussed by questions and otherwise by the farmers present.

Bridgton is a good farming town. The Winslow Packing Company has here one of the largest and most substantial corn canning factories in the State, and it is well patronized by the farmers. The section also grows large quantities of apples of the best quality.

RESULTS OF CULTURE.

W. H. Cook gives the *Prairie Farmer* an account of the treatment of a small apple orchard in Oswego County, N. Y., which previously had been badly neglected, had become sod-bound, the trees covered with moss, the bark gnawed in patches by rabbits, and the thirty trees had never borne ten bushels. A new occupant came who was told by the former owner that the orchard was worth nothing. He took hold of it, however, loosened the soil, pruned, covered the gnawed patches of bark with grafting wax, and manure was applied. This was done about midwinter or earlier. The next autumn forty bushels of excellent apples were gathered; and the second year two hundred and fifty bushels of large sound fruit. The third year three hundred bushels were sold, and so on; the average was over two hundred bushels, although one poor year there were only one hundred and ten. Neighbors were surprised, and concluded that the seasons were again becoming favorable for apple culture.

DORMANT GRANGES IN OXFORD CO.—A State Grange officer says there are thirteen dormant Granges in this county, a list of which we give below. We should think here was a good field for a little missionary work:

No.	Name.	Town.
79	Hartford,	Hartford.
107	Swift River,	Mexico.
113	Rumford,	Rumford.
130	North Star,	Byron.
131	Lone Mountain,	Andover.
134	Sweden,	Sweden.
140	Suncook,	Lovell.
141	Saco River Valley,	Fryeburg.
146	Charter Oak,	Porter.
150	Crystal Spring,	Denmark.
164	Mountain,	Buckfield.
179	Mt. Pleasant,	Fryeburg.
180	Forest Mountain,	Brownfield.

—The eye of the master has a vast potency on every farm. No matter how reliable the help, the master's eye will find something that has been overlooked, if nothing more. Help will not tell of one another, but the good men have no objection to the master's finding out for himself who is the shirk, or who is heedless, wasteful, or rough with the stock. Good men do not object to supervision, for it only brings them credit; while a second-rate man, if he is no worse, does'nt like to find the boss too often in the barn ahead of him in the morning.—*Ex.*

—A practical fruit-grower says that he could make compost enough from one pig to keep an acre of grapes well fertilized—that is, by throwing in to the pig plenty of refuse stuff, leaves, weeds, etc., through the summer.

—The old saw, "a stitch in time saves nine," is true of disease when it attacks fowls, and sometimes it may save hundreds. If a fowl becomes sick separate it from the others and doctor it, as the disease may be contagious.

—There is a good deal of back number weather being bound up in this season's volume.

AN OLD QUESTION WITH A MODERN ANSWER.

BY L. D.

"Am I my brother's keeper?"
Once asked the wicked Cain;
Let me enlarge the question,
And ask it once again;
"Are we" our brother's keeper—
Ought we to take his hand,
Returning good for evil;
Does duty this demand?

Are we our brother's keeper,
And carelessly look on,
While out his bark is drifting
Almost to ruin gone?
If such we are appointed,
And the Lord should call to-day,
And ask, "Where is thy brother"?
Alas! what could we say?

Yes, we are our brother's keeper;
The Bible says we are—
To warn him when in danger,
Point out the fatal snare;
Then do we well our duty
In love to one another,
The golden rule observing—
So may we save our brother.

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THE GOOD OLD TIMES OF A CENTURY AGO.

BY JUDGE C. F. WHITMAN.

Chapter II.

THE "WITCH OF ENDOR."

Abigail met her son at the door, with an eager inquiry for the news. John had heard little, but a rumor had reached the village that Capt. Jones had lost out of his company, one man killed and three wounded and that Samuel was the one killed. A letter had just been received by Capt. Jones's father, but what its contents were, was not exactly known.

The announcement fell like a bolt upon the household, which received it as a stroke of fate. After the first shock was over, they began to hope that there was some mistake about it; that Samuel was only wounded, or that the dead soldier was not their relative.

"Who told you about it, John?" his father asked, anxious now to ascertain the source of his information.

"Deacon Sumner, who said he would go to Mr. Jones's and call round and let us know," answered John.

There was a rap at the door, and on going to ascertain who was there, Mrs. Taylor was surprised to see Aunt Betty.

"I thought as may be, you hadn't heard the news, and I would come over and tell you," was her first salutation, evidently thinking it a good opportunity to impress the family with her authority and importance. Mrs. Taylor answered only with a choking sob, and throwing herself into a chair, without a word of response, she gave vent to her feelings by a flow of tears. Presently the impudence of the woman began to arouse a feeling of indignation against her.

"Are you not going to invite me in?" demanded the hag, still standing at the door.

"What could have brought you here?" responded Mrs. Taylor, her anger rising every moment at the crone's unwelcome presence. "Have you no respect for private grief at such a time as this? The Evil One himself must possess you!" And astonished at her own boldness, she burst into another flood of tears.

Aunt Betty was never known to go either to the house of feasting, or of mourning, to be merry with other merry ones, or to weep with and comfort those that mourned. The cause of her appearance at this time was apparent. Not one of the household said a word. The effect of what had transpired was too deep. All felt as did the sorrow-stricken and angered mother, while they feared for the consequences. Aunt Betty took in the situation fully, and being angry at her reception, she raised herself up from her bent position, and while her little sunken eyes flashed and her nose almost met her chin at every movement of her toothless jaws, she stretched out her long bony hand in a menacing manner and said:

"A curse upon this household, and a curse upon you and yours forever!" With this she resumed her former attitude, turned and went away.

"What have you done, Abigail?" was the almost heart-rending exclamation of her husband, as soon as he could find words for utterance. Before she could reply, they were interrupted by the presence of Deacon Sumner in the doorway, with a smile on his countenance.

"Good news, Bro. Taylor," he said, "Capt. Jones writes that Samuel was only wounded while rushing forward to protect the person of Col. Lapham, who was leading a charge on the British works. He was stunned and left for dead on the field, but he recovered, and is now having every care that is possible. He is doing well and Jacob is nursing him. As I came by the store a letter for you was handed me, which Mr. Bailey said had been overlooked. It is probably from Jacob."

Grasping him by the hand Deacon Taylor shook it heartily.

"You come, Bro. Sumner, as a messenger from heaven, and God bless you for the good report you have brought us. But here, Abigail," said he, turning to his wife, "take this letter and read it, my hands tremble so and my sight is so dim, that I can't make out what is in it."

The letter was eagerly opened and found to be from Jacob. It was written hastily, and was brief, but enough was in it to confirm the information already brought by Deacon Sumner.

"As you called, a messenger of another kind had just left us," said Deacon Taylor, addressing his visitor.

"Yes, I saw her go away, with an unusual look of malice on her face. She is a prophetess of evil, and no mistake, and it seems, this time, is one of lies. Should Samuel return, her power over the weaker members of the community will be broken," replied the good deacon as he went to his daughter, and taking up his little grandson, gave him a kiss on each cheek, tossed him up in the air two or three times, and then handed him back to his mother.

"That is a child worth having, Rachel," he said.

Never did relief come more timely to a distressed and sorrow-stricken family, but still the memory of the crone's curse was any thing but pleasant. This part of what transpired during Aunt Betty's call, was not related to Deacon Sumner, who was indignant at her conduct, and went home with a feeling against her that he had never before experienced.

While at his usual evening's devotions, Aunt Betty called at his house, and was shown into another room. She wanted to see Deacon Sumner, but he had a great deal to pray for that evening. The victory of the American troops; the prospect of the successful termination of the struggle, the safety of his son-in-law; of Samuel not being killed as at first reported; and his living to be converted,—all these and more furnished subjects for a long petition to the Throne of Grace. Aunt Betty getting impatient, Mrs. Sumner went to her husband and informed him that the crone wished to see him.

"Let her wait, I can pray better when the d—l is near," was his response.

It is needless to say that she had to wait till his soul was abundantly satisfied. Aunt Betty's call supplied him with fresh material, and he prayed long and fervently for the conversion of those who have familiar spirits, witches, scandal-mongers, and the whole train of evil-disposed and wicked ones, who go about among the children of men, only to be sources of annoyance and pit-falls of sin. At last it was finished.

"Well, Aunt Betty, what is it that you are so anxious to see me about," he said after they had exchanged greetings.

"I wanted to hear about our soldiers in Capt. Jones's company, and I thought I had rather come here for the information, as I rarely go to the Jones'," she replied, trying to conceal the fact that she was interested in the fate of Samuel Taylor alone, for reasons that are apparent to the reader. She had heard from Sally Packard, that he was only wounded, and was quite certain to reach home, in spite of her prophecy, and she determined to see no one but Deacon Sumner, and ascertain the exact facts. When he had given her the full information, she rose to go, and was politely and kindly shown to the door and bade good night.

"After all," she muttered as the door closed behind her, "he may be injured more than they imagine, and may never see his home again."

On a rising piece of land, overlooking the valley, in which the village was situated, and about a half mile from it, was the hut of Aunt Betty. A grove of large pine trees surrounded it. The outlook from it was fine. To the southward lay the village, and the country could be seen for miles around. From west to east through the valley ran a stream of water on which at the lower end of the village, mills were erected. Three roads centered at the little store and post office, and ran as one along the bank of the stream toward the eastward. The church was situated on the highway leading from the north-west, and from it to Aunt Betty's hut, was a path across the fields and up the hill.

Her habitation had one room with a small attic overhead, which was reached by a ladder through a scuttle. It was getting out of repair, though it had originally been built of the best pine lumber, and had well stood the storms of summer and winter for many years. A spring of pure water flowed from the grove at its eastern side, and near it was a rude seat on which she was accustomed to sit in Spring and Autumn, to catch the earliest rays of the rising sun. South of this she had a little garden patch in which a few vegetables and herbs were grown, but these were not sufficient for her maintenance. She lived principally by charity, particularly in the winter season, though she sometimes told fortunes, and by this means obtained something with which to procure the necessaries of life. It was supposed by some that she had money hid away in her hut, but there was no foundation for such a belief. She used to make periodical visits to Boston, but these had now entirely ceased. No one in the community knew what her surname was. She never had any mail from abroad, and it was uncertain what her antecedents were. The old looked upon her as a strange being whom it was best to humor, while the young considered her as in league with Satan, and to be avoided at all hazards. There were some few exceptions however. Samuel Taylor had an intense desire to solve the mystery that surrounded her, and when at home had tried in various ways to do so, but without avail. He left off his investigation, as he had begun, just as puzzled and as curious to learn something of her history as before. For this among other reasons he had got her ill will and enmity.

Sally Packard was Aunt Betty's faithful ally, and as completely under her control as a child under its parents. She was ever ready to do her bidding, to be sent on questionable errands, or to solicit patronage or charity in the crone's behalf, as opportunity presented itself or occasion required.

It was a moon-light evening as Aunt Betty went slowly homeward to her hut among the pines. As she passed the house of the minister she heard his daughter Ruth singing a patriotic air. She finished, and immediately began a plaintive song, which was sung with such a clearness of tone, and such sweetness of melody, that it held the crone spell-bound. Her old heart was warmed and melted as it had not been for many a day.

"God bless the angel," was her involuntary exclamation, as she went her way.

Reaching the summit of the hill she stopped a few moments to take breath, and turned to look into the valley. Impressed with the beautiful scene at her feet, she seemed to be touched with its loveliness, and as if a feeling had come over her that life might have had its charms even for her, she uttered aloud, "O, Stephen, how could you leave me to live and die unloved and alone?"

A crackling of twigs in the grove near the spring interrupted the train of her reflections, and she discerned a dark object hastily moving out of sight. She could not tell whether it was man or beast, but as she had no fear of either, she thought nothing of the occurrence, and wearied with her day's exertions, she went into her cheerless home, and was soon completely under the influence of that phenomenon which affects us all alike once in twenty-four hours.

Two hours later, the tall figure of a man bent over the sleeping form of Aunt Betty, as the moon shining through the window of her room, threw the light upon her face.

"I wonder where she could have put it," he muttered. "I have looked everywhere while she was gone, but failed to find it. She cannot last much longer, I can wait as I have". After scanning her wrinkled visage closely, he turned and quietly left the hut.

When the sun rose the next morning, the crone might have been seen sitting near the spring upon her accustomed seat, with her head bowed upon her hand. She knew not that a stranger had been upon her premises, nor did the villagers know that such a being had been in town. He had gone as he had come, and no one knew of his coming or of his going.

(To be continued.)

OXFORD COUNTY HORSE NOTES.

"UNDER A CLOUD."—SOME GOOD SIRES WHOSE MERIT WAS NOT AT ONCE DISCOVERED. — "FROM POVERTY TO FAME."—OTHER OXFORD COUNTY HORSE NOTES.

Nearly all the prominent families of trotters, and many of the most successful individual members of those families, have at some time during their existence been "under a cloud", and have been ignored, denounced as failures, and stigmatized with opprobrious terms in all the variety which blind prejudice can invent. Some of the most successful trotting sires and founders of families were not appreciated until too late to make the best use of their powers and render them the homage which they were entitled to receive.

Old Abdallah, the sire of the renowned Rysdyk's Hambletonian, was sold in his old age to a fish peddler on Long Island, who harnessed him to his fish cart for the purpose of retailing the "denizens of the deep" from house to house, a menial position which the old stallion did not appear to relish, as he "retailed" fish by letting his heels fly, smashing the old cart into a thousand pieces and sending the clams and haddocks flying through the air in a manner more diversified than elegant. The purveyor of fish then turned him loose, to "root hog or die" upon the sandy barrens of Long Island, and this grand old horse, this sire of the founder of the greatest trotting family on the face of the earth, actually died of starvation.

Wilson's Blue Bell, sire of fifty trotters and four pacers in the 2:30 list, was thought but little of during the first of his career. He was used for some time in the most menial positions that a horse could be placed.

Harold, the sire of Maud S., was regarded as a failure for several years before he was taken to Kentucky, but after he was bred to the right class of mares, he proved himself a sire of trotters.

Winthrop Morrill, one of the most successful speed producers ever owned in Maine, was traded around from one to another for a low price until quite well along in years, before his merit was discovered.

It was not many years ago that the Clays and their descendants, the Patchens, were very unpopular, and it was thought to be a mark of smartness in the average horseman to abuse and make fun of them with false accusations, but it was finally noticed that George Wilkes' Electioneer, and others whose dams were Clays, were outstripping nearly all competitors in producing great trotters, and Jack Spratt, 2:26¾, Stargazer, 2:28¼, Carrie T., 2:29½, Forrest Patchen, 2:29½, demonstrated that even Tom Patchen could be the progenitor of a few trotters.

Ten or twelve years ago it was fashionable for some to proclaim that the Knapps were quitters, and the Morgans, who had at one time been accorded the highest position occupied by any family, came to be talked of as of no account as trotters, and were considered of little value in this direction.

Time has shown that the Knoxes are not all quitters, and that fast trotters are liable to crop out at any time from among the different families of Morgans, and that well bred mares of Morgan descent make the best of brood mares.

One extreme leads to another, and now that the Morgans are having something of a boom, the friends and owners of Morgan stallions in Maine, are trying to still further advance their popularity by underrating the merits of certain other strains, especially the Hambletonians. It seems that because some of the young stallions of this blood who have stood here five or six years, have not produced phenomenal performers by the hundred, and because some of the races at the State Fair are not won by Hambletonians,—when in fact the entries showed but one of this to ten of other breeds contending,—that however successful they may be in other States, in Maine they are failures. Just as though an imaginary boundary line between States could change the comparative speed producing powers of two different families of horses.

Among the Hambletonians especially pronounced failures as sires are Prescott, Redwood, Constellation, Glenarm, and Robert Bonner, Jr. Now Constellation has got one colt with a record inside of 2:25; two fast three-year-old colts,—Gallant, 2:50, and Louviska, 2:51¾, with but little training; one with a wagon record of 2:49, five or six with trials inside of 2:30,—and nearly all his colts can, so far as known, show a three minute gait or better.

Of the other stallions mentioned, which are all younger than Constellation with the exception of Robert Bonner, Jr., it is true they have not produced any offspring as yet that have made very fast records, but we would respectfully ask our friends to rise and tell us, before making any more talk about them,—where and what stallions within the borders of the Pine Tree State, no older than these, count among their offspring any more "Maud S.'s" and "Jay-Eye-Sees" than can these? If these are failures, name your successful ones! Even should you find one or two, like Harbinger, or Young Rolfe, (neither of which are Morgans) they do not prove the stallions mentioned to have been failures. We know all about Dr. Franklin, Pilot Knox, etc., both great sires,—but they are well along in their "teens". When you undertake to tell us of some of the wonderful trotting sires of Maine, it will not do to judge them after the manner that many of us compare the relative merits of different stallions. For instance: a man whose interest is in a certain stallion owned in his immediate locality, sees *all* of his colts, and sees many of them that can show from a three minute to a two-forty gait, and he counts them trotters, and reckons them to the credit of their sires as so many fast ones, while a rival stallion, standing thirty or forty miles away, whose stock is scattered all over the country, may have just as many colts that can show from a three minute to a forty gait, and yet our friend, very naturally does not see them, and because he fails to hear of any with fast records, he pronounces that stallion a failure as a sire of trotters. This is a very common and very unfair way of comparing the relative merits of trotting stallions. Among all the prominent trotting families there are well-bred and fast stallions, that are of great value for stock purposes, that never get a single trotter with a fast record, but who distribute their speed very evenly to all their offspring, thus insuring to every patron a good-selling colt.

Such an one as Gen. Withers, even if he should never have a single representative in the "charmed circle," will prove a benefit to the breeders of Maine, as will also Redwood, Prescott, Constellation and Glenarm, and we shall expect to see some of them get some fast ones before they are older than other successful sires have been when their merit was discovered.

It must be remembered that it takes a well-bred and speedy stallion to uniformity get 2:50 or 3 minute horses, and those who don't train their colts should use this kind, no matter what is said about them now. In a short time the "tune" will change, as it has done before.

Tom Tebidore, of Norway, has a brown colt, one year old this spring, got by Norway Knox, and out of Leonard Whitman's fine mare of Hazzard descent. For style, size, beauty and action this is a hard one to beat. He has a nice long arched neck, and a clean and intelligent head.

Robie & Thayer have in their stable a year old stallion owned by C. B. Fuller, of Oxford, got by Dom Pedro, sire of Carrie T., 2:29½, dam by a Messenger horse brought from Canada. This is a good looking, well made colt, and is for sale.

Robie & Thayer have traded their Constellation mare to Dr. Russell, of North Stratford, N. H., getting in return two good horses.

No one interested in horses should fail to procure a copy of "Noted Maine Horses", published by J. W. Thompson, Canton, Maine. No claim is made that this book contains the name of every animal of merit ever owned in Maine, as this would make so large and costly a volume that few could afford to buy it. Mr. Thompson's book contains a history of the heads of families, also a complete record of the principal performances of all 2:30 horses bred in Maine, and gives the name, pedigree, age, and name of owner of all the principal stallions, mares, and colts now owned in Maine, together with several illustrations. For sale by the publisher, J. W. Thompson, Canton, Maine. A. T. MAXIM.

STORIES ABOUT ANIMALS.

In Cheyenne, Wy. T., there is a Maltese cat that drives the cows to and from the pasture as successfully as a cowboy could.

A Pittsburg confectioner has a dog and a horse that are fond of kissing each other. They occupy the same stall, and the two are inseparable.

A hen whose head and mouth are described as being in striking resemblance of a snake's, is classed among the possessions of a Pensacola, Fla., man.

A pet deer at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was being worried by dogs. A friend of the deer's owner fired a shot at its tormentors. He killed the deer.

A. B. Belcher, of Bainbridge, Ga., has an ox which, in addition to its regular complement of horns, has one fourteen inches long growing out of his shoulders.

Punxsutawney, Pa., has a crow that is fonder of chewing gum than is a Boston girl. He steals pennies and buys it from a grocery-man who knows his weakness.

A dog belonging to David English, of Frankfort, Mich., lay on a bridge an entire day and could not be driven off. A search was finally begun for its master. His dead body was soon found in the water near the bridge.

Oscar Caley and Will Jones, of Stantonsburg, N. C., were out shooting and saw a squirrel run into a hole in a tree. Will climbed the tree to scare him out, and Oscar waited for a chance to shoot. The chance came, for the squirrel popped out, but instead of hitting the game the boy hit his comrade, who plunged headlong to the ground dead.

A remarkable cat, which moves and acts like a kangaroo, is owned by Joe Elley, a pet animal fancier of New Haven. Besides the usual number of claws on each of its paws a nail grows out of each front paw, one of which is rolled up like a key ring, and looks like a little ram's horn. Its fore legs have an extra joint, and its tail would do honor to a well bred pug dog. The cat sits up after the manner of a kangaroo and is a great rat catcher. It is valued at $100.

A Cordial Invitation.

Head of the House (to young man at front door)—Haven't I told you, sir, never to call here again?

Young Man—Yes, sir; but I haven't called to see Miss Clara this time. I have a two months' gas bill to collect.

Head of the House (in a milder tone)—I see. You will please call again.—Life.

Sweetness Long Drawn Out.

How sweet to listen to the bells
That call us to the pews!
How sweet to turn once more in bed
And take another snooze!
—Hartford Sunday Journal.

No Bath for Him.

Some one says that a man who has been struck by lightning cannot swim. He doesn't want to swim. What he needs, in nine cases out of ten, after being struck by lightning, is a cheap and unostentatious funeral.—Norristown Herald.

Too True.

Upon the streets we soon will see
The man with mien dejected.
Who aimed a senator to be,
But didn't get elected.
—Boston Courier.

Better Than a Doctor.

"I feel depressed to-night," remarked a large down-town trunk manufacturer to his wife. "I think I have a touch of malaria."

"I fancy it will soon pass away," replied the lady, without much concern. "Why don't you go around to the Grand Central station and watch them handle trunks for an hour. That will brighten you up."—New York Sun.

A Widower's Child.

Cease weeping, child—why mourn the loss
Of your departed mother?
Before another year goes by
You'll likely have another.
—Texas Siftings.

How She Horrified Her Friend.

An estimable lady, who had been going through the cure at Mount Dore, was describing the system to a friend, and wishing to explain that she first visited the bath and afterward took her glass of mineral water at the spring, she said: "My dear, the treatment here is very simple; you take your bath first, and then you drink the water afterward." Her friend was horrified.—Exchange.

The Poet's Growl.

The melancholy days have come;
Can any person doubt it?
Too warm to have a parlor fire,
Too cold to be without it.
—Charlestown Enterprise.

Five Cents Gone.

Kindly Old Lady—What's the matter, little boy?

Little Boy (crying bitterly)—I jes lost fi' cents.

Kindly Old Lady (giving him a nickel)—Well, here is five cents more for you, so don't cry. How did you lose it?

Little Boy (feeling better)—I lost it pitchin' pennies.—Harper's Bazar.

Nothing Unusual.

Hotel Guest—Waiter, how is this? Yesterday, desiring to make a present to my daughter at the dinner table, I put a $500 bill in a piece of cake and told you to hand it to her.

Hotel Waiter—Yes, sah.

"But she says she got the cake and not the money."

"Yes, sah; beg pardon, sah. I thought you intended that for my fee, sah."—Omaha World.

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JOB PRINTING.—The Oxford Democrat Office is well stocked with new materials for doing all kinds of plain or fancy job printing. An experienced job printer is always in the office, and as our presses are run by steam, we can guarantee prompt and satisfactory work.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY. A municipal committee intrusted with the protection of all damaged houses by the earthquake in Nice reported that of the 50,000 buildings three have been demolished, eight must be taken down, fifty are in danger, and three hundred are cracked and otherwise damaged. The actual loss to real property alone is estimated at 30,000,000 francs.——A young woman from Portland, while suffering mentally, leaped from the Shore Line train and her from Providence, and was followed by her mother, 72 years old, and neither was seriously injured, notwithstanding the train was running 40 miles an hour.——A bold attempt was made to rob a bank at Halifax. The clerk, who was alone in the bank, was shot twice, but held the would-be robber until assistance arrived.——Interesting experiments with dynamite guns were made at Fort Hamilton, New York Harbor.

SUNDAY. The ocean yacht race between the schooner yachts Coronet and Dauntless was won by the former, which arrived at Roche's Point, Cork harbor, Ireland, shortly after noon, 14 days and 19 hours from New York. All were well on board, the yacht had suffered no serious damage, and though the voyage was an extremely rough one, she won the admiration of her crew by the manner in which she behaved.

MONDAY. Dr. Adolph A. Albrecht, a physician and druggist, located at the corner of Harrison avenue and Broadway, Boston, visited the Dunphey den at 10 Avery street and quarreled with David Lanahan and Edward Flanigan, professional gamblers, whom he charged with cheating. During the fight which ensued he shot Lanahan dead and fatally wounded Flanigan.——The schooner yacht Dauntless reached Cork Harbor at 6.45 o'clock P. M., her crew being well and the vessel in as good condition as when she sailed. Her voyage consumed 16 days 1 hour 45 minutes and 13 seconds, and considering the difference in size, yachtsmen hold that her defeat by the Coronet is nothing to be ashamed of.

TUESDAY. The seven hundred miles on the Interprovincial Railway in Canada, which had just been broken, is unprecedented. One train was 100 hours in covering two miles.——Rev. Dr. Ray Palmer, the author of "My Faith Looks up to Thee" and other hymns, died at Newark, N. J.——Stanton Reynolds, who directed the attack on Fort Sumter in 1861, died.

WEDNESDAY. Hon. Thomas C. Reynolds, a prominent citizen of St. Louis, committed suicide while insane. He was Lieutenant Governor of Missouri in 1860, and took active part on the Confederate side during the war.——It was reported in St. John, N. F., that the sealing steamer Eagle and its crew of 200 men have been lost. The vessel's boilers are said to have been defective. Later reports confirm the news of the disaster.——Ten inches of snow fell in Kentucky.

THURSDAY. John G. Saxe, the poet, died at Albany, N. Y.——Mr. Blaine was in St. Louis. He visited the Merchants' Exchange and made a few minutes' speech to about twenty thousand people.——An express messenger on the West Shore Road was shot and the car robbed Wednesday night not far from Utica, N. Y.

FRIDAY. The house of Commons was the scene of an exciting debate on the Irish Crimes bill. Parnell made an able speech in opposition to coercion and made an appeal for postponement of the vote, but the Government carried the day, shutting off debate by a vote of 164 to 116 and then received the first reading. The announcement of the vote was received with loud demonstrations of approval and disapproval.——While the Czar was riding in the park at St. Petersburg he was fired upon by an army officer, but escaped uninjured.——Mr. Fairchild assumed the office of Secretary of the Treasury, and Second Auditor Maynard that of Assistant Secretary.——A Buffalo coroner's jury severely censured the Fire Commissioners, Chief Engineer of the Department and proprietor of the Richmond House, recently burned, for gross neglect of duty.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

C. B. I. & P. Railway.
Pine Tree State Seeds.
New Goods, Lewis B. Andrews, West Paris.
Samantha at Saratoga.
Joe Howard's Life of Beecher.
Man Wanted.
The Handsomest Men, &c., go to Webb & Wakefield's.
Messenger's Notice.
Wanted—Woman.
Agents Wanted.
Hires' Root Beer.
Mitchell's Belladonna Plasters.
Cure for the Deaf.
Kidney Pain.
Benson's Capcine Plaster.
Mason & Hamlin Organs.
It Wasn't That Kind.
Commissioners' Notice.
Teachers' Examination.
Sheriff's Sale.
New Goods, Whitcomb & Smiley, Norway.
Dress Goods, &c., C. W. Bowker & Co.
Sheriff's Sale.

THE fourth page of the DEMOCRAT this week contains some matter of special interest to the children,—a story by L. D., and a "composition" by a little girl.

THE arrest of Graves in California, four months after the murder in the south-eastern corner of Maine, illustrates the difficulty of a man losing himself among fifty millions of people, even with the aid of that numerous individual, John Smith.

ANOTHER bubble has burst,—a "marriage endowment association,"—and quite a number of Maine young men are losers by it. When people understand that an institution is self-destructive from the principle of its organization, they will perhaps cease to sink money in it.

A FIRE recently broke out in the Belfast *Journal* building. The *Journal* is on the second floor, and the fire originated in a store under the composing room. It finally broke through into the composing room, and after the windows were broken in so as to clear out some of the smoke, a stream of water was put on up-stairs. The foreman of the office directed where to throw the water, and though damage to the amount of $300 was done by water and smoke, not more than a stickful of type was knocked into pi. In that instance fire in a printing office seemed to lose its chief terror.

THE $1,000 reward offered by the Governor for the arrest of Graves is likely to prove a bone of contention between the Bangor officers, who traced out Graves, and the California officers, who made the arrest. In this connection there is nothing small about the California officers. The dispatch from Oakland which announced the arrest contained among its twelve words these two, "Bring reward". It is now stated on the authority of "a gentleman from Oakland," that the State of Maine will get Mr. Graves when they lay down $1,000, and not before. But who will have authority to retain possession of Mr. Graves, after the necessary form of requisition has been attended to?

SEEDSMEN, doing a mail order business with patrons all over the country, often find some very funny things in their mail. Below we append a "literary gem" which is a fair sample of the subject referred to above. This one was written on a card, the corner of which bore a highly colored picture of a pansy, and accompanied an order to a well known New York seedsman. It seems evident upon the "face of the returns" that the writer "takes the *kake*," if the pansy should fail.

Pansies are
[Pansy.] the Pride of all
flowers for no artist
Can not paint as true as natur
theirfor Pansies takes the *kake*
with best wishes

LITERARY NOTES.

The effects of injudicious cramming in our public schools are well shown in an article in the April *Century*, "English as She is Taught," by Mark Twain.

"SAMANTHA AT SARATOGA."—Miss Mrrietta Holly, the distinguished humorous author known as "*Josiah Allen's Wife*," has just finished her new book "Samantha at Saratoga," in the inimitable mirth-provoking style of "Samantha at the Centennial," "Betsey Bobbitt," etc., and has sold the MSS. for a good round sum to Messrs. Hubbard Bros., of Philadelphia, who are employing the best humorous artists in the country to illustrate it, and propose bringing it out this spring at a popular price by subscription. Miss Holly spent all last season amid the whirl of fashion at Saratoga, and takes off its follies, flirtations, pug dogs, low neck dressing, etc., in a style that is overflowing with richest humor, and must create a great sensation.

SOUTH PARIS.

Horace L. Starbird, who has had charge of the stable near the depot, has been seriously sick.

A. M. Gerry has several preparations of his own putting up which are having large sales. If you are suffering from coughs, try his new remedy.

L. B. Swett is canvassing in this vicinity for Maine State Year Book. There is no book published that contains more useful information for the money than this volume.

Our livery stable men say that their business has been smaller for the past winter than for a number of years.

The school catalogue just received from the grading committee shows that they well understood the needs of our schools, and they have prepared an excellent course of studies.

Kenney & Plummer have taken a new departure and put in a line of hats. Examine their advertisement and their stock.

We frequently read of new lines of railways and branches purchased by the Grand Trunk Railroad, and also of new passenger cars, etc., that they have added. Although we are not prone to find much fault, yet comparing the accommodations at our depot with those on other roads at places of similar importance, we should say that there is still room for improvement.

The *Portland Transcript* has a large number of patrons here. The publishers are giving their readers a valuable monthly paper. After subscribing for your local paper, send for the *Transcript*.

Business is brisk at L. Billings's saw mill.

STATE PICK-UPS.

The Governor will appoint April 21st as Fast Day.

Mr. Blaine and daughter are making a Western trip.

Maine Division, Sons of Veterans, holds its annual encampment at Rockland, May 4th.

A Maine Central train ran over and killed Housire Bergeron, aged six, at a crossing in Lewiston.

A Board of Trade was organized at Lewiston last week, by prominent business men of Lewiston and Auburn.

The sentence of Mrs. Barrows, who was to have been hanged in April, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

It is reported that in some of the lumber camps the snow is so deep that the horses cannot be got out or grain got in, and the men are obliged to kill the poor animals rather than let them starve.

W. O. Fuller, Jr., formerly of the Rockland *Courier Gazette*, now engaged in banking in Kansas, recently visited Maine and carried back with him considerable Knox County money to be invested in Kansas.

The Grand Trunk has received three new passenger coaches out of an order for six recently placed with the Pullman Car Company. The new cars are very handsome. They will be run between Portland and Lewiston.

A hearing was held before the Governor and Council last Tuesday on the charges brought against the Fish and Game Commissioners. Although no official action has been taken, it is said to be improbable that the Commissioners will be disturbed.

The Portland *Transcript* celebrated its semi-centennial last week. Wednesday the *Transcript* establishment was opened to the public, and many took the opportunity to examine it. Thursday evening a supper was given to invited guests at the Preble House.

The Trustees of the State College have decided upon a location for the new Agricultural building, and have chosen a committee to employ an architect to draft plans, make specifications and superintend the construction of the new building, which will be of brick, about 40 by 60 feet, two stories, with French roof and ell about 38 by 45 feet.

Calvin P. Graves, the murderer of the game wardens was arrested last week at Oakland, Cal. He admits being the man that is wanted, but says that he acted in self-defence. Shortly after the shooting he went to his house, secured some woman's clothes and took the train for Bangor, thence going to California, where he went under the name of John Smith. He was "given away" by some over-talkative relatives.

OUR DAILY BREAD.

Heavy and sour bread or biscuit has a vast influence through the digestive organs upon the measure of health we enjoy. How important to our present happiness and future usefulness the blessing of good health and a sound constitution are, we can only realize when we have lost them, and when it is too late to repair the damage. Notwithstanding these facts, thousands of persons daily jeopardize not only their health, but their lives, and the health and lives of others, by using articles in the preparation of their food the purity and healthfulness of which they know nothing. Perhaps a few cents may have been saved, or it may have been more convenient to obtain the articles used, and the housekeeper takes the responsibility and possibly will never know the mischief that has been wrought. Paterfamilias may have spells of headache, the children may have lost their appetites, or look pale; if so, the true cause is rarely suspected. The weather, the lack of out-door air, or some other cause, is given, and the unwholesome, poisonous system of adulterated food goes on. Next to the flour, which should be made of good, sound wheat and not ground too fine, the yeast or baking powder, which furnishes the rising properties, is of the greatest importance, and of the two we prefer baking powder, and always use the Royal, as we thereby retain the original properties of the wheat, no fermentation taking place. The action of the Royal Baking Powder upon the dough is simply to swell it and form little cells through every part. These cells are filled with carbonic acid gas, which passes off during the process of baking.

The Royal is made from pure grape acid, and it is the action of this acid upon highly carbonized bicarbonate of soda that generates the gas alluded to; and these ingredients are so pure and so perfectly tested, tested and adapted to each other, that the action is mild and permanent, and is continued during the whole time of baking, and no residue of poisonous ingredients remains to undermine the health, no heavy biscuits, no sour bread, but if directions are followed, every article will be found sweet and wholesome.

DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems, at first, only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Do not be deceived, but insist upon getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all Throat, Lungs, and Chest Affections. Trial Bottles Free at Noyes Drug Store, Norway.

Read Webb & Wakefield's ad. in this issue.

IT WASN'T THAT KIND.

"Mr-tilda, is you in hab with me?"
"Certainly, Sam Johnsing, course I isn't."
"Sho! Tilda, don't say dat, for my heart turns."
"Hold on, Mister Johnsing, if you has the heartburn, jes you go and git er box er Brown
WOODBURY'S DYSPEPSIA KILLERS;
they will cue ye heartburn immejiately at once, and if you suffer from water-brash, Sam, they will cure that too."
"But Tilda, it aint that kind."
"Never yo mind, Sam; it must be indigestion then makes you look so glum, and the
D. K.'S
will cure Dyspepsia and Indigestion quicker and cleaner than you can rub a hen roost, Mister Johnsing.—Good day.

Doe little & Smith, 24 and 26 Tremont St., Boston, will send a box of Dr. Mark H. Woodbury's Dyspepsia Killers by mail, to any part of the U. S., on receipt of 50 cents, or a trial box for 25 cents.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.

Taken on execution, wherein Robinson Dean of Buckfield is said County is creditor, and David L. Farrar, of said Buckfield, is debtor, and will be sold by public auction on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1887, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of George D. Bisbee in Buckfield, in said County of Oxford, all the right in equity which David L. Farrar of said Buckfield, has or had on the 27th day of September, A. D. 1886, when the same was attached on the original writ, to redeem the following described mortgaged real estate situated in the towns of Sumner and Buckfield, and in and around the village of North Buckfield so called, to wit: A certain lot of land in Sumner and Buckfield aforesaid with the buildings thereon and known as the homestead farm of David L. Farrar.

JOSIAH W. WHITTEN,
Deputy Sheriff.

Buckfield April 2, A. D. 1887.

MARRIED.

In Paris, March 26, by Rev. A. Hill, B. B. Crockett and Fannie F. Latrver, both of Woodstock.

In Norway, March 29, by Rev. O. S. Pillsbury, Mr. Geo. A. Jackson and Miss Nellie S. Andrews, both of Paris.

SPRING IS COMING.

There has Never been anything of the kind received with such marked popularity and success as

KING'S SARSAPARILLA.

Price 75 Cts.

Every day we learn of some new case that has been cured or relieved by the judicious use of this Great Blood Purifier.

If your Blood is impure;
If you have Boils, Sores or Ulcers;
If you are troubled with Indigestion;
If you need a Tonic;
If your appetite needs Toning;—

Call for a bottle of KING'S SARSAPARILLA; buy it and try its effect. Use according to Directions, and we are quite sure it will help you.

REMEMBER that in alterative cases the TIP-BIT LIVER PILLS (price 25 cents) are designed to go with the sarsaparilla.

For Sale by your Druggist or forwarded to any address on receipt of price.

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STATE OF MAINE, OXFORD ss:

Taken on execution, Wherein, Otis Hatfield of Canton, in said County, is creditor and L. B. Smith of said Canton, is debtor, and will be sold by public auction on the twenty-first (21) day of May, A. D. 1887, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of A. & F. A. Barrows, in said Canton, all the right in equity which the aforesaid L. B. Smith of said Canton, in the County of Oxford, had at seven o'clock in the forenoon, on the twenty-first (21) day of April, A. D. 1886, when the same was attached on the original writ, to redeem the following described mortgaged real estate, situated in Canton, in said County to wit: Lot number (20), in the fourth range, on the west side of the Androscoggin River, agreeable to an original plan of survey of the town of Jay, being same given and conveyed to Hatford A. Bradford by John W. Dunham by his deed of warranty, dated November 20th, A. D. 1859, containing eighty acres more or less, bounded and described as follows: On the East by the Daniel Bisbee farm on the south by the Martin Ellis farm, on the West by the Kid or farm and on the North by land owned and occupied by C. W. Walker. There is now due on the above mortgage about one hundred and fifteen dollars.

Dated at Canton, this second day of April A. D. 1887.

E. A. BARROWS,
Deputy Sheriff.

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The Oxford Democrat.

Paris and Vicinity.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church; Preaching Service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7 P. M. Prayer Meetings, Thursday Evenings.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline Angell, Pastor. Preaching Service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sabbath School at 12 M.

Paris Hill Brass Band, Emery W. Mason, Leader; Newton Stanley, Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings Friday Evening.

L. B. Swan of West Paris, was at the Hill, Monday.

Stanley Bisbee, of Buckfield, was at Paris this week.

Harry Doble returned from the woods with his teams, Thursday.

E. F. Stone, Esq., of South Paris, was at the Hill last Saturday.

No services were held in either of the churches Sunday, owing to the condition of the weather and travelling.

Universalist Ladies' Circle at Academy Hall, Monday evening of next week, April 11. Music by Haselton; ice cream and cake for sale. Admission as usual.

Our friend Webb, from Norway, was up here one day last week, adorning liberty poles and other convenient objects with sign boards which announce that it is "3 miles to Webb & Wakefield's."

The Universalist Ladies Circle met twice last week,—Monday and Thursday evenings. Both parties were very pleasant. A number from South Paris and Norway were present each evening.

Everett Perkins drives the smallest and best matched steer team in town. It consists of two Holstein calves, ten and eleven days old respectively, and as near alike in size, form, color, marks, etc., as two of our devil's Mexican stories.

The weather clerk seems to object to the Paris Hill Brass Band having regular meetings. As no one was present Saturday night, it is not known how successful the meeting was. Another trial will be made this (Monday) evening.

The oldest inhabitant, without exception, has to go back to 1843 to find a spring to compare with this one. The stories that are told about that spring afford us the consolation that perhaps we are not so bad off as we might be, after all.

"Judge" James Deering, of South Paris, made the DEMOCRAT a pleasant call last Saturday. The "Judge" is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Paris. He came to this town in 1820, and has ever since been closely identified with the advancement of the interests of the village in which he resides. Enjoying a ripe old age, and a clear memory of the events and associations of earlier days, "Judge" Deering is one of those genial old gentlemen with whom it is a real pleasure to meet and converse.

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THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

BETHEL.

April 1st at Bethel was a perfect spring day. The thermometer at 5 A. M. registered 10 deg. below zero; at noon it registered 50 deg. above.

The snow is four feet deep in the hard wood growth.

Having occasion to go to Mason, Friday afternoon, I found the sleighing good. The fences by the road-side were not to be seen. Several houses were enclosed in drifts reaching from the ridge-pole to the ground, and the entrance was effected by tunneling through the drifts. The best broken roads I found in Mason. Traveling almost the entire length of the town, the roads were in perfect order, and at suitable distances places were broken by the side of the traveled path for teams to pass. I am of the opinion that your correspondent, G. H. B., had something to do with this state of things.

Mason can boast of more smart men according to its population than any other town in the county. Here I found the town clerk, Clark S. Bean, a gentleman held in much esteem by his neighbors; two local preachers, Rev. A. H. Witham and Rev. I. A. Bean; J. Hastings Bean, upon whom your correspondent Geo. H. Brown is casting his mantle; the Millises, father and son. Horace Hutchinson and Alpheus S. Lovejoy are among our most enterprising farmers. A. S. Bean of West Bethel has a steam mill here for sawing birch into spool strips, and his lumber yard at West Bethel is the most extensive in the county. I. A. Bean runs a water mill for sawing long lumber and spool stock.

WEST SUMNER.

Singing school closed here Wednesday evening with a concert, consisting of anthems, choruses, glees, etc. The parts were well rendered, and the scholars showed that Mr. Chamberlain had not spent his time in vain.

At the present writing we are having it a little warmer.

It is quite sickly in this vicinity. Pneumonia having taken the place of diphtheria.

Polly Howe is at home again. Her health is not very good.

The extreme quietness of this place makes it next to an impossibility to find anything of interest to write.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

The musical entertainment that was given here last week was repeated at Lovell Saturday night; we have not heard with what success.

There is talk of building a vestry for the Universalist church in this place.

We notice with pleasure the return to town of our legislator, S. O. Wiley.

CANTON.

Fine sleighing for April 1.

Assessors making their annual tour.

The appraisers of the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company's property visited Canton on Thursday, to look over the Canton property.

Rev. F. Blake will occupy the pulpit at the Free Baptist church on the next Sabbath, 3d inst. He has been preaching for a few weeks at Orr's Island.

Mr. Knight will preach at the Baptist church on the 10th, and probably once a fortnight thereafter, till July.

Two of our aged people have passed away during the past week: Peter T. Hathaway of Canton, aged 83 years, and John B. Stetson of Hartford, aged 72 years.—Rev. Mr. Munson of Livermore Falls attended the funeral of Mr. Hathaway, and Rev. Mr. Twort of Lewiston that of Mr. Stetson. Mr. Hathaway was buried with Masonic honors by his brethren of Whitney Lodge, of which he was an honored member.

The Odd Fellows of Androscoggin Lodge will celebrate the anniversary of the Order April 26, at their hall. A committee has been chosen to prepare a programme for the occasion, which is to be public for members of the fraternity, their families, and invited guests. A large gathering is anticipated.

Carroll Ellis, Simmie Ellis, Ora Hodge and Fred Gines, can-makers, are to work in the canning establishment at Dixfield. They commence there next week.

GREENWOOD.

If the past week has not given us a diversity of weather, then I do not know the meaning of that word. Last Sabbath was neither very fair nor foul, so that we traveled three miles on foot to meeting; Monday was a most lovely, spring-like day, and winter seemed to have taken a long stride toward the north pole; Tuesday opened lowery, and during the afternoon we drove 10 miles in a first-class, north-east snow storm; Wednesday it partially cleared away, and Thursday we tapped a half dozen trees, which furnished what sap we wanted to drink during the evening; the following night it snowed again, and Friday passed off cold and blustering enough for February; Saturday morning the windows were well frosted, and our winter artist had drawn lots of city plans on the glass—streets, parks, shade trees, etc., all in perfect outline, and the work beautifully executed. It seems, therefore, that last Monday was only a sort of an Indian spring, and a very short one at that; although the sun entered Aries the day before. The fact is, I don't like our long cold winters; nature never made me for an Esquimaux; I should make a much better Hottentot, and were it practicable, I would spend next winter in his country, or somewhere where the mercury doesn't freeze up and rattle in the bulb of the thermometer.

The Cummings Bros. are now sawing their birch into spool strips; a less quantity has been hauled than usual on account of the hard winter.

The death of Robert Bates breaks up the last family that was living in that part of the town, in my early boyhood. Mr. Bates was a good Christian man, having belonged to the Methodist church, together with his wife, for many years.

I was sorry to learn that Norway had voted to advance backward by again employing a liquor agency. Whoever the agent may be, let him ask himself these two questions: 1st. "Am I my brother's keeper?" and, 2d. "What will the harvest be?"

WEST BETHEL.

Last week the Middle Intervale correspondent, in imagination, saw "bubbling brooks" and "blooming flowers," and heard "Spring's merry songsters sing," but she has probably awakened from her dreaming ere now to find the earth covered with six feet of snow, and hearing only the harsh cawing of some half-starved crow in search of food, while the wintry winds sweep over the frozen crust.

The wife and children of B. K. Bean, Jr., arrived here on Tuesday last from Colorado, and he is on the way. Mr. Bean has bought the Caleb Goodnow farm, on which they will settle this spring.

H. W. French continues to improve, and it is hoped has for the present escaped from "the jaws of death, 'which came so near closing upon him.

Rev. A. H. Witham, of Mason, was first to offer maple syrup for sale here this season.

WILSON'S MILLS.

March is not disposed to give us much warm weather, so we may hope for some spring weather in April that will start the snow-drifts a bit.

The crews of Weymouth and Wentworth have come out of the woods. Lame horses and oxen are being driven out from the several camps.

E. Lary's oxen have been driven out—the most of the crew still remain in the camp.

The snow holds on, but logging is breaking up fast.

W. L. Fickett is done hauling timber and commences to-day to put up a temporary building, in which to live while building a house.

ROXBURY POND.

A. L. Merrill is ill.

Charles P. Bartlett of Hanover and Wm. W. Mason of Bethel, have bonded the remainder of John Houghton's land in Roxbury, except the "Little Island" in Roxbury Pond. There are about 1000 acres of the land, all lying east of Swift River.

There is a disagreement about the school in No. 7, and the health officers have been notified on account of whooping cough.

William F. Mitchell, Charlie and Ed. Hodsdon go this week to Metallak Pond, township C; they are gumming for the Prince of "Gum Corner," Byron.

It is said Mayor Ramsay will soon return; also that he is to cut 2000 cords of poplar on the proprietors' land in Byron.

Was it an Indian spring we had, and is this an Indian winter?

At a hearing held March 29, the Supervisor decided against the wishes of a large majority of the district, that the school in Dist. No. 7 must stop.

OXFORD.

Dr. Stevens was summoned by telegraph to Woodstock to attend his mother, who is dangerously sick.

George Poor's sugar camp was completely destroyed by fire Monday night; also a large pile of dry wood. The pans, etc. were saved.

Fred Webber has returned from Grafton.

It is expected that there will be a grand ball the evening before Fast Day at Central Hall.

The "Old Folks' Concert" at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening was well attended. The Society were assisted by vocal and instrumental performers from Paris, McFalls, Oxfield, etc. An ice cream and cake festival followed the concert. Although the weather was unfavorable, a good sum was realized.

Frank Hawkes, Thomas Ellis and Elmer Parrott are at home from Andover, Mass., during vacation.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Dr. Gatchell and wife left on the 28th for Boston—Mrs. G. to remain until her term at the medical college closes in May, the Dr. for a short visit.

Mrs. A. H. Jones is in Boston visiting friends.

The M. I. C. at its last meeting discussed the question—"Resolved, that the printing press is more beneficial to the world than the steam engine."

EAST HEBRON.

Mrs. W. N. Hodgdon had a very severe attack of her distressing pains (which she has been subject to for four or five months) last Sunday. A man was sent for the doctor at Buckfield, and another was sent for her father, the Rev. C. T. Keene, who was at East Buckfield holding a meeting. Dr. W. P. Bridgham arrived about six o'clock, and soon she began to grow more comfortable, and at this writing remains comfortable.

The neighbors and friends of W. N. Hodgdon made him a surprise party on the evening of the 29th, and a very pleasant surprise it was, as the visitors left goods and cash to the amount of about $18 mostly cash.

Mr. Charles F. McKenney, of this place, is in feeble health—unable to get out any.

Mr. William Brown, the old gentleman who broke his leg in the early part of the winter, is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Asa Keene is in very feeble health.

Joseph P. Chandler of South Buckfield was ordered last week before the Augusta Board of Surgeons to be examined for an increase of pension.

Hon. Henry Bonney is quite low. Dr. Roscoe Smith of Turner visits him once or twice a week. Mrs. John Reed of Lewiston, is stopping with her brother, Mr. Bonney, now. George Bonney of Auburn came to see his brother last Sabbath. Mr. Bonney has a wide circle of friends as well as relatives, and all greatly miss him from the social gatherings as well as from the religious and business meetings.

A box festival is in order for Friday evening for the benefit of the Free Baptist Society of this place.

ALBANY.

Many of our people are on the sick list.

Mrs. John Glover is very sick; not much prospect of recovery.

Mrs. Chesley Fernald is under the care of a physician.

Mrs. Ann Dorr is quite sick.

Mrs. Ann Flint has been sick all winter, and is yet quite feeble.

Mrs. Jerusha Shedd is quite low from infirmities of age and disease.

Mrs. Sloan has had another very ill turn of paralysis, but is a little better; her sight has nearly failed.

Arthur E. Clark is at home for rest and to recuperate his health which has suffered by too close application to work in the chair factory at West Paris.

The last snow and crust has been destructive to partridges. John Barker was walking on snow-shoes, and on raising his shoe a partridge emerged from the snow; the crust being broken liberated the poor bird.

C. A. Grover is now at his father's.

NEWRY.

Harry Russell, aged about eighteen, died at the residence of John Eames in this town last Saturday.

The weather continues cold; Tuesday the writer hauled a load of potatoes to Bethel, and some were chilled on the way.

The drama, "The Turning of the Tide," was played at Newry Corner, Friday night, after which there was a social dance at Thurston's Hall; the weather was so rough that many of the festive party did not return to their homes until daylight next day.

The road from Newry to Bethel is in a very bad state. It is so narrow that double teams with difficulty can pass over it when loaded. The turning out places are like angels' visits, few and far between; and there are two covered bridges on the route that have been guiltless of snow for a number of days.

MASON.

If March ever goes out like a lion, it does this year. The morning of the 30th of this month will stand without a rival for cold and wind for the last fifty years. At 10 o'clock the windows of my kitchen were covered with frost, with the sun shining on one side and a good fire in the stove.

A. S. Bean's teams are still hauling birch. They say that after the roads are broken it is as good hauling as it has been this winter.

George D. and Arthur Morrill have cut and sawed five hundred cords of birch since last November; done their own cooking, and tended their barn. Whose boys have done better than that?

A Mr. Young, from Greenbush, has bought the hackmatack on G. P. Bean's meadow, and is converting it into railroad ties. He has made some two hundred on Randall Cummings's, and George E. Mills hauls them to West Bethel.

A. H. Witham has made eight gallons of maple honey. He seems to have a faculty for coaxing the sweet out of his trees.—Not much of a sugar spring as yet. Never much more snow than now, the last day of March.

BROWNFIELD.

The two days' blizzard is past. The sleighing is splendid, and enough of it.

Sunday evening a very interesting meeting at the Congregationalist church. Two Salvationists were present; much to the disappointment of some, they didn't say a word.

Ben Dresser is in town looking after his business.

Fred Thorn is going to Boston, to get work.

Mr. Edmund Blake is dangerously sick of pneumonia.

Miss M. Emmons made a flying visit to her father, Rev. Mr. Emmons.

Miss McDonald has gone to Saco to visit her sister.

Fred Thayer is attending school at Kezar Falls.

DICKVALE.

March 30th, and 15° below zero, at 6 o'clock A. M., which reminds me that it would be a good time to write for the DEMOCRAT.

J. C. Wyman has sawed 70,000 feet of spool lumber this winter.

A crew of four men sawed 250 feet of strips in one hour at Abbott's mill in Franklin one day last week.

D. L. Chenery has gone to Livermore to sell hay.

H. O. Rowe has purchased a pair of oxen of Edgar Townsend, and Edgar has purchased a mare of Benjamin Lovejoy which is said to be 23 years old and is as smart as a colt and has worked in a team hauling birch this winter.

A. J. Farrar is hauling spruce to Dixfield.

EAST BETHEL.

F. E. Carpenter, who has recently reopened, has a well filled store of dry goods, groceries, glass ware, confectionery, etc., etc. He also has an extra nice assortment of tin ware. Mr. Carpenter is very pleasant and courteous, and is doing a good trade.

Farmers are selling potatoes for 35c.

Z. W. Bartlett and N. T. Swan are now loading a car with potatoes for the Boston market.

Miss Alice, daughter of William R. Swan, has gone to Boston to spend a few weeks with her father and other relatives.

Miss Onnie Holt is visiting relatives in Mass.

Lamonte Cole has returned from Gilead.

UPTON.

Alpheus Ballard has partially recovered from the fall which confined him to the house last week.

Mrs. Frank Whitney has been quite sick but is more comfortable.

Mrs. A. O. Godwin has been very sick. It was feared she would have pneumonia, but she is improving slowly.

Frank and Elliott Rich have been up to the lake to fill the ice house for the Oxford Club.

One solitary crow made his appearance last week, but the snow was so deep he went back to the woods.

I. F. Evans of East Stoneham is in town.

DIXFIELD.

H. O. Stanley, Esq., is at Augusta.

Mr. Burnham was in town again this week; his men will commence making cans next week.

Peter Barrett has returned and is again clerking for Frank Stanley.

"The Academy Bell Fund" entertainment called out a good house. The two pieces, "Adrift" and "Our Awful Aunt," passed off nicely; the characters were well personated.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Dr. Gatchell and wife left on the 28th for Boston—Mrs. G. to remain until her term at the medical college closes in May, the Dr. for a short visit.

Mrs. A. H. Jones is in Boston visiting friends.

The M. I. C. at its last meeting discussed the question—"Resolved, that the printing press is more beneficial to the world than the steam engine."

EAST HEBRON.

Mrs. W. N. Hodgdon had a very severe attack of her distressing pains (which she has been subject to for four or five months) last Sunday. A man was sent for the doctor at Buckfield, and another was sent for her father, the Rev. C. T. Keene, who was at East Buckfield holding a meeting. Dr. W. P. Bridgham arrived about six o'clock, and soon she began to grow more comfortable, and at this writing remains comfortable.

The neighbors and friends of W. N. Hodgdon made him a surprise party on the evening of the 29th, and a very pleasant surprise it was, as the visitors left goods and cash to the amount of about $18 mostly cash.

Mr. Charles F. McKenney, of this place, is in feeble health—unable to get out any.

Mr. William Brown, the old gentleman who broke his leg in the early part of the winter, is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. Asa Keene is in very feeble health.

Joseph P. Chandler of South Buckfield was ordered last week before the Augusta Board of Surgeons to be examined for an increase of pension.

Hon. Henry Bonney is quite low. Dr. Roscoe Smith of Turner visits him once or twice a week. Mrs. John Reed of Lewiston, is stopping with her brother, Mr. Bonney, now. George Bonney of Auburn came to see his brother last Sabbath. Mr. Bonney has a wide circle of friends as well as relatives, and all greatly miss him from the social gatherings as well as from the religious and business meetings.

A box festival is in order for Friday evening for the benefit of the Free Baptist Society of this place.

ALBANY.

Many of our people are on the sick list.

Mrs. John Glover is very sick; not much prospect of recovery.

Mrs. Chesley Fernald is under the care of a physician.

Mrs. Ann Dorr is quite sick.

Mrs. Ann Flint has been sick all winter, and is yet quite feeble.

Mrs. Jerusha Shedd is quite low from infirmities of age and disease.

Mrs. Sloan has had another very ill turn of paralysis, but is a little better; her sight has nearly failed.

Arthur E. Clark is at home for rest and to recuperate his health which has suffered by too close application to work in the chair factory at West Paris.

The last snow and crust has been destructive to partridges. John Barker was walking on snow-shoes, and on raising his shoe a partridge emerged from the snow; the crust being broken liberated the poor bird.

C. A. Grover is now at his father's.

GILEAD.

A cold wave passed over here Tuesday and Wednesday, which was about as rough a time as we ever have at this time of the year.

We have a large depth of snow, but a little more is wanted as the tops of the trees are a little in the way in breaking roads.

Caleb Wight fell from a scaffold in his barn a few days ago, and was injured badly, but is getting along well for so aged a person, being over 70.

John Wight is getting quite a quantity of birch to his mill, to be sawn when the spring opens.

HIRAM.

Dr. Charles E. Wilson has bought the house and lot at East Hiram, where he resides, of Dr. J. L. Bennett.

Dr. Wilson's child is recovering from a dangerous illness.

Mrs. Dana Cotton is very sick.

William F. Lombard has been sick of lung fever and thought to be dying, but is now better.

George H. Goodwin is visiting his father in Boston.

Melville Gould has been elected school agent in District No. 1. Eli Clemons is agent in District No. 2, at the villages.

Henry N. Burbank has qualified as constable of Hiram, by giving bond.

On March 30 a vender of Yankee notions appeared to us at our humble residence on the cross-roads. Being unable to find the road, he drove his quadruped and vehicle a half mile on a snow-shoe beat over three stone walls, one fence, an alder swamp and a meadow. *He'll do.*

EAST SUMNER.

An organ fever is prevailing at East Sumner. W. J. Wheeler, of South Paris, brought over four organs last week. The dwellings are few that do not contain an organ or a sewing machine or both.

We now have our first telephone line. It connects your correspondent's residence with the post-office, and is an acoustic line for an experiment, put up by Eastman, who intends to put up a line from the post-office to his residence at the "Corner."

Eastman is busy filling orders for his garden and flower seeds.

Miss Marcella Heald is reported sick with lung fever.

April 1st, and not a bare spot of ground to be seen. In 1843 the same could be said as late as the middle of April.

SLOCUM.

HARTFORD.

The carpenter shop belonging to J. O. Robinson was burned on the 23d. Mr. Robinson had been at work in the shop in the forenoon. While he was at dinner, it took fire and was nearly burned down when he saw it. He lost about $200 worth of tools. Cause, defective chimney. No insurance.

I called at the house of H. A. Bicknell, the other day. Mrs. Bicknell showed me, on the fly leaf of an old book, some of the last writing of the late William Bicknell. It read like this: "On a postal card, 1874, I wrote an article which filled a column 8 1-2 by 2 3-8 inches. In 1881 I wrote one which filled a column 16 inches by 2 3-4. I had written within the last 10 years in 109 albums. I have written postal cards to newspapers in 13 States, also in Canada and Japan. I have made 207 acrostics." The above was written but a short time before he died.

John Stetson died the 29th. Funeral at the house the 31st, attended by the Rev. Mr. Twort. Mr. Stetson was a kind and indulgent father, an upright and honest man and a good neighbor.

There is a report that H. A. Irish has sold his half of the farm and personal property to his brother, C. M. Irish.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

Miss Etta Holman, a student at the Normal School at Farmington, with her sister Nellie, are visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Hon. G. S. Holman made us a short visit last week.

Owing to bad roads and windy weather, the Lyceum on Wednesday night was a failure.

Our new stage driver, Whittemore, we think is going to prove the right man in the right place.

Our oldest inhabitants say the past winter, taken all in all, is the worst they ever know.

Many of our farmers for the first time are short of hay, and $20 per ton is freely offered for good quality.

A. L. Fobes is at work at North Jay.

HEBRON.

The funeral of Mrs. William Marshall was largely attended last Sunday. She had many friends here.

Horace Pratt left Saturday on his way to Boston. He has been with his sisters since their father's funeral.

Mrs. Hall of Gardiner is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. N. Pratt.

Not much sugar making yet. The prolonged winter is not very favorable for early sugar.

H. M. Bearce has hauled a load of poplar to McFalls to the tooth-pick factory.

Dr. Pepper is expected to give a lecture here to-night (March 31).

We think L. D's spring verses a little in advance of the season—but then, he is one of the go-ahead kind.

We are very glad to learn that Mrs. Harvey Whitney is some better. C.

The funeral services of Mrs. Marshall were observed at her home in Auburn on Saturday, the 26th inst., and at the church in this place Sabbath forenoon. The Hebron Quartette furnished appropriate selections for both occasions. Mrs. Marshall was a lady of great merit and possessed a remarkably amiable disposition. She has not only been useful in her family, but has accomplished much for the welfare of society. For some time during her stay here she made a delightful home for students, and while the affliction is great to her family, all who knew her will lament her loss.

Much has been written everywhere in regard to the cold weather and storms, and I can say of Hebron that whenever the cold or stormy weather has visited any place it has not slighted this. The grass will be kept just as warm here as the drifts can keep it. The people who undertook to visit near the time of the last storm were left to spend several days.

These students have been appointed for the prize debate: Messrs Park, Irish, Bonney, Richmond, Ayer and Milliken.

Friday evening a large attendance were present to a very interesting address by President Pepper of Colby University. B.

PORTER.

The weather for the past week has been more like January than the last days of March. Now here it is April 1st, snow from four to five feet deep on a level, cold, not a bare spot of ground to be seen, and as you look around the old familiar lines come to your mind—"From Greenland's icy mountains." And I think how I would like to navigate like the birds, only I have no wings; and I look at my pocket-book—well it is, then.

Mr. Joseph Mason of South Hiram died the past week from a shock. He formerly lived in this town. His wife also is very sick.

Mr. Hutchinson of Lynn has moved into his house in this place, and his son, W. B. Hutchinson, has opened a law office at Kezar Falls.

People are trying to find their wood-piles.

A few teams are still drawing lumber.

The prospect for maple sugar is rather poor.

Sewell Sawyer is to move into this place the first of April; he will open a meat market.

N. H. Churchill has a cow that dropped a pair of nice Hereford calves. He has some very fine stock.

Moses Libby has the roof on his barn again.

DENMARK.

Joseph P. Smith continues very low, with no hopes of recovery. He has been sick for more than a year.

Orin Q. Libby, who has been sick some two months, has got out again.

David P. Lord is in Portland purchasing goods for the spring trade.

Charles Fessenden is to drive most of the logs in Moose Brook. There will be quite a large drive for this stream, some 1,600,000.

The friends of Joseph W. Colby surprised him the evening of March 30th by calling in force, it being his sixtieth birthday. They took possession of the house, prepared a nice supper, after which Charles B. Smith presented Mr. and Mrs. Colby a fine tea-set and a number of other articles in behalf of the company.

March 31st there was a large social party at the residence of Arthur S. Potter at Denmark village.

ANDOVER.

The latest arrival is a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Adamson, March 25.

The Debating Club talked the question of equal taxation Tuesday evening; Messrs. O. B. Poor and L. F. Jones arguing in favor of taxing all forms of property including school and church property, etc., now exempt, and Messrs. French, Barnes and others taking the opposite side.

The ladies of the M. E. Society are preparing for a fair to be held sometime this month.

George Farrar is to have charge of the Newhall farm at South Andover the coming year.

H. T. Farrar is moving to his farm in Rumford.

The roads have scarcely been better this winter than to-day, April 1st.

Good hay is scarce at $20 per ton.

Business is brisk at the steam mill; from two to three cords of birch are daily worked into dowels.

F. M. Thomas, the boat builder, has several fine boats completed, or nearly so, at his shop. One built expressly for a Mr. Stevens of Boston is—to tell it briefly—elegant.

FRYEBURG.

Mr. J. Tolman, Cumberland Co. Commissioner, spent the Sabbath with his sister, Mrs. A. F. Richardson. Mr. Richardson has been at Augusta this week on business connected with the Normal Schools.

Will Morgan is at home from Dartmouth College for the vacation.

Principal C. A. Page of Leicester, Mass. Academy, was at Mrs. Souther's for a few days.

Ruth and Lucia Merrill, with Miss Dunlap, a classmate from Illinois, and Mary Barrows, arrived from Wellesley College on Thursday.

Miss Katie Vose of Calais, who is attending Mrs. Caswell's school in Portland, is here to spend her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Lamson.

The Fryeburg Horse Railroad Company organized March 31—

Moderator—W. G. Spring.
Clerk—S. W. Fife.
Treasurer—J. Locke.
Directors—A. O. Pike, W. G. Spring, J. Locke, Fryeburg; E. F. Nutter, Cape Elizabeth; F. Hatch, Cornish.

The Directors organized with A. O. Pike, President. They accepted the charter and voted to instruct the Treasurer to open books for subscription of stock and to issue certificates therefor. Adjourned for two weeks.

The Fryeburg Village Fire Corporation met on the same day and organized under the charter by electing—

Moderator—T. C. Shirley.
Clerk—J. C. Gerry.
Assessors—A. O. Pike, William Gordon, J. Weston.
Treasurer—T. C. Shirley.
Wardens—A. R. Jenness, F. L. Mark, S. W. Fife.

Voted to raise $2000 on bonds. Adjourned till April 9.

BUCKFIELD.

Business is dull—that is what the traders say.

At the present time we are having quite a wood panic. On account of the deep snow many of our citizens have not received their usual supply; and as for dry wood for present consumption, there is none to be had. Those who burn coal complain that their supply is running short.

T. S. Bridgham packed his camp and garrison equipage last week and moved to Portland. He has the house lately occupied by Mr. George H. Watkins on Gray Street.

Rents are in great demand here at the present time.

Isaac Fuller will move on to the Shaw farm lately vacated by Wm. Wood.

We were pleased the other day to see Edwin Howard drive an odd-looking team into town in the shape of a Jersey bull harnessed into his sleigh. The animal was well broken, acted well, and showed more symptoms of speed than some of the two-year-olds that are driven into town. Ed says he is worth more than some that they brag a good deal about.

Our Reform meeting, Sunday evening, 27th ult., was one of the old-fashioned "rye and Injun" kind; four signed the pledge.

A little of the "*keptover*" maple syrup reached this market as early as week before last.

I have often heard the remark that there was much consolation in poetry. I was much interested in the lines on Spring, written by your Middle Intervale correspondent, but when I awoke the next morning only to find it snowing a two-forty gait, thermometer in the zero region and the wind blowing a perfect gale, I have come to the conclusion that poetry has no charms for me. I think the following lines more appropriate for the occasion:

"The earth is so bleak and deserted,
So cold the winds blow,
That no bud or no blossom will venture
To peep from below;
But, longing for spring-time, they nestle
Deep under the snow."

Miss May F. Bridgham has returned from Scituate, Mass., where she has been spending the winter.

Wednesday evening the Baptist Circle had another of their good sociables at the Reform Hall.

Thursday evening the colored Kemp Family gave a concert at same place with a good house.

Friday evening a dance at Tobin's Hall; music by West Sumner Band.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

H. H. Hutchinson has bought the lot of land upon which the shoe shop and brush factory were formerly located (both having been burned at different times) of the Withington Bros.

John M. Tobin is sick.

The Winslow Packing Co. will accept subscriptions of corn from the farmers to the amount of 300 acres.

George Dunham and H. D. Merrill have each lost a sucking calf.

The age of Nathan Maxim referred to last week should have read over 80 years.

I hear of one cellar freezing during the last cold "snap," but I have yet to hear from the "oldest inhabitant."

I had heard that Solon Chase's new house was nearly completed, but in passing there I could see the first "foundation stone."

The writer sold and delivered his grafted fruit to Abel Irish the past week.

I learn that Zibeon L. Packard of Hebron received $4 per barrel net for his apples lately sent to Boston.

Hay is quoted scarce and high about here.

The going is first-rate at this writing.

Hiram A. Conant has fifteen cows and heifers.

Your correspondent has bargained away his homestead farm and purchased of Robinson Dean the well-known H. H. Hutchinson farm situated upon South Hill in Buckfield. "South Buckfield" will still be no misnomer.

The farmers have improved the going the past week.

Eggs are now worth 14 cents and butter 16 at our stores.

A venerable prohibitionist in our town says the Prohibitory party "will sweep the country from pole to pole in the next Presidential contest."

A well-known Maine paper stigmatizes the amendments to the Liquor Law as "monstrosities." I should sooner think the writer was a "monstrosity."

Six weeks' sledding in April is now predicted.

"Shall the farmers shovel out their wood-piles?" is now the question before the house.

Uncle Daniel says it is easier to say things than to unsay them.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

Miss Jennie Martin has returned home from Waltham.

Edgar Lufkin has returned home from Chicago for a short stay.

Virgin Martin, 13 years old, 4 feet 4 in. high, has trapped 13 foxes the past winter. We should like to compare notes with other towns which claim to have such smart boys.

Joseph Penley has a calf two months old that girths 3 feet 5 inches.

But little hopes are entertained in regard to Miss Juliette Lufkin's recovery.

LOVELL.

Mr. Seth Charles is in very feeble health.

The loggers have finished up their jobs and are selling out their oxen.

Daniel McAllister has moved from the village to his farm again.

C. H. Lewis has been to Amesbury, Mass. on business.

David Stearns has sold a piece of land—part of the Foster place—to John B. Kimball.

A new organ is in the church at the village on trial.

There is quite an interest in the meetings being held at North Lovell.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor: Preaching service on Sunday, at 2 P. M.; Sabbath-school, 1 P. M.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. Alex. Wiswall, Pastor: Preaching service—Sunday—10 30 A. M.; Sabbath-school, 11 45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7 00 P. M., Tuesday; Ladies' Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M., Thursday; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M., Friday.

Methodist Church, O. S. Pillsbury, Pastor: Preaching Service, 1:30 P. M.; Sabbath school, 12 00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7 00 P. M.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M.; Class Meeting, Friday, 7 30 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C. No. 56, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Irving Frost, H. P. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening, on or before full moon. H. D. Smith, Sec.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. A. L. F. Pike, Sec. Willey Encampment, No. 31, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. George W. Horne, Scribe.—Graded Mutual Relief Association of Maine—I. O. O. F. Annual meeting, third Monday in January. A. S. Kimball, President.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Wednesday Evening. C. M. Packard, C. C.; G. E. Lasselle, K. of R. and S.

I. O. G. T.—In Grange Hall, every Saturday evening. F. L. Chesley, W. S.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets the first Friday Evening in each month, in Grange Hall. J. R. Sanborn, Commander.

Single copies of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT for sale each week at the Oxford Book Store.

Spring hats at Webb & Wakefield's.

Quite a number of the members of Oxford Bar Association, in Norway, contemplate having their pictures placed in the library at Paris soon.

Circle at Concert Hall Tuesday evening, was well attended. The dancing was as usual very enjoyable.

Ed. Rowe is once more able to be about his business, after a long sickness. His friends congratulate him upon his recovery.

Mrs. Fred F. Ames and children, after a very pleasant visit have returned to their home in Needham, Mass.

It is hoped that at least 200 acres of sweet corn will be planted by the farmers for the Norway corn shop the coming season.

Ceylon Watson returns thanks to his fellow workmen in the shoe factory for the substantial manner in which they remembered him. Mr. Watson has for some time been unable to work, and their sympathy coming in this way was very acceptable. The amount was $21 50.

We noticed in Sam Crockett's show-window a formidable looking weapon, marked *Bats*. Sam has blood-curdling stories to tell about it.

Much interest is manifested in Judge Whitman's story. All join in pronouncing the opening chapter first-class.

No services at the Universalist church, Sunday, 27th, owing to the fact that Miss Angell preached at Gorham, N. H.

It is now reported that Rev. Mr. Martin of Saccarappa will be assigned, by the next Conference, to the M. E. Church in this village.

Norway pays about one-twelfth part of the entire county tax for the year 1887—the apportionment for Norway being $1,061 66.

"Kylemar," the standard bred stallion to stand at the stable of George P. Young, at "Fair View Farm," the coming season, is a beautiful bay, black points, 15 hands high, weight 925 pounds, three years old, sired by Prescott, he by Harold sire of Maud S.; first dam, Rosa B. (dam of Stella Blake, 2:25 1-4), by Morgan Trotter, son of Whalebone (sire of Blackstone Belle, 2:27 1-4, and Pollard Morgan sire of Lewiston Boy), dam by old Daniel Morrill. He is a good stepper and the owner feels justly proud of him.

Bargains in spring goods at Webb & Wakefield's.

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The G. A. R. hall has been quite nicely fixed up by putting in new furniture manufactured by Charles A. Hutchins. The painting was done by Steve Pottle and Hod Churchill; it is a first-class job.

Silver Grays Assemblies will meet on Thursday evening of this week. No change of time on any account.

J. H. Haselton, our very popular dancing school master, has opened his second school at Oxford. This one numbers about 25 couples—silver-grays.

Major Henry R. Millett is home for a time.

May 4th is selected as the date for a grand military ball and drill to be given by the Norway Light Infantry at Norway Hall.

Present clerk at the Beals House is Mr. John Calhane.

The Pomona Grange will meet at the village Tuesday, April 5, at 10 A. M.

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—AT—

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The examination will be a written one, and graded certificates will be given to all who are entitled to them. No teacher required without examination.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Hattie C. Kilgore, of Dixfield, by her mortgage deed, dated the twenty first (21st) day of March, A. D. 1881, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 192, page 398, conveyed to me, the undersigned, a certain parcel of real estate, situate in Mexico, in the County of Oxford and bounded as follows: On the east by the new traveled road leading from Dixfield Village to Mexico Neighborhood, (so called, in Mexico); on the north by land of John Babb; on the west by land belonging to the heirs of the late Ezekiel Trask; and on the south by land of Henry Chase. The above described land consists of two parcels, one whole lot containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and a triangular piece lying between said whole lot and the above mentioned road, with the widest end adjoining said John Babb's land, and containing twenty (20) acres more or less. And whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now, therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

Dixfield, January 20th, 1887.

WM. W. WAIT, By his Attorney, John R. Trask.

SHERIFFS' SALE.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS:

TAKEN on execution, wherein Horace H. Burbank, of Canton, in said County of Oxford, is Creditor, and Nathan L. Meands, of said Canton, is debtor, and will be sold by auction, on the fourteenth (14) day of May, 1887, at one (1) o'clock in the afternoon, at the store of A. & R. A. Barrows, in said Canton, all the right in equity which Nathan L. Meands, adjudged bankrupt on the third (3) day of June, A. D. 1886, when the same was attached on the original writ, to redeem the following described mortgaged real estate, situated in said Canton, together with the buildings thereon, being about one-half an acre, more or less, bounded and described as follows: On the south by the County road leading from said Canton to North Livermore; on the west by the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad; northerly by land of Wm. F. Saunders; and easterly by land of Jessee Barker, at Gilbertville, in said Canton.

Dated, Canton, March 24th, 1887.

R. A. BARROWS, Deputy Sheriff.

Grand Trunk Railway

Winter Arrangement.

On and after Nov. 1st, '886, and until further notice, trains will run as follows:

MONTREAL TO PORTLAND.

	Pass. A. M.	Pass. A. M.	Mixed. P. M.
Gorham,	5 00	8 45	1 15
Gilead,	5 26	9 10	1 42
W. Bethel,	5 38	9 22	2 10
Bethel,	5 47	9 32	2 22
Locke's Mills,	5 57	9 43	2 37
Bryant's Pond,	6 05	9 51	2 48
West Paris,	6 18	10 03	3 07
So. Paris,	6 27	10 22	3 30
Norway, (leave)	6 30	10 15	3 25
So. Paris, (arrive)	6 35	10 20	3 30
So. Paris, (leave)	6 40	10 25	3 40
Norway, (arrive)	6 45	10 30	3 45
Oxford,	6 51	10 35	3 56
Mechanic Falls,	7 01	10 45	4 12
Lewiston Junction,	7 23	11 00	4 35
Lewiston, (arrive)	7 42	11 17	5 00
Portland,	8 25	12 05	6 15

Trains leave Lewiston for Portland at 7.12 A. M., and 1.07 and 4.32 P. M.

PORTLAND TO MONTREAL.

	Pass. A. M.	Pass. P. M.	Pass. P. M.
Portland,	7 10	1 30	5 20
Lewiston Junction,	8 20	2 47	6 28
Lewiston, (leave)	8 00	2 30	6 10
Mechanic Falls,	8 33	3 04	6 35
Oxford,	8 43	3 17	7 12
So. Paris,	8 00	3 35	7 30
Norway, (leave)	8 10	3 25	7 25
So. Paris, (arrive)	8 15	3 30	7 30
So. Paris, (leave)	9 00	3 40	7 35
Norway, (arrive)	9 10	3 45	7 40
West Paris,	9 20	4 00	8 01
Bryant's Pond,	9 34	4 16	8 22
Locke's Mills,	9 43	4 25	8 32
Bethel,	9 53	4 37	8 49
W. Bethel,	10 03	4 48	9 02
Gilead,	10 17	5 03	9 22
Gorham,	10 43	5 30	10 00

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

[Communications for this Department should be sent the editor, W. H. EASTMAN, East Sumner, Me.]

I.—CHARADE.

I bought a *first*, and read it through,
And thought that all I read was true;
And in my *last* I read a name
That almost set my brain aflame.

It was my mother's name I read—
The paper said that she was dead;
And so, *whole*, by the train I went
To the scene of the horrible accident,

In Roslindale, near Dedham town
That is the place the train went down.
The *first* was wrong, the reports increased,
I found my mother not hurt in the least.

ST. STEPHANO

II.—ACROSTIC.

(Words of equal length.)

1. Words denoting action.
2. A woman's name.
3. A chemical salt.
4. Images.
5. An English writer.
6. The plural of a delightful residence.

The first and fourth letters of each word give the names of two European cities.

E. V. A.

III.—A QUOTATION.

My first is a pronoun of two letters.
My second is a verb substantive containing two letters.
My third is a pixce we all desire to see.
My fourth is a sad word for homeless ones.
My fifth designates a particular person or thing.
My sixth is an auxiliary verb.
My seventh means to bestow gratuitously.
My eighth is never near at hand.
My ninth is a contraction of a pronoun and verb of two letters each.
My tenth is an adjective of four letters meaning single.
My eleventh is the supreme ruler of all.
My twelfth is a verb meaning to be possible.
My thirteenth is a verb of two letters meaning to exist.
My fourteenth is a verb meaning possessed.
My fifteenth is a conjunction of three letters.
My sixteenth is a definite adjective.
My seventeenth is a verb which means requesting.

The whole comprises two lines from the pen of James Russell Lowell.

EN VERITE

IV.—SQUARE.

1. With pains.
2. Enclosed space.
3. The last part.
4. Spikes of corn.

STUDENT

V.—A KIND OF FRUIT.

My first a preposition find;
My next is dear to all mankind;
And in my third you'll surely see
The conclusion of both you and me;
And now the whole are greatly made
Extensive articles of trade.

S. E. D.

VI.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 8 letters.

My 4, 2, 3 is a kind of preserves.
My 1, 5, 6 is a relative.
My 8, 7, 2, 3 is made with a needle.
The whole is a preacher.

MAY.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Nerissa, Jessica.

2.—Buffalo.

3.—D O R C A S
O V E R T
R E L Y
C R Y
A T
S

4.—Mutual love's the crown of all your bliss.

5.—Conductor, Smashup, Inspector.

6.—
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7.—Times, items, mites, smite, emits.

Take a D. K. and be O. K. See ad.

Just now Nice is not nice, as a place to live in.

In place of that *continually tired out* feeling, Ayer's Sarsaparilla will give you strength and energy.

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PERHAPS SO.—When Jay Gould was going into the headquarters office at Saint Louis he encountered a stranger on the stairs and asked him where the President's office was situated. "First turn to the right, and second door," was the reply; "but see here, stranger, I don't know whether you've got a patent coupler or want to sell a lot of seasoned ties, but you'd better be careful how you approach that feller; he thinks he's a bigger man than old Jay Gould." "Perhaps he is," said Mr. Gould, as he went on his way.—*Wall Street News.*

JOHNNY WAS JEALOUS.—"Mr. Lighthead," said Johnny, "my sister treats you better'n she does me."

"Does she, Johnny?" asked Lighthead, with a laugh. "Why do you think so?"

"Well, I heard her tell mamma she gave you lots of 'taffy,' but she never gives me any."

JOAN OF ARC.

[The following story of the life of Joan of Arc was read by a little girl of ten years, at the examination of one of the district schools in Gilead, and we are assured that its composition was her unaided effort. One of our subscribers who was present, sends it to us, thinking that its publication may act as an incentive to other children, and possibly be suggestive to other teachers.—ED.]

In the County of Lorraine there lived a poor peasant Jacques d' Arc. His one daughter Joan was a silent solitary girl, who preferred to tend her father's flocks among the lonely hills than spend her time at home. She often stayed whole hours in the chapel praying to her gods. She said they sometimes talked to her and appeared with sparkling crowns upon their heads, and bade her go and help the Dauphin and save France. First, she must go to a certain Lord called Brandricourt, who would conduct her to Chinon, where the Dauphin was. The people being very ignorant and superstitious believed this, but her father somewhat wiser than his neighbors often said to her, "I tell thee, Joan, it is thy fancy."

As her father still remained unbelieving she started off escorted by her uncle, a poor, village wheel-wright who believed she was inspired.

Arriving at Lord Brandricourt's, he refused to see her, and bade a servant send her away. But as she remained in the town, and he heard so much about her seeing and talking with St. Catherine, St. Margaret and St. Michael, he sent for her and questioned her. As she said the same things after she had been sprinkled with holy water, as she had before, he thought there might be something in it. So he bought her a horse and sword, and hired two squires to conduct her. As St. Catherine had ordered her to wear a man's dress, she put one on, and bound spurs to her heels, and started off for Chinon, while her uncle went home.

Joan selected the Dauphin at once from all his courtiers, and told him she had come, commanded by Heaven to conduct him to his coronation at Rheims, and help him save France. She also told him that in the Cathedral of St. Catherine at Fierlois, there was an old sword marked with five crosses, which that Goddess had ordered her to wear. They questioned whether Joan was inspired by Heaven or the Devil, but when an old gentleman asked her what kind of language her voice used, she answered, "it is a pleasanter language than yours," they decided she was inspired by Heaven.

The French army was very much encouraged on account of having such a powerful leader, and the English were disheartened, for they took her for a witch. Clad in a suit of armor with the old sword, newly burnished at her side, she rode on a white war horse till she came to the town of Orleans. A white flag was carried before her with the picture of God and the words "Jesus, Maria," on one side, and white lilies on the other. When they saw her coming through the gates of the city they shouted, "The maid is come! The maid of prophecy is come to deliver us!"

The sight of Joan made the French so bold that the English were dejeated, the line of forts was taken, and provisions carried inside the walls and Orleans was saved.

She ordered letters to be thrown to the English commanding Lord Suffolk, "by the order of Heaven," to depart. He refused, and mounting her white war horse she ordered her banner to advance. The battle lasted fourteen hours. Joan herself planted a scaling ladder against a tower wall but an English arrow struck her in the neck and she fell into the ditch. She was carried away, the arrow was drawn, and during the operation, she screamed with the pain, but soon said the voices were soothing her to rest and she arose and took her place. When she fell the English were troubled declaring they saw St. Michael on a white horse fighting for the French. They finally set fire to the forts and left. Joan followed and beseiged them at Jargeau, took the castle, and Lord Suffolk prisoner.

Again she was wounded, but cried to her troops, "On, on, my countrymen, and fear nothing, for the Lord hath delivered them into our hands."

She marched to Patey with no resistance, where after a battle she set up her white banner where twelve hundred Englishmen lay dead. She now urged the Dauphin to proceed to Rheims as the first part of her mission was completed. They started off with ten thousand men and finally reached Rheims, and there the Dauphin was crowned Charles VII, among a crowd of people.

Joan then begged the King to let her go home as her work was done, but he would not let her go and made her rich and honored. She longed for her home and once hung up her armor to go but the King believed so much in her great power he would not part with her. The Duke of Bedford was very strong in England at this time. By bringing war into France, and holding the Duke of Burgundy to his faith, he frightened King Charles, who marched against Paris. In this fight Joan was again thrown into the ditch, but the whole army deserted her, and she lay among a heap of dead. She got out as best she could without help.

She accidentally broke the old sword, and the people thought her inspiration was broken with it. At the siege of Campeigne she was left alone; while fighting to the last, an archer pulled her off her horse. Oh! the shouting that was made when this poor girl was caught! She was tried for heresy before the Inquisitor General of France. One Bishop of Beauvais, bought her for ten thousand francs, and she was imprisoned. Henceforth she was called Joan of Arc, and "The Maid of Orleans," no more. She was examined and cross examined sixteen times by learned doctors and scholars. The last time she was taken to a church yard at Rouen, where were a stake and fagots, a scaffold, and an executioner and a priest in a pulpit with a sermon ready.

To save her life, she signed a paper declaring that her voices and visitors had come from the Devil, and she promised never to wear man's dress in the future. She was imprisoned for life "on the bread of sorrow and the water of affliction". Her voices soon returned. A man's dress was left in the prison to entrap her; she put it on. For these she was sentenced to be burnt to death.

In the market place in Rouen, she was last seen amidst fire and smoke, holding a crucifix in her hand, and heard calling upon Christ.

Her ashes were thrown into the River Seine. Neither the French King or any Frenchman tried to save her. There is a statue of Joan of Arc in the place of her death in the square to which she has given a name.

MARION E. CHAPMAN.

February 28, 1887.

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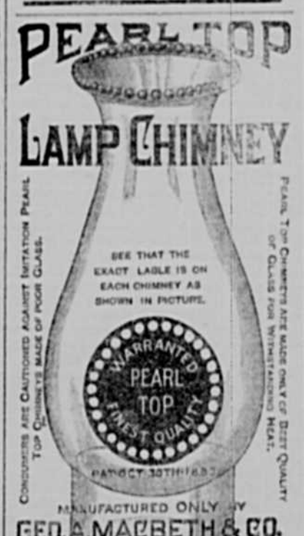

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY STATE OF MAINE

OXFORD, SS.—March 16, A. D. 1887.

THIS is to give notice, that on the first day of Mar., A. D. 1887, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of William L. Goodwin, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 21st day of Feb., A. D. 1887, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the 29th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

W. M. BENTON, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

Messenger's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY, STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS.—Mar. 16th, A. D. 1887.

THIS is to give Notice, that on the 11th day of Mar., A. D. 1887, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Marshall G. Strout, of Paris, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said Debtor, which petition was filed on the 5th day of Mar., A. D. 1887, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the 29th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

R. A. BARROWS, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

Messenger's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY, STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, SS.—Mar. 21, A. D. 1887.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1887, a warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Everett F. Gould and Elias H. Gould, co-partners, doing business under the firm name of E. F. Gould & Co., adjudged to be Insolvent debtors, on petition of said Debtors, which petition was filed the 16th day of Mar., A. D. 1887, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtors, to them or for their use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by them are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtors, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris in said County, on the 29th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

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