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FOREST TREES.

Vick's Magazine for February.

Many intelligent persons can tell the difference between a beech and a chestnut tree when green with their wealth of foliage in summer time, who cannot do it in winter, which is the season to study the trees to the best advantage—color and growth of bark, relative proportion and arrangement of branches, development of buds, and, in fine, the entire architecture of our forest trees, after the leaves have fallen.

We speak of bark as dark or light, black, brown, gray, green or white; but which of these words can fully describe all the soft woody browns, from the dull tone, which is almost black, to the lightest ones, which have imprisoned the sunshine in their fibres; gray, that of the younger twigs of some maples to the silver gray of some of the swamp poplars; green, which appears so mostly by contrast with the gleaming white of the birches, or the warm amber of the willows!

We speak of the bark being smooth or rough. Think how much is included between those two terms, of grooved and furrowed, ridged and channeled, lined and veined, striated, angled, flaked, layered, laminated, dotted, warted, wrinkled, and ragged. New bark is no mere lifeless covering, but a living skin, telling us in plain language of the life that is beneath it.

Look at a well grown chestnut tree, with its roots branching symmetrically from the base of the trunk, generally corresponding to the large boughs above; then study the bark, deep ridges winding by slow gradations around the trunk, so perfect as to make one feel that the Titans have been carving in the broad light of noonday, each great ridge is so nearly like its neighbor. Not one of all our forest trees has so magnificent a bark as the chestnut. Now, look at the yellow pine, bark rough and coarse, broken up into plate-like scales, ragged on the edges, yet with a smooth spot on each one; we think we can lift them off easily, but try it! the centre of each bark scale clings all the more closely because its edges are detached entirely.

A RAP AT BUTTER.

Our Country Home.

The compliments of the season are flying thick and fast on the butter question. Here is a delicate morsel from one of the "bosh" organs:

"There are hundreds of thousands of farmers who make butter from one or two cows, and in order to get enough for 'a churning,' the cream is kept till it is rotten beyond respectable pig feed, and in this condition churned, and the pale, sickly product is colored, printed and sold for genuine butter. Why not compel the sale of this abortion in its born nakedness? It would be bought by manufacturers of lubricators, and sweetened with coal oil residuum to make it fit for wagon grease, in place of being hawked about the market as pure dairy butter."

There are blows to take, it seems, as well as to give in this butter fight. Unluckily it is the fact that careless butter-making and butter adulterations helped to pave the way for the successful production of oleomargarine. This has been especially true in this country and in England, where the bogus has nearly driven Irish butter from the market. France, where good butter-making methods are common, has suffered least from the competition.

But the flinging of epithets back and forth does not mend matters. What is wanted is to put butter and bogus squarely on their merits. Let it be strictly prohibited to mix butter and oleomargarine, to begin with. Then let us have a statute severely punishing adulterations of both articles. There is no more effectual way of correcting the abuses in our food supplies than to drive straight and hard at all false pretences. We need things called by their right names, with severe penalties for fraudulent labels and deceitful and dangerous mixtures. It is not only in respect to butter that a stringent law against adulteration is needful. In syrups, jellies, condiments—in fact, in nearly all the manufactured articles of food supply the hand of commercial fraud is busy, and the health of the people is endangered.

SPRING FARM CLEANING.

The *Agriculturist* suggests that while the wife cleans the house, let the husband clean the farm. If vegetable matter is left about the yard, its rapid decay during the damp, warm weather of spring and summer, will poison the air and affect the health of the family. If left about the barn, lots and field, it will have a like influence on the farm animals. Hogs are doubly liable to be injured, for they not only breathe the fouled air, but nest in such litter. Farm cleaning will save loss from disease. The litter has great value as a fertilizer when properly applied. The intelligent use of this manure insures better crops, and the farm is capable of a more thorough cultivation. And, then, how much appearances are improved.—Make a bonfire of pieces of wood, brush, stumps, etc., not fit for fuel, and give the charcoal to the swine and the ashes to the fruit trees.

INSECTICIDE.—A Western orchardist makes a wash like the following for destroying bark-lice and other insects which infest the fruit of trees, and for washing off the moss on the trunks: Take a large tub or a barrel, fill it nearly with thick refuse soap suds, add a quart or so of soap, or whale-oil soap, or both, to make it stronger, and then put in two or three gallons of fresh slacked lime, and a few pounds of clay to make it adhesive. Mix it thoroughly, and if not as thin as good whitewash, add more water, and if thicker, add lime and soap. Wash the trees with this mixture. Rabbits do not like it; sheep do not like it; and it may be applied in autumn for the rabbits, and in spring or at any time for the sheep, and for the general benefit of the trees.

A good deal has been said and written about the need of a farmer planning his work ahead. But a man who does not know this without telling is not likely to profit by the information. All kinds of business must be conducted intelligently—farming certainly not less than any—and there is no intelligence in not knowing where you are to set in the plow until the team is hitched up. Where every crop is to grow, how the ground is to be prepared, and in fact the entire management ought to be settled, so far as it can be, during the winter, if not before.—Both seeds and fertilizers should be ready on time, and every implement in perfect order before the day comes to begin work on the land.

—Nothing will depreciate the value of milk for butter making faster than the presence of foul odors. A dairyman who gets fifty cents a pound for his fancy butter in the market recently had a whole shipment thrown back on his hands by reason of its disagreeable odor. On examination it was found that his fine herd of Jersey cows had been exposed on the windward side to the odors arising from the broadcast spreading of phosphate in the neighbor's adjoining field.

—Mr. John Town, of Parsonsfield, last year had an eight-acre patch of corn manured only with superphosphate, from which he harvested about 300 bushels of ears of yellow corn. The planting was done by horse power, and handling the piece from planting to harvesting cost but ten dollars.

—The majority of the cases of crop-bound hens may be traced to the eating of hay or dried grass. There is nothing better for the hens than hay, if it is cut up into short lengths and steeped in water.

—Farmers must look for their profit in reduced cost rather than higher prices.

—Decide now that you will henceforth grow small fruits for the family's use.

YOUNG MEN AND GIRLS.

A writer in the *Chicago Journal* says:

"The world is over full of young men who try to be manly at the expense of every softer virtue, and of maidens who mope at home like silly doves. I simply adore a bashful young man. I would rather see him blush than watch a dozen hills of ripening strawberries. I love a young man who loves his mother so fondly that for her sake he is chivalrous even to old beggar-women, and considerate of over worked Bridgets. I love a young man who will step out of his way to avoid crushing a worm, and will not deem it beneath his dignity to succor a stray kitten. I love a young man who is pure-hearted and slow to laugh at smutty stories. I love a young man who believes there is a nobler career in life than to be a good dancer or a successful society laddie.

I love a young man who is not ashamed of his tears that flow for others' sorrows, for a tender song, or for a beautiful thought. I love a young man who cannot be laughed out of a duty, or ridiculed from a purpose. I love a young man who hates whiskey as as angels hate satan, and thinks too much much of his brain to make smoked meat of it. I despise a 'goody-goody' young man, but I *love* a good one. I would rather lay me down in my little grave than be even the third cousin to a dude, but I love a young man who is 'hail fellow well met' with nice girls, and scorns not the companionship of his sisters. My ideal young man is one who is tender without being pulpy, strong without being brutal, fun-loving without being smutty, good without being soppy, and firm without being mulish.

As for the brave maidens, I love the working women—those who go out into life and pick their own apples, not those who sit in the parlor and wait to be fed on the cook's sweetened apple sauce. If I had forty girls, and each were heiress to a fortune, I'd give them all something to do in life. And I wouldn't crowd them all into the overflowing ranks of teachers and professionals, either. Clerkships and cashier-desks and short-hand tables need recruits from out the ranks of our best girls—and there is many a woman to-day casting up accounts or fingering a type-writer who has made more of herself and will reap a richer harvest, by-and-by, than if she had cast herself into a rut worn deep by those who think a classical education and a teacher's life the highest and only respectable work for women.

The girl who sits at home and allows an over-worked father to support her, compared to the brave girl who goes out into the world and fights her own battles, is like the 'Iolanthe' made of butter compared to the same figure carved in deathless stone. Her character, capacities and all those possibilities which lay ready to make her life of durable worth and lasting usefulness, will melt into nothingness as the time goes by, yielding neither profit nor pleasure to herself nor others, instead of facing the years like marble, uncorroded and uncrumbling."

THE farmers of the country never realized so fully as now that they are coming to the front in national affairs. That their prominence has been brought about by unity of action none can deny. It certainly never could have been accomplished by those farmers who have no time for consultation; who have looked with aversion upon any species of combination looking to the betterment of their condition, and who have openly frowned upon secret farmers' organizations. A handful meet together and decide to unite upon an educational and social plan for mutual good; upon discussion and investigation they conclude that by-laws are necessary and that the secret features of the grange possess strong points of defence, and they adopt them, thereby becoming a branch of that mighty organization which has been able to wield an influence of no insignificant importance in the affairs of our nation. There are those, however, who still persist in turning a cold shoulder to the order, and although willing to accept the benefit to be derived by its existence will not assist in strengthening its hands to carry forward its grand aims and objects.—While the objects of the granges are largely educational and social, it will have in the future a prominent place in the political history of the nation, for it must recognize, as does every good citizen, that good men and true are needed to guide our great republic in safety through the turbulent waters created by that spirit of gain, of power, and of anarchy, which is wide spread. The grange is the home; it teaches devotion to principle, loyalty to country; no man or woman will be made worse by joining its ranks, and to such as seek not only benefits to themselves but to all it opens wide its arms, and asks you to come in.—*Ex.*

RULES FOR PRUNING ORCHARDS.—1. Prune at or near the outside, to let in the light on the large thrifty leaves.

2. Do not prune in the interior, leaving the foliage thick on the outside.

3. Pruning may be done at almost any time of the year if sparingly performed. Heavy pruning, to make trees more vigorous, should be done early in spring.

4. But if the trees are quite hardy and the winters usually mild, it may be done in winter.

5. Heavy pruning of growing trees will check growth.

6. Large wounds at any time should be covered with paint, tar, or grafting-wax.

7. If done often and moderately, it is better than heavily and rarely.

8. It is better if done so often that no limbs need removal which may not be done with a pocket knife.

9. For pruning a large orchard and employing hired men, the owner should precede them and mark with chalk a line for every saw-cut, and allow no other.

10. If the heads of bearing trees have become too thick and brush-like, thin out at equal distances all over, and particularly toward the outside.

MEAL FOR BUTTER.—Mr. E. S. Wood, of North Pomfret, Vt., says his wife tells him that when he cannot afford to feed meal to his cows in summer he had better give up making butter. Feeding meal in summer hardens the butter so it is easier handled and arrives in market in a more satisfactory condition. Mr. Wood feeds two quarts of corn meal to each mature cow in summer, and for many years has made 300 pounds of butter per cow from the entire herd. Last year it fell a little short, 280 pounds. His hay is all cut early, most of it before blooming, and with it is fed three quarts corn meal, one quart of bran and a pint of cottonseed meal to each cow. His milk-room is above ground in the north room of his house, and the milk is set in old-fashioned shallow tin pans, with no ice cooling arrangements whatever. The milk rarely sours before it is 36 hours old. His cows are Jerseys or high grades and are kept for winter butter making chiefly.

WELL-PREPARED MARKETING.—If your poultry be bruised in killing, and skinned and scarred in dressing, customers will pass it by in the market and look for such as is without these blemishes. If your fruit be poorly assorted, and packed in unsightly baskets or boxes, it will not tempt those who are looking for a really good article. If your butter, however well made and excellent in quality, be wrapped in untidy cloths and shown in unclean looking tubs, it will not be wanted. If your eggs be soiled, just as they were found here and there in the nests, they will not betoken freshness, and fall of ready sale. And the same remarks will apply to all the other commodities of the farmer which he offers for sale. With the great and increasing competition among producers at the present time, the necessity for heeding the foregoing hints will be obvious to every sensible man.—*American Farmer.*

—What if the seven million farmers of the United States should come into the Granges, and work in the line of its principles and purposes? An army like this, arrayed against wrong, the defenders of the weak, and the stern advocates of law and order, would prove an invincible barrier against every form of injustice and oppression; the mediators between capital and labor.

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EASTER ODES.

BY F. A. G.

The cross
shines forth
a beacon
light to
guide the
strained
and tearful
sight. *,* To worn feet a guide it stands, that points the way to beauteous lands. *,* Tired hands,—O hold thy clasp upon the cross, 'tis life
at last. *,*
Though lips
a bitter cup
must quaff,
'tis sweet-
ened by the
redeeming
cross. *,* Thy
cross so
light tears
are not fleet
—look thou
upon the
cross and weep. *,* O,
weary heart! O, troubled breast! lean thou upon the cross and rest. *,* Borne for our sins that faith may rise beyond the gates of Paradise.

Sweet crocus! bravest flower of all!
Waiting, yet not forsaken
The dew-eyed violet and fair lilies waken
At thy call.
The ivy shoots a tender green,
Its frail tendrils rise and cling,
Blessed thoughts inspiring:
Thus may faith rise to things unseen,
Enrapt the soul the higher way,
To life beyond a tenement of clay.

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THE GOOD OLD TIMES OF A CENTURY AGO.

BY JUDGE C. F. WHITMAN.

Chapter III.

THE LILY OF THE VALLEY.

The income of the Rev. W. W. Hooper was one hundred pounds a year, and with the use of the house and lot, rented at a nominal sum of a Boston party, who had come into possession of the property through a relative dying and leaving it to him as a legacy, he managed to live comfortably, educate his only son at Harvard, (who like his father was a minister of the gospel, but had settled in Connecticut,) and lay by something to endow his daughter and remaining child Ruth, and provide for himself and wife in their old age. His savings had been invested in Eastern lands, which had hitherto been an outset rather than an income. Still, the time was coming, he reasoned, as the District of Maine became settled, when from them would be derived considerable profit.

He had a fine form, a handsome face and features, with captivating manners and an earnestness and eloquence of speech that carried conviction to his hearers. A clergyman of the established church, he had all the requisites that go to make up the popular preacher.

His wife was one of those sweet-tempered and gentle bodies, who have few cares to sour their dispositions, and who seem to live in a constant atmosphere of peace and happiness. If there were occasional cares and perplexities, Mrs. Hooper had a spirit of Christian resignation that was becoming to her as the wife of a minister of the Gospel.

The daughter, Ruth, had the comely form and features of the father with the gentle and winning ways of the mother. Everyone loved her because she was lovable, and was always kind and good. Often had she been found at the bed-side of the sick, and alleviating the sufferings and distresses of the poor. Besides the qualities which caused her to be respected and loved, she was possessed of much good sense and judgment. She had been well educated and was accomplished in both vocal and instrumental music. That her parents should worship their daughter, next to their Creator, was to be expected, since it could scarcely be otherwise. It had been the wish of their hearts, that when she came to be married, it would be to some worthy minister of the church of God, who finding in her a ready and willing worker in the great cause of saving souls, would prize her as she deserved.

She was twenty-three, and though she had no suitors, it had not always been so. Many had offered her attentions, but received no encouragement, in one case at least to the great disappointment of her family. A class-mate who had accompanied her brother on some of his visits home, had wooed but not won the minister's pretty daughter.

During one of these visits, she had been out riding with her brother, and on their return, he stopped by the road-side just as they were entering the village to pick some flowers, at her request, as she was very fond of them. The horse became frightened at the sudden flight of a bird near them, and dashed madly up the street, to the imminent peril of Ruth, who vainly tried to check his mad career. A number of people were in the street, some standing, while others were sitting on benches in front of the store, and among these were the class-mate and Samuel Taylor, who had gone to the office after their mail. They saw the runaway horse coming towards them at the top of his speed, with a single lady occupant in the carriage whom they recognized as Ruth.

The people were struck with horror, and as is usual in such cases did nothing—the Harvard student if anything being more paralyzed than the rest. Not so with Samuel, however. He comprehended the situation fully at a glance, and fearing when the horse should turn the corner towards home, that Ruth would be thrown out of the carriage and fatally injured, he resolved to attempt her rescue.

A short distance in the direction from which the run-away horse was coming was quite a depression across the road. Running toward it, as swiftly as possible, he swung his arms, and shouted with all his might as the beast came tearing up the rising piece of ground. They both reached the top at about the same time when the horse swept aside to pass him. Anticipating this movement, he sprang forward and seized him by the bridle, and was dragged several rods before he succeeded in bringing the animal to a stand-still.

The brother soon came up, and Ruth was taken home, but not till she had ascertained that Samuel was unhurt, and had profusely thanked him for her rescue.

None of the spectators had attempted any assistance, being too much excited to know what to do. Ruth never forgot the figure her suitor cut in this affair, and if there had ever been any prospect of his winning her affections before, it was now forever dissipated. Since her rescue, she had treated Samuel with great deference.

But how was he affected by this occurrence? He had performed his duty, and no more than he would have attempted had the poorest and most despised of human kind, been in Ruth's place. Prompted simply by the desire to prevent injury and suffering, he had acted on this impulse, without taking into consideration the great risk he had run of being injured himself. He therefore did not feel that she or her family was under any particular obligations to him. He knew that the minister felt his peculiar views on religious subjects, which made him very sensitive.

"Why am not I as much entitled to my opinions as Mr. Hooper to his? I am willing to put them to the test of reason," he often said. Not that he desired a controversy with Mr. Hooper, though he would have welcomed it with anybody else. That the minister looked upon him as a somewhat dangerous person in the community, he was certain, but that he had other reasons, except on religious matters, to consider him such, he knew was without foundation whatever. In all other respects Samuel was everything that a Puritan could wish; besides, he had a strength of intellect, and power of mental grasp that lifted him far above the mass of human kind. He saw in Ruth the ideal of womanhood, and it was impossible for him to think of bestowing his affections upon any of womankind less like her. And yet he had not dared to think there was the least hope of his ever winning her love.

There was a change in the father's manner toward Samuel and such as to place him, when in his presence quite at ease. The minister was grateful that his daughter had escaped uninjured and Samuel began to appear in his eyes very differently than he formerly had.

"After all" (and the opinion was tinctured with the consciousness of the rescue of his daughter) "he is a most upright young man, intelligent and manly, and will by and by get over over his skeptical ideas," said Mr. Hooper one day, to Deacon Sumner.

"Yes, the power of God is all sufficient to convert him in His own good way and time," he replied.

"Very true, but we should make ourselves His instruments in bringing it about. We must try to win him, and not drive him to Satan by treating him as an outcast."

The change was perceived by Samuel's parents with great satisfaction, for they felt more keenly than all others that his faith was not like Jacob's. They loved and respected the minister now more than ever; and he saw and appreciated as he had not done before, how much the son's religious opinions had weighed upon their minds, and how thankful they were that he, to whom they looked for counsel and whom they reverenced so much, took the view of the matter that he now did. It also had a good effect on Samuel, and he was not so pointed and disputatious.

No good was ever yet accomplished by repression and ostracism in such matters, but, on the contrary, "soft and gentle means will often accomplish what force and fury could never effect."

The daughter did not take into consideration the religious aspect of the case, in her estimate of her rescuer. She saw a manly man, who had not hesitated to brave danger to save her. Any person's mere opinions were to her of little moment. She went about doing good and ministering to the wants of the distressed. It was natural, therefore, that she should consider it more important what one *did*, than what one *believed*. Often had she known of his acts of charity, performed unostentatiously, and, she did not doubt, from the promptings of the same spirit that sent her forth on errands of mercy. Never had she seen or heard of any act of his that his friends need be ashamed of, or it was necessary to excuse. She respected him accordingly, but there was a distance in his manner towards her, an indefinable something, that placed her far away from him. He treated her as a superior, which, but for his reserve, she would not have permitted. She had not even dreamed of any affection springing up in her heart for him, but she felt certain that she could love no one who was less manly.

Once after the rescue, Aunt Betty had attempted a conversation with her upon Samuel's skeptical views.

"I never talk about one's religious opinions," she said. "The Bible says that 'pure and undefiled religion consists in visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and keeping one's self unspotted from the world.' Life to me consists in being and doing good. Samuel I am sure has a good heart and is an upright young man." And here the matter was dropped.

When the rumor reached the village that Samuel had been killed in battle, a great pang went through her heart, and not till then did she realize how much he was to her. But when it was known that he lived and would shortly reach home, she clasped her hands together and her "Thank God!" was as heartfelt as that of any member of his family when the glad news was received. Her joy was manifested in music and song, and this was the inspiration of her singing which held the crone spell-bound as she went by to her hut among the pines.

[To be continued.]

THE WONDERS OF THE YELLOWSTONE PARK.

Imagine a bright June morning. The sky is of the deepest blue, not a cloud to be seen. The air is clear and bracing. The hour is six. The means of locomotion are "a coach and six". The point of departure being the Mammoth Hot springs. As we mount to the driver's box, we wait for a moment to look at the dense columns of steam rising from the terraced slopes of the Mammoth springs. Then our coach rolls swiftly over the plain.

Now if you will lend me your eyes I will try and point out to you the wonders which are to be seen on this ride to the great geysers in the upper geyser basin. Soon we begin to climb a steep grade until we look back and down 2,000 feet upon the hotel which we have just left.

Look at that beautiful waterfall yonder, where the Gardiner river on our left falls fifty feet and more from a shelf of the rock. We now enter the "Golden gate", where we pass through a deep, narrow canon. On our left "Bunyon's peak", which is 10,000 feet high, towers 2,000 feet above our heads. The swift, narrow river is between our road and its base. On our right a wall of rock rises 1,000 feet above the road, a great, gray, perpendicular wall, right yonder it projects itself out into the canon and rises a frowning mass of stone. The turnpike has been cut through this projection and the stone passage has been appropriately named the "Golden Gate". Look up and you will feel a shudder creep along your spinal column as you notice the masses of rock seamed and broken, suspended in the air so many feet above you. During the rainy seasons of spring and autumn, the rain and frosts frequently dislodge large fragments of this mighty wall which come thundering down with terrific force. The wooden trestle work over which our coach is now passing has been frequently crushed and ruined in this manner, but the rocks seldom, if ever, fall in the dry summer season.

When once through the Golden Gate we enter a beautiful valley along which we ride for a dozen miles at an altitude of 9,000 feet. This is a region of perpetual snow and ice. We see it packed in the woods and along the ridges just above, white, clear and sparkling in the warm rays of the June sun. It will continue to sparkle and will succeed in holding the fort through all the summer heat until September shall bring it reinforcements in its great snow clouds. Between and beneath these ice drifts is a luxuriant growth of grass, the green and the white. The grass and the snow join hands in the most fraternal manner, and in the month of July the most beautiful and fragrant wild flowers will bloom close up to the cold, hard shoulders of the drifts and send their sweet perfume far up over the unmelted drifts.

Thus it always is in this life; the extremes touch; the rich and the poor, the pure and the impure. The high and low jostle each other rudely in the struggle for life, and nature carries out the same analogy amid these terrific surroundings by producing plants and flowers with all the rare beauties of the tropics close up to the heartless, lifeless mountains of eternal Arctic ice. This valley is a paradise for the game, which in the Yellowstone park is protected by government officials.

Buffalo, elk and deer abound in this region. Our driver informs us that it is no unusual thing to see herds of the two latter grazing in the valley while his coach rolls past, and quite frequently a few of the former animals are seen in the distance looking with a suspicious air at the intruders. We strained our vision in every direction, but all in vain; not a single buffalo, elk or deer was to be seen. If the present system of protection is continued within a few years the park will be well stocked with this noble game.

In this valley we pass Siver lake, where we stop for a moment to look upon the rare beauty of the scene. The surface of the water was as smooth as a mirror. The opposite side from where we stood was walled by a perpendicular cliff several hundred feet high which was covered with ice and snow, all of which was reflected from the water in a most remarkable manner. The rare beauty of the scene called forth many expressions of admiration from the spectators.

We now enter a dense growth of pine trees, small, scrub, second growth timber, through which we toil slowly over rocks and stumps until our sentimental enthusiasm is nearly all destroyed. "Beaver Lake" soon affords us some relief and we alight from the coach to look upon what was once a genuine beaver city. The water must cover nearly 200 acres of ground, nearly circular in form and shut in every side by the dark green pine forest.

Near the center of the lake stood the deserted houses of the colonists, constructed of sticks, boughs and mud in a manner which shows the rare cunning and genius of these animals; flanking these houses and extending across the lake in nearly every direction were a series of dams which they had constructed; with their sharp teeth they had cut down the small sapling pines and gnawed the trunks into sticks of proper length; these they had stuck down in the soft bottom of the pond, leaving one end of each several feet above the water. These upright sticks were covered with dirt and mud, and soon became a barrier through which the water could not pass. Several years have evidently passed since this city was abandoned by its builders. The dams are now covered with grass but they remain in quite a perfect condition, and in some portions of the lake the water walled in by these dams is apparently some two or three feet higher than in other portions of the lake. It was quite a curiosity to inspect the stumps from which the trees had been cut by these industrious workmen; the marks of their teeth were plainly seen, telling in mute language the story of their genius and industry.

Not far from Beaver Lake we will pass the "Obsidian Cliff", which is a mountain of dark colored glass produced by the action of a volcano. The mountain rises some 800 feet above the turnpike and is three-fourths of a mile in length. The road has been cut along at its base; huge boulders of glass have been crushed into minute fragments and now compose the road bed over which the stage coach crashes with its heavy load. The walls of the mountain rise perpendicular in some places for a hundred feet and more and are as smooth as the most highly finished glass. The shade is a deep dark green, not unlike that seen in the old-fashioned square case bottles. When we passed it the sun was pouring his fierce rays down upon it and the whole mass shown with a peculiar and magnificent splendor. At its crest detatched spurs stood up scores of feet above the greater mass, many of which were fashioned into deft forms, and it required no brilliant imagination to transform this mountain of glass into a vast cathedral with its spires pointing to the heavens—to the home of the great King for whose worship it had been erected.

During this eventful day we pass through "Gibbon's canon", one of the most beautiful within the park. It does not possess the bold, rugged outlines and frightful dimensions of the Grand canon of the Yellowstone which we are soon to visit; but it has many features of symmetrical beauty not found elsewhere. As we enter the canon, the Gibbon river, a beautiful stream, flows along at our right, gathering strength each mile from the rugged mountain streams which thunder down the walls of the canon. These walls rise about 1,000 feet above the road. The canon at the widest point cannot be over one mile in width, and in many places it is narrowed down to less than 50 yards. The bold, rugged sides of the canon have been fashioned in a great variety of forms so that the whole scene for a dozen miles is one constant, changing panorama of rare beauty and interest. The road is smooth and level and there is nothing to disturb the keen enjoyment experienced as one looks upon this gallery of nature's matchless beauty. The "Gibbon Falls" is the most thrilling point is this famous canon.

The coach halts at a point some 600 feet above the river where it makes the mad plunge over the rocks. We are informed that the coach will wait for us if we wish to visit the falls. The heat was so intense that all the passengers save myself decided to forego that pleasure. I dismount from the seat and climb down the steep bank clinging to the rocks and trees for 600 feet, and then stand above the falls, but the dense spray and mist conceal them so completely that I could not obtain a view of them. The rocks beneath my feet shook, however, with the awful force of the concussion. I then managed to climb down the wall which was almost perpendicular, nearly 200 feet more, and then stood at the foot of the falls. It had been a long tedious scramble to get there but one view rewarded me for all my efforts. It was a magnificent spectacle. The canon walls rose at least 1400 feet above me. Great pine trees upon the upper crest of those walls looked very small, and huge boulders dwindled into mere pebbles.

The river at that point had become a swollen flood, white with wrathful energy. Its width was full fifty yards. The fall is 100 feet—not a perpendicular fall, more like an angle of 45 degrees. Great rocks and reefs of ledge pave the pathway of the flood down over the fall, and with an indescribable force the water thunders and crashes down over these obstacles. The sun chanced to be at a point in the heavens where he poured a flood tide of his bright golden light upon the wrathful waters, transforming them into a weird mass of matter—leaping, foaming, sparkling gold, while in the clouds of ever ascending spray were suspended magnificent rainbows, which spanned the frightful arch with radiance of their rare beauty. It required an effort to arouse myself sufficiently to break away from the enchantment of my surroundings and summon energy enough to climb the canon wall and rejoin my companions.

I pulled and climbed and tugged and rested many times before I reached the summit. It was rare sport while resting to push the loose boulders down the steep decline, to watch them as they rushed on with increased speed and then took a mad leap of 200 feet down to the river beneath, while the echoes of their fall rolled like distant thunder down the canon walls. Nearly exhausted and reeking with perspiration, I rejoined my friends, climbed to my old position beside the knight of the ribbons. The steeds, refreshed, and inspired by a sharp crack of the whip, dashed down the steep decline towards the great geysers and paint pots, of which I must tell you in my next letter. T. G.

OXFORD COUNTY HORSE NOTES.

Having been very busy for the past week in preparing the catalogue of horses owned by members of the Oxford County Horse Breeders' Association have not had time to write my Horse Notes, but have clipped some interesting paragraphs from the *American Cultivator*:

A. T. MAXIM.

It often happens that large prices are paid for brood mares, when a little care and industry would provide well bred brood mares at less price. The dam of George B. Daniels (2:24) was last year hauling a Jew's peddler's wagon at Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Day made a great mistake when he let her go, as she was in foal last year. Her breeding is choice and scarce now in these parts. She was by Greyhound, son of Hill's Black Hawk. She was, like the dam of Lily Langtry, quite a trotter. If a mare is a producer one may be pardoned for buying her, even if her age is advanced. The age of production is, I believe, terminated only at death. If mares cease to produce it is because their condition is permitted to become enfeebled. I have seen the dam of Nellie G. (2:20) suckling a colt long after she had lost most of her teeth, and was kept alive and in robust health by careful attention to her feed. The dam of Charley B. (2:25) dropped her best two, the horse named and Myrtie (2:25½), after she was thirty years of age. I was told by a person who had the best opportunities to know that Rysdyk's Hambletonian would have lived much longer if his penurious owner had paid a little money to have his teeth cared for. I am of the opinion that he was, like many less meritorious animals, starved to death, not for lack of food, but because he was unable to grind and assimilate it.

The horse Henry Clay Jr., owned by the Lobdell Car Wheel Company of Wilmington, Del., now twenty-eight years of age, has excellent teeth, but was unable to grind his feed, because the incisor teeth had grown so long that his grinders could not come together to perform their functions. The teeth are exceedingly hard, and it took two dentists nearly a day each to reduce the length sufficiently, and now the old fellow grinds his hay and oats like a colt. So mares and horses by care, therefore, may be kept in a reproducing health long past the age assigned to them in the past. An exceedingly well-informed gentleman told me last week that a mare never produced more than eleven colts. He must be mistaken; a glance through the registers and studbooks will show many that produced more than that number. The dam of Bonnie Scotland, for instance, produced over twenty colts, and never missed but one year. Bonnie Scotland was the fifteenth, I believe, in this succession. Old mares should, besides having their teeth carefully attended to, have their feed carefully prepared. Clover hay, gathered sweet, and carefully cured and cut into chaff, is a wholesome and nutritious feed, scalded and mixed with ground oats and middlings. Long food should not be fed, as it is apt to clog the bowels and cause colic.

Still, unless mares are of great merit, it does not pay to keep them once they cease producing regularly, and require specially prepared food. The most economical course is to buy very young mares, breed them at two years of age, keep them breeding until they are six or seven, then sell them. In this way they will pay for their own keep. It is stated in some horse books that breeding so young induces feebleness, and detracts from the substance of the filly. I have never seen any results but good from the practice, and have never heard anything but commendation from those who practiced it.

The "word contest" instituted by the *N. Y. Judge* in behalf of the Grant Monument Fund has just closed, and a check for $1 000 has been sent to the monument committee. The winners of the prizes offered by *Judge*, in this contest are M. E. Lyle, Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss H. A. Andrews, New York, H. W. Wilson, Indiana Pa., Mrs. E. R. Andrews, New York, Charles Telton, Charleston, Ill., each of whom receive $100; A. E. Beach, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. A. R. Roesicke, Buffalo, N. Y., and Alfred A. Post, Mattapan, Mass., who receive $40, $35 and $25 respectively. The *Judge* has started a new and even more novel contest for the same purpose.

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About this time it is in order to speak of the backward spring—as though there ever was any other kind of spring.

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Cycles are coming into use in India, says an exchange. That is nothing new; long ago we read of the "cycle of Cathay."

FRANK C. SWAN, Apothecary, Haverhill, M

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY: The Hotel del Monte, near Monterey, California, was burned. The house was full of New England excursionists, all of whom fortunately escaped unharmed, but in many instances minus of their effects. Loss $1,500,000.

MONDAY: Volney R. Chamberlin of Cambridge, Mass., who had been convicted of perjury and had appealed, killed himself.——A decision adverse to the Bell Telephone Company was rendered by Judge Colt in the United States Circuit Court.——Six thousand Chicago carpenters and 1100 in Cincinnati went on a strike for eight hours per day and 35 cents per hour.

TUESDAY: The election in Chicago resulted in a big victory for the Republicans, who elected Roche, their candidate for Mayor, by a very large majority, the Democrats not having a ticket in the field. The boasts of the Socialists that they would poll a phenomenally large vote were idle; their strength was not half what their leaders claimed; they elected only one Alderman. There was but little drunkenness and no disorder. The Republicans carried Michigan, and the prohibitory amendment was defeated. The extent of the woman suffrage vote in Kansas does not yet appear. The Republicans, it is still claimed, have elected their candidate for Mayor in Cincinnati, although the majority at last accounts seemed likely to be small.

WEDNESDAY: A statue of Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston was dedicated at New Orleans in Metairie Cemetery by the Army of the Tennessee, all the veteran associations of the city, including Grand Army posts, participating. Among those on the stage were Jefferson Davis, Gen. Beauregard, Mrs. Albert Sidney Johnston and Charles Dudley Warner. A letter of regret was received from President Cleveland. United States Senator Randall L. Gibson delivered the oration of the day, and was followed by Jefferson Davis.——The Rhode Island election resulted in the election of the Democratic State ticket by a small majority, and a Republican Legislature. The Woman Suffrage amendment was defeated.

THURSDAY: At the Cabinet meeting the subjects under discussion were the Canadian fisheries, the policy of Great Britain in regard to Hayti, and the seal fisheries of Alaska. It is said that England sustains the course pursued by the Canadian Government, and is not disposed to make the concession requested by this Government.——A barber named Fluth gave himself up to the Brooklyn police, confessing that he murdered the unknown girl at Rahway, N. J.

FRIDAY: The State Department paid the Chinese Minister $147,000, the indemnity voted by Congress for the sufferers by the outrage at Rock Springs, Wyoming, a year ago.——President Cleveland wrote a letter in reply to Gloucester gentlemen, in which he outlines his position with reference to the enforcement of the Retaliatory act. The act will be enforced decisively whenever occasion demands.——Mr. Blaine was ill at Fort Gibson, Ark., threatened with pneumonia. The doctors pronounced it a case of bronchial catarrh, with fever of a remitting type.

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WE are indebted to the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Portland, for a copy of the Inter-State Commerce Bill, in pamphlet form.

J. H. BARROWS, proprietor of the new chair factory at Bethel, advertises for a few good families to locate at Bethel. See his advertisement in another column.

THE reports of the recent election in Kansas, at which women voted for the first time, show that the women take as naturally to what is sometimes called the "dirty work" of politics as men do.

A NEW schedule of freight rates has been prepared by the Grand Trunk, to conform to the provisions of the inter-State commerce law, but the rates between points in the State are practically unchanged. The charges on through freight are also little changed.

SEVERAL companies of militia in Alabama and Tennessee, which were entered for the national drill at Washington, have withdrawn, because negro companies are to be allowed to compete with white. Whatever other change may have taken place in that section of the country, the color line does not seem to have disappeared in the "New South".

IT is said that Mr. Gladstone goes without an overcoat, whereupon it is suggested that he will go down in history as the Hannibal Hamlin of England. And we suppose that when spring comes (and it will come sometime) Mr. Gladstone and Uncle Hannibal will hang the overcoats which they don't wear on the same old chestnut tree.

SCIENCE says that the sense of smell is more acute in the male than in the female sex, and estimates that the average male can detect one part of extract of Garlic in 57,927 parts of water. *Science* is right with regard to the sexes, but is 'way off in its figures. The average male will detect one part of garlic in one million of air, long after the girl has forgotten that she ate onions for dinner.

STATE PICK-UPS.

Ex-Mayor Cowan of Lewiston died Wednesday.

Marshal Whitney and Officer Allen of Bangor have started for California after Graves, with Gov. Bodwell's requisition.

The storm of Saturday, 2d inst, was one of the most severe for the winter along the coast. A train on the Maine Central was stuck in a snow drift for ten hours near Freeport, and had to be shoveled out.

The Maine Central has revised its freight tariff to conform to the provisions of the inter-State commerce law. This has provoked much dissatisfaction in Bangor, where the general increase in rates is about fifty per cent.

The act to create local boards of health went into effect last Monday. A copy of the act, with suggestions in regard to appointments, has been sent out by Secretary Young of the State Board to municipal officers throughout the State.

Fifteen Commissioners have been appointed, in accordance with the resolve passed by the Legislature, to visit the field of Gettysburg. The Governor is ex officio chairman of the board. It includes, besides, Col. C. S. Edwards, and Gens. Chamberlain, Connor and Hall.

Two Lewiston men and a woman were poisoned by drinking wine of colchicum, given to them at a drug store by mistake, instead of port wine. M. L. Desaulniers, organist at St. Peter's, and assistant editor of *Le Messager*, died from the effects of it. The others will recover. Dr. Lafarge, who was temporarily in charge of the drug store, and put up the liquor, has been placed under arrest. An inquest was held, and the jury found that Dr. Lafarge was guilty of gross, if not criminal carelessness.

JOSEPH HOWARD JR., well known for the past twenty-five years as a brilliant and acceptable writer, is preparing a life of Henry Ward Beecher for publication by Hubbard Brothers. As Howard's father was one of the three founders of Plymouth Church, and his most intimate friend for more than forty years, with a social intercourse at no time interrupted, and as Howard himself, by reason of his public life, was brought into frequent contact with Mr. Beecher since his early boyhood, it is obvious that he ought to have and probably has material at his hand which is accessible to no other contemporaneous writer. The book is said to be well under way, and will be ready for the market early in May. Mr. Howard, by the way, was the author of the comprehensive and interesting obituary published in the *New York Herald*, the day after Mr. Beecher's death.

SOUTH PARIS.

The greatest killer out is said to be Gerry's corn-killer. If you are suffering from corns, buy this article at once; one week's appliance is sure cure.

German measles are prevailing among the young people of the village.

A large company was in attendance at the skating rink, Saturday evening.

Newell Cook was able to ride out for the first time, Sunday.

Hay is scarce, costing from $15 to $20 per ton.

E. Lowell & Co. are sawing the woodpiles by machinery.

There is a large amount of moving this spring.

W. H. Swett is the owner of the first spring colt; it is a good one—after Carlyle and from a nice mare.

J. H. Martin has a colt, 9 months old that stands 13 1-2 hands high and tips the scales at 600 lbs. He is an Eclair, and good judges call him perfect. He is well trained: a flour barrel rolling off his back, or an umbrella spread over his head will not frighten him. We doubt if there is a better looking colt in Paris.

The examination of teachers for the summer terms of schools will take place at the school house at this place, Saturday, April 23, commencing at 9 A. M.

John C. Gerry, formerly of this place, has been elected Clerk of Fryeburg Village Fire Corporation, which was organized this spring.

Sunday was a warm, spring-like day, and the streets were full of water and the snow settled very fast.

Mrs. A. H. Andrews is quite sick.

S. P. Maxim & Son have recently added some new machinery to their factory, and are prepared to do a larger business than ever in windows, sash, etc.

Frank Barrows, who has been at work for A. F. Barrows, has gone to Haverhill, to work at his trade.

W. P. Phelps spent Sunday in Portland, at C. M. Morgan's.

George Burnham, Esq., of Portland, has been in town the past week.

Mrs. George A. Wilson and daughter are in Boston.

The South Paris Beagle Club are happy. "Mystic" has 6 pups; all are of the masculine gender and will command a big price.

J. A. Kenney and wife have returned from Mass.

Frank Holmes has moved to Norway.

Judson Fifield has moved into a rent on Hill Street.

There were appropriate Easter services at the churches last Sabbath.

Otho Bean is the clerk at Plummer's.

C. K. Smith has now recovered from his burn and gone to work at Norway.

Mrs. Sophia Libby, who is 86 years old, is the smartest lady in town of her age. She can walk a mile on the crust, and has been taking care of Mrs. Benj. Bacon of West Paris through her last sickness.

Geo. J. Young Jr., of Boston, was in town Monday. He brought down a high bred breeding mare by the celebrated stallion George Wilkes. J. D. Williams was the fortunate man to secure this mare. Mr. Young bought two horses of E. M. Thayer.

Geo. Thomas is the clerk at the Andrews House.

C. W. Bowker & Co.'s store is full of desirable goods. Prices are low as the lowest. His stock is fresh and fashionable. He is pleased to inform his customers that he has secured the services of Mrs. Leadbetter, a fashionable dressmaker.

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G. H. Porter will visit Brooklyn, N. Y., on business.

Our boys have started their annual game of marbles. Soon the bicycles will appear on our streets.

J. F. Plummer has added a full stock of hats and caps to his stock.

We hear the merchants discussing the new freight tariff. The rates for a small quantity a short distance have been increased about one-third.

Miss Lottie Hall of Cornish has been visiting relatives here. She was once one of Paris' best school teachers.

All persons owing the firm of Kenney & Plummer, or J. A. Kenney, are requested to settle the same by April 20th.

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MARRIED.

In Newry, April 3, by Rev. Insley A. Bean, Mr. Clifford A. Littlehale, of Newry, and Miss Abbie E. Wing, of Phillips.

In Fryeburg, April 2, by Rev. B. N. Stone, Mr. Edgar C. Tower, of Sweden, and Miss Alice Meader, of Lovell.

DIED.

In Newark, N. J., April 3, Charles A. Ripley, aged 27, (formerly of Paris).

In Rumford Centre, Juliette W. Lufkin, 21 years 1 month 16 days.

E. F. SMITH,

Attorney at Law.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Phineas F. and Delilah Kilgore, of Dixfield, County of Oxford and State of Maine, by their mortgage deed, dated Aug. 30th, 1878, recorded in Oxford Registry, book 185, page 175, conveyed to Oliver H. Mason, certain real estate, situated in the Town of Newry, on the County road leading from Bethel to Upton, near Charles R. Bartlett's hotel, described as follows: Commencing at the line of C. R. Bartlett, on the County road; thence on said road to land owned by said Bartlett to Wells Falls, so called; thence on the river to the old mill owned by Prescott Kilgore's heirs and myself, the same property described in deed from I. W. Kilgore to me, with the buildings thereon, containing ten acres, more or less. And whereas, the conditions thereof have been broken, said Oliver H. Mason claims a foreclosure of said mortgage, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

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Notice of Foreclosure of Mortgage.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the twenty-seventh day of January, A. D. 1887, Jennie W. Pierce, of Gorham, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, by her mortgage deed of that date, recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, book 192, page 9, conveyed to Gorham Savings Bank, a corporation created by law, and having its office in said Gorham, the following described real estate, viz.: a certain lot of land, situated in Norway, in said County of Oxford, being that part of the Swift and Patch lot deeded to William Sanborn by David Hammons, and the same conveyed to said Pierce by Daniel Walker, by deed dated October 14, 1875, and recorded in Oxford County Registry, book 172, page 351, in which deed said land is bounded thus: On the west by land of Henry Pike and Joseph Sanderson; on the north by land of Horr and Joseph Judkins; on the south by the pond and by the Ames lot, so called; on the east by the pond; containing 54 acres, more or less. That said bank claims the said parcel of real estate, under and by said mortgage; and that the condition of and in the same has been and is broken, by reason whereof, said Gorham Savings Bank claims a foreclosure of said mortgage, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

GORHAM SAVINGS BANK.

By its Treasurer, JOHN A. WATERMAN.

Gorham, April 6, 1887.

Notice of Foreclosure of Mortgage.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1882, Jennie W. Pierce, of Gorham, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, by her mortgage deed of that date, recorded in Oxford County Registry of Deeds, book 190, pages 474 and 475, conveyed to Gorham Savings Bank, a corporation created by law, and having its office in said Gorham, the following described real estate, viz.: A certain lot of land, situated in Norway, in said County of Oxford, containing fifty-four acres, more or less, being that part of the Swift and Patch lot, deeded to William Sanborn, by David Hammons, and the same conveyed to said Pierce by Daniel Walker, by deed dated Oct. 14, 1875, and recorded in said Oxford County Registry, book 172, page 351, in which deed said land is bounded as follows, viz.: On the west by land of Henry Pike and Joseph Sanderson; on the north by land of Horr and Joseph Judkins; on the south by the pond and by the Ames lot, so called; and on the east by the pond. That said bank claims the said parcel of real estate, under and by said mortgage, and that the condition of and in the same has been and is broken, by reason whereof, said Gorham Savings Bank claims a foreclosure of said mortgage, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.

GORHAM SAVINGS BANK.

By its Treasurer, JOHN A. WATERMAN.

Gorham, April 6th, 1887.

To Edward E. Hastings, one of the Justices of the Peace and Quorum, in and for the County of Oxford:

The undersigned, pewowners of the Universalist Chapel, in Fryeburg, in said County, request you to issue your warrant to one of them, directing him to notify and warn the pewowners of said Universalist Chapel to meet at said chapel, at No. Fryeburg, on Saturday the 7th day of May, 1887, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2d. To choose a Clerk for said pewowners.

Art. 3d. To see if the pewowners of said chapel will vote to convey the pews by them owned in said chapel to the parish known as "The First Universalist Parish, of Fryeburg."

Art. 4th. To see what action they will take about repairing the chapel; and if they vote to repair said chapel, to see what sum of money they will vote to raise therefor.

Art. 5th. To do and transact any other business that may legally come before it.

Signed,
HAZEN W. STEVENS,
SIMEON CHARLES,
OSBORN CHARLES,
Pewowners in the Universalist Chapel.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss:

To HAZEN W. STEVENS, of Fryeburg:

PURSUANT to the foregoing application, you are hereby directed to notify the pewowners of the meeting house mentioned in the foregoing application, to meet at said Universalist Chapel, on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1887, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in said application, by posting a certified copy of this warrant on the principal outer door of said chapel, and in one other public place in said town, both of said notices to be posted at least three weeks before the time of said meeting, and also by publishing it in a newspaper published in said County.

Given under my hand and seal, at Fryeburg, in said County, this sixth day of April, 1887.

EDWARD E. HASTINGS,
Justice of the Peace.

PURSUANT to the foregoing warrant, to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the persons named therein, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned.

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THE Subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of

ERASTUS H. BRYANT, late of Greenwood,

in said County deceased by giving bond as the law directs; he therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

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Commissioners' Notice.

THE undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1887, Commissioners to receive and examine the claims of Creditors against the estate of William H. Hemmingway, late of Milton Plantation, in said County, deceased, represented Insolvent, here give notice that six months from the date of said appointment are allowed to said Creditors in which to present and prove their claims; and that they will be in session at the office of S. R. Hutchins, in Rumford, on the fifteenth days of June and September next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, for the above purpose.

Dated at Rumford, the 31st day of March, A. D. 1887.

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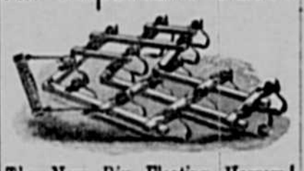

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OXFORD ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Mar., A. D. 1887.

RODNEY N. HALL, named Executor in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert Stillings, late of Paris, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

Ordered, that the said Executor give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of Apr. next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy.—attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

OXFORD ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1887.

On the petition of IRVING MABRY, Administrator of the estate of Joseph W. Stevens, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey all the real estate of said deceased to pay incidental charges and debts, estimated at three hundred dollars:

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Mar., A. D. 1887.

FRANK O. PURINGTON, named Executor in a certain Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Leonard C. Fuller, late of Hebron, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

ORDERED That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Mar., 1887.

ANDREW J. HALL, Administrator on the estate of Jane M. Hall, late of Buckfield, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:

Ordered, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Paris, within and for said County, on the third Tuesday of Apr. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.

Taken on execution, wherein Robinson Dean of Buckfield in 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 there

The Oxford Democrat.

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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.

The band will meet Thursday evening this week.

J. A. Kenney, of South Paris, was at the Hill Friday.

Hon. Henry M. Bearce, of Norway, was at Paris Thursday.

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

Maj David R. Hastings, of Fryeburg, was in town last week.

Hon. George D. Bisbee, of Buckfield, was in town this week.

Hon. George A. Wilson, of South Paris, was in town Thursday.

Circle and orange party at Academy Hall this (Monday) evening.

Wm. J. Wheeler, Esq., of South Paris, was at the Hill Wednesday.

Mrs. A. D. Crocker is having her house repaired and painted. B. S. Doe is doing the job.

There will be no services at the Universalist church for the next three Sundays,—until May 8th.

Capt. C. H. Ripley reports seeing two flocks of wild geese flying north last week. They must have rather a cool reception.

If the weather of Sunday and Monday continues, we shall have a spot of bare ground large enough to play ball on Fast Day.

The summer schools will begin on Monday, April 25th. The Grammar School will be taught by Miss Hattie A. Hooper and the Primary by Miss A. Louise Doe.

A light worsted overcoat was lost somewhere on the road between Paris Hill and the watering trough at the foot of the hill, on the 22d of March. The finder will be paid for his trouble if he will leave the coat at this office, at the store of C. B. Adams, South Paris, or with the owner, S. S. Packard, at Norway.

Signs of spring increase slowly—very slowly. A genuine robin has been seen and heard; wild geese are making their way towards the inhospitable North; an occasional hand-breadth of bare ground creeps into view at the southerly corner of a building; and a member of a clothing firm in a neighboring village has been in town, wearing a white hat.

The Easter party given by Misses Mary Andrews and Grace and Gertrude Harlow at the Union House last Saturday was a very pleasant occasion. The "egg hunt" proved quite an enlivening and interesting feature. The winner of the first prize for finding the greatest number of eggs was Miss Una P. Taylor. Miss Mary Louise Bisbee, from Buckfield, was among the guests.

At the Baptist church, Sunday, Rev. W. C. Barrows preached a very able Easter sermon from John xx:20. The pulpit was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. Across its top in evergreen letters were the words: "Christ is Risen." The back wall bore a very prettily designed "I H S" with a crown, while in front of the desk was a large bank of the most beautiful flowers and plants. Some one deserves much praise for the manner in which the decorations were made.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Bro. Wm. E. Curtis has met with a sad bereavement, in the loss by death of one of the best of wives, and is now himself passing through the distressing sickness of "Typhoid Pneumonia",

Therefore resolved, That we, the members of Paris Grange, would hereby express our deep and heart-felt sympathy with him, in this time of his terrible affliction in the loss of his dear wife, the mother of the bereaved children, and his own severe sickness.

Resolved, That while we enjoy the blessings of health, we would remember a dear Brother in sorrow and affliction; and do not forget those of our Brothers or sisters in sickness or in distress.

At a meeting of Paris Grange, No. 44, held on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1887, it was voted to adopt the above resolutions, also voted that a copy of same be presented to Brother Curtis, and that a copy be put into the OXFORD DEMOCRAT Office for publication.

CHARLES EDWARDS, Sec. of Paris Grange.

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THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

BETHEL.

Coroner E. B. Goddard of Bethel was called to Andover Wednesday to view the body of Henry Ayer of Locke's Mills, who accidentally shot himself in the house of his grandparents. He did not deem an inquest necessary.

S. D. & J. M. Philbrook have received two cars of horses the past week.

W. T. Green of Waterford and John Weston of Fryeburg have driven two lots of oxen from Bethel.

The Androscoggin Water Power Company, —— Plummer, agent, have bought a large tract of spruce land in Byron of Hon. David Hammons, and Maj D. R. Hastings of Fryeburg.

Mr. Barrows is sawing 150,000 of box board at the chair factory for Hon. David Hammons. They are piled to dry, and then will be planed and shipped to Eastport.

EAST HEBRON.

The box festival was a success.

Mrs. W. N. Hodgdon is a little better than she has been. She can sit up three-fourths of an hour a day.

H. N. Merrill has a heifer 23 months old that, when her calf was ten days old, made 19 ounces of butter in one day without any extra feed.

Addison Monk has a cow that came in the first of January, and the first day of April he had sold 135 pounds butter from her, besides what he used in his family, and also considerable milk was used, as he has two small children.—If Oxford Co. can beat these records, we should be pleased to hear from them.

MIDDLE INTERVALE (BETHEL)

Cold winter's chain had bound us fast—
We thought that Spring had come at last;
But ah! the change—a type of life—
So full of sorrow, pain and strife.
But soon the birds will come again
With cheerful songs, 'mid sun and rain—
And when life's wintry day is o'er,
We'll go where storms will beat no more.

A few trees have been tapped here, but not much sugar yet.

A very interesting prayer meeting was held last Sunday P. M. at Mr. Caswell's.

The Ladies' Aid Society have purchased an organ for the church.

Mrs. A. M Carter and children are visiting friends in Lewiston.

Miss Bertha Capen is at home.

We made our aged friend, John Williamson, a call a few days ago, and found him able to repeat poetry readily that he composed years ago.

I. Morrill, who owns the mill across the river, is doing a good business. Carter Bros. sold their timber to him. E. F. S.

PERU.

Elder Ventres has rented the William H. Bent stand and moved into it; he has also rented the mill owned by Pomeroy, and he and his son are tending the mill.

H. R. Robinson has a yoke of two-year-old steers that are hard to beat—they girth 6 feet 4 inches.

H. W. Babb's folks are making cheese; they have been making for five or six weeks. They have taken time by the forelock.

EAST PERU.

Mr. Spears has moved off from the Deacon Irish farm. It is offered to let.

Charlie Oldham has moved on to the Tobin farm at the Pond.

Albert Holman has hired the Irvin Dean farm and moved thereon.

WILSON'S MILLS.

At Magalloway Plantation the town meeting resulted in the following choice of officers:

Clerk—M. D. Sturtevant.
Assessors—M. D. Sturtevant, J. N. Littlehale, L. Leavitt.
Treasurer—D. M. Sturtevant.
Collector—G. Little.
Supervisor—N. G. Sturtevant.

Born—March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bennett, a daughter.

W. L. Fickett has moved back to his place at Magalloway.

The Bennett Bros. (of whom there are six) were called to Colebrook last Sabbath to see their father, Peter Bennett, who is dangerously sick.

I. F. Evans has been in town.

J. S. Danforth passed through here, on his way to Newry.

Asa Frost came over from Richardson Lake after engineer Rowell, to repair one one of the lake steamboats.

Hobbs & Sawyer and E. Bennett, came out of the woods the past week.

RUMFORD POINT.

George Hodgdon has moved his family from his farm, which he sold to Sidney Howe, to Mrs. Adelaide Elliott's house, Rumford Point.

G. A. Thurston broke camp April 4. We are glad to learn that he had good success with his winter's lumbering.

At the school meeting in District No. 5 John Howe was chosen agent.

The crows in this vicinity need new snow-shoes.

Sap flows up hill with difficulty.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Farmers about here are feeling a little blue in regard to their hay-mows, as nearly one week of April is gone and the immense body of snow now on the ground has scarcely started; but seed-time and harvest have surely been promised us, and they will not fail us this time.

Much sickness still prevails in this vicinity. Mrs. B. C. Curtis is very sick, and John Curtis has had a run of bilious fever.

Mrs. Benjamin Stevens died last Sunday and the funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday. She had been a sufferer for a long time, but has now gone to her glorious reward. She was over 80 years, and for many years has been a Christian landmark in the church and community. We believe she lived a true Christian every day in the week. May her influence live and be felt for many years to come.

WEST BETHEL.

Don't look for Mayflowers in April this year.

Frank L. Goodnow cut his foot quite badly last week with an axe.

Miss Flora J. Wheeler has just returned from a visit to Lewiston.

Frank L. Grover is taking orders for the best quality of visiting cards.

Miss Minnie E. Wheeler came home from Bates College Friday.

Butter is selling here for 20 cents per pound, and eggs for 14 cents per dozen.

N. W. Mason went back to Berlin Falls, N. H., to work Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Briggs had red, yellow and pink roses in blossom in March, and now has pinks and other flowers.

Rev. I. A. Bean of Mason had to work on Sunday last to get through this town to Newry, the roads were so badly drifted.

The town assessors have been making their annual visits.

A driving north-east snow storm on the 2d inst., and the weather continues cool for the season.

MASON.

Our song-birds have not come yet, save the ever welcome crow, whose cheerful caw-caw is music to your old correspondent's ear. He kept shady till the Legislature adjourned, and then came forth with a joyous note of triumph.

I am glad your Bethel correspondent, E. W. W., has found time to visit the haunt of the wise men of our county. He will write with some vim now. He has lived in such one-horse places as Bethel Hill so long, and attends so close to his business, that he had forgotten that he lived so near the great business centre of the universe. Come again, old friend, when the snow is gone and the frost bite.

Yes, tell J. H. L. that G. H. B. does understand the crow language, and that they have exchanged mutual congratulations for their great triumph.

Mrs. J. C. Bean is very low; her many friends fear that her case is critical.

Mrs. Artemas Mason had a hemorrhage of the lungs yesterday; she has long been feeble.

E. T. Mains has gone to Otisfield to stop a while.

H. Hutchinson has five sheep that have now ten nice lambs.

Pleasant River is still covered with ice and snow.

NORTH BETHEL.

Where are the sunshiny days, the robins and blue birds, babbling brooks, etc., that some of our comrades spoke of recently? Methinks they must have seen their mistake, and gone back to their winter quarters.

April came in with thermometer 10 deg. below zero; that morning we started on a short visit to West Greenwood and Albany and the air felt more like January than April. Sad news awaited us; it was there we first heard of the melancholy death of a family relative, W. Scott Bryant, killed on the railroad. Also the death of Frank and Mary A. Bennett's three weeks old baby, by whooping cough.

While in Albany we had a very pleasant interview with Deacon Lovejoy and family; these aged Christian people need no commendation at my hands, but will just say here that when the Master says to them "Come up higher," the town of Albany will have met with an irreparable loss. The Deacon is seventy-five years of age, and believes himself to be the oldest comrade in the P. C. B. May he and his companion be spared many years yet to reflect the light of the Sun of Righteousness upon the community in which they live.

Last night we had something of a rainstorm, ending this morning in a slight fall of snow; it is now about half way between fair weather and foul; and if the snow does not go faster than it has yet, winter will linger in the lap of June. L. D.

ROXBURY.

Supervisor Knapp decided to stop the school in No. 7; but instead of bringing peace to the district it seems to make matters worse, and very severe criticisms are dealt out to the supervisor.

Our assessors have already made the highway taxes.

A flock of wild geese passed up our valley the 4th on their way north. I fear they will find that they have made a mistake.

As I write the cold wind sounds like January. The idea that wheeling this summer will be done by carrying the wheels on a sled, is quite common. It is sad for the many farmers who are out of hay; most of them are not able to buy fodder. No blue birds or robins yet—the 6th inst.

DIXFIELD.

There is plenty of snow and the crossings on the river are good. The people in this part of the county begin to talk of six weeks' sledding in April.

Many persons witnessed a shocking sight on Main Street Friday forenoon. As Hershiel Holt was driving his horse at his fastest speed, Tommie Huston, about five years old, ran in front of the horse and was thrown down and caught up in the fast moving legs of the horse, and finally the horse and sleigh passed over him. Dr. Sturtevant happened to be near the spot. He took the boy up for dead, but on examination it was found that no bones were broken or any serious wounds, only a bruised face and mouth lacerated by his teeth. All who witnessed the accident believed the little boy was dead. But when it was found that he was not seriously hurt, every one felt thankful and considered it a miraculous escape from instant death.

Col. William T. Eustis is in town.

H. A. Randall, Esq., has just returned from Portland.

NORWAY LAKE.

Rev. N. G. French is at home on a visit.

The drama—"The Danger Signal"—was repeated Tuesday evening, the 5th.

The dance which was to have been held April 21 was postponed on account of the snow storm.

Mrs. William Hale and children, who have been visiting at C. W. Partridge's, have returned home.

Herbert Hathaway of Massachusetts recently paid a short visit to his father.

Will Buck is sawing wood for S. A. Stevens.

ALBANY.

Two flocks of wild geese recently passed here, perhaps in search for the "open sea" at the North Pole. Woodchucks are out. It is very seldom that we have so heavy a body of snow at this season.

April 13, 1868, the mercury was only 12 degrees above zero; 15 inches of snow had fallen a few days previous, and not a speck of bare ground to be seen, the sleighing excellent, and in just one week the snow was all gone except large drifts, and the wheeling fair. In 1874, the first and second days of May, the sleighing was good and teams with heavy loads passed from Albany to Bethel Hill. About 1830, my father sowed rye in March.

George and Fred Clark recently took a nice string of pickerel from Pappoose Pond.

Wardwell & Cole are painting their house.

Rev. I. A. Bean and wife, of Mason, are visiting his brother, A. G. Bean.

OXFORD.

Mr. Hanscom of Poland, a graduate of Hebron, Class of '85, has been engaged to teach the grammar school.

An Easter concert is to be given by the M. E. Sunday-school.

The C. L. S. C. met with Mrs. George Walker Friday eve.

F. B. Andrews was kicked on the leg by a young horse, causing a deep and severe wound, and confining him to the house.

L. B. Swett of Paris was in town, canvassing for the Maine Year Book.

Mrs. Louise Wood, who has recently lost her husband and son, has returned to live with her father, Joseph Robinson.

A pleasant sociable was held at the Congregational vestry on Wednesday evening.

At the "Old Folks" dancing school—taught by Mr. Hazelton—some 23 couples "trip the *light* fantastic toe."

An effort is being made to secure scholars for another dancing school; nearly a sufficient number have been obtained.

FRYE.

D. A. Merrill and wife have been visiting friends and relatives in this place.

Milo Mitchell has returned from a winter's work in the woods.

Edwin Barrett, Jr., is hauling hay from Roxbury.

S. A. Reed has gone to Bethel.

BYRON.

S. Taylor and wife have returned from a visit to friends at Bridgton and Harrison. His mother is sick at her daughter's, Mrs. Charles Paine, Bridgton. She was a little better when he came from there.

W. A. Knapp and wife, of East Dixfield, visited friends here recently. Their sons, Frank and Henry, also gave us call the other day.

George F. Thomas has sold his farm to Frank Richmond. It is talked that George is going West, and that Frank is going—well, not West but—into matrimony. Who can tell?

A. S. Young had his breech-loading gun burst the other day.

BRYANT'S POND.

O. C. Houghton and family have moved to Worcester, Mass.

Alexander Day is very sick and not expected to recover; Mr. Day is one of the oldest persons in town.

Frank Cushman has rented his stable to Eugene Cole.

Ladurna Perham is quite sick with lung fever.

J. A. Putnam, our dentist, is again in town.

Rev. L. H. Tabor is again quite sick.

The roads are soon to be impassible about here.

NEWRY.

The sleighing continues good at this late date (April 6).

Herbert Kendall lost a horse Tuesday; it broke a leg while at work on the Sunday River road.

Jasper Kendall of this town is dangerously ill.

A. C. Littlehale and Miss Abbie Wing were united in marriage at the Branch last Sunday.

Thurston's steam mill at Newry was shut down yesterday on account of some trouble with the boiler.

There is a big lot of spool strip stacked in the mill yard at Swan's Corner; it belongs to Kelhler, who has had several teams hauling birch all winter.

Hay is scarce; buyers are plenty, sellers scarce.

Potatoes have advanced to 40 cents at Bethel.

The sugar season is very backward, and some have not tapped yet.

RUMFORD CENTRE.

The funeral of Miss Julitte Lufkin was held at her late home Thursday, April 7th, at 10 o'clock. The display of flowers was something unusual to be seen at this season of the year. Kind friends brought them, which showed their love and esteem for the departed. No young person in our midst could more missed than she. Always ready to assist in the Sabbath-school, generous, with a pleasant disposition, no wonder that she had many friends. She died with the Lord's prayer upon her lips. Rev. Mr. Hannaford conducted the service and spoke tender words to those present and for the absent brother in Chicago. The choir sang selections which she herself had sung before—among them were "Lean sweetly on Jesus," "Will you come?" and "Meet me there." May her young friends look to the Savior that she looked to.

NORTH PARIS.

Mr. E. Curtis is better and thinks he will live.

Mr. Corbet is finishing off a rent in Mrs. Fuller's house, and will move his family in there.

A son of Henry Lawrence is very sick with diphtheria; also Mrs. Rose Packard.

F. L. Barrett has got home from Aroostook County, where he has been buying potatoes.

The cold late spring is making a hard call on the hay-mows. We hope June will bring us a little warm weather and some bare ground.

C. Bacon is working in the chair factory nights. They are having a large sale for chairs.

BROWNFIELD.

April 2, snow began falling in the morning and continued to fall all day and night almost without interruption—the wind blowing a perfect hurricane. It was the severest storm of the season. The weather continues cold and uncomfortable. Snow-drifts in every direction.

Friday evening a small part of the Salvation Army held a meeting at the Town Hall. The most noticeable feature of the meeting was the playing on a tambourine by the Salvationist.

Mr. Libby, the proprietor of the Pequaquet House, has decided to remain and run the house himself.

Miss Linnie Frink has gone to Bridgton for a few weeks.

There is to be an Easter concert at the Cong'l church Sunday evening.

HIRAM.

Frank W. Davis, a graduate of Bowdoin College, is teaching Gorham High School.

Mrs. Dana Cotton died Thursday morning.

An infant son of Calvin F. and Ruth Clemons died March 21, aged three days.

Mrs. Mary W. Wadsworth of South Hiram is seriously ill.

Miss Olive Eaton of East Hiram has recently visited her parents in Stow.

Lieut. John W. Hubbard offers his house and lot for sale.

Charles W. Poindexter, of Sanford, visited us March 30.

The Good Templars Lodge at East Hiram is flourishing finely.

Joe Spring, who has been at work at Winnepesaukee Lake, N. H., some months, has returned to Hiram.

William Lowell has sued the town for highway work in his district on Hiram Hill. The town expended $21 opening a cross road nearly a month ago, and there has not been a team of any kind through it since.

We have seldom known it so sickly in Hiram as at this time.

PORTER.

April 2d there was one of the hardest storms of the winter, drifting the roads so that they had to be shoveled and "broke," taking the most of the day Monday—something to remember for April 4th. The weather still holds cold and the snow settles slow.

At the annual meeting of Porter Village Cemetery Corporation the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

President—I. L. French.
Vice President—Daniel Wentworth.
Treasurer—Eben Blazo.
Secretary—I. L. French.
Sexton—Daniel Wentworth.
Trustees—I. L. French, L. D. Stanley, Daniel Wentworth.

A new Knights of Pythias Lodge is to be instituted at Cornish on Wednesday evening.

There is some talk of starting a Lodge of Odd Fellows at Kezar Falls.

Some years since I planted my early potatoes on April 10th; think of the prospect of planting at the present time—snow four feet deep on a level, and cold as January.

DENMARK.

Our Selectmen are busy making out the highway tax. They have settled the suit Sebago vs. Denmark. I believe Denmark pays the bill and each town its own costs.

George A. Smith and Clarence Bragdon killed three coons at the "Narrows" this week. There were five in the flock, but two escaped under cover of the smoke.

Moses B. Cobb has returned to Bowdoin, having improved enough to resume his studies. His wife accompanies him.

Quite a number of Knights from this town attended the instituting ceremonies of Sagamore Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Cornish, April 6.

Charles Pingree and wife have returned to South Berwick, where they are employed in a shoe factory.

A. F. Bradbury is sawing his birch into spool strips.

Mrs. S. W. Berry is spending the week with her brother in Brownfield.

Charles Barker has leased the farm owned by Clarence Bragdon, and moved thereon.

LOVELL.

The Congregational Circle met on Wednesday afternoon at the hall near the church.

Mrs. B. W. Andrews is quite sick.

S. F. McDaniels is quite sick with heart troubles.

Mrs. S. F. Harriman is very sick with cancer.

Mellen Eastman lost a valuable heifer recently.

Henry Severance has moved to town with his wife, and his house is being altered to accommodate two families.

I am requested to say that the organ was not put into the church at the village on trial, as I stated, last week. It was condemned without a trial.

We notice that our neighbor's *Journal* now comes marked *Rev.* W. O. B., but we don't know what denominatation he represents.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Several of the citizens of the village here met at the school house March 29th, and organized a Farmers' Club. T. J. Allard was chosen President, and Irving Hodgdon Secretary. Voted to hold meetings weekly at same place and discuss questions relative to agriculture. The meeting April 5 was well attended and much interest manifested.

There was quite a full Circle at Mrs. Stickney's April 6, and at the same place a rehessal for the concert on Easter Sunday.

A prayer meeting was held on Thursday evening, and another appointed for April 14, at W. H. Stickney's. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Emmons, is much liked and hopes to continue a weekly meeting at the village for the present.

Mrs. Martha Nutter has been here and expresses great hopes for the coming Assembly at Fryeburg, in which she is much interested. The programmes are out and promise a great feast of good things for mind, and the body will not be forfotten.

DICKVALE.

J. C. Wyman's birch mill is running on full time and is sawing 6 cords per day.

Merritt Piper has returned to his home in Illinois.

The main business in Franklin is hauling strips to Locke's Mills.

Charles Jacobs has moved to South Paris.

Born—March 31st, to the wife of J. C. Wyman, a daughter.

ANDOVER.

The Lyceum Tuesday evening was well attended. The leading parts of the entertainment were—singing, by Alice and Bertha Poor; select reading by Miss Gertie Hewey; a recitation, by Marion Burditt; declamation, by Warren Ladd; reading of the paper, by Miss Maude Merrill; and the discussion of the relative merits of the town and district systems of schools, by Messrs. Jordan, Barnes and others.

A young man named Ayer, of Locke's Mills, visiting at J. A. Harding's, accidentally shot himself with a revolver, Tuesday morning. The ball entered near the heart, and caused immediate death.—The Coroner was called but deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest.

The Congregational Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. F. M. Thomas Wednesday evening, and was a very enjoyable occasion.

Prof. Drury, the phrenologist, is now working Andover with lectures and examinations.

A. S. Jordan has been chosen school agent for the ensuing year in Dis't No. 1, and Thurlow Blaisdell in No. 5.

Joshua Small has gone to the Lakes to work the coming season.

T. A. Cushman of Camp Whitney was in town Thursday.

FRYEBURG.

Frank Wiley has leased the restaurant at Bartlett, now occupied by A. Heald, and will remove his family there.

Mrs. D. Howe has had a very ill turn, but is more comfortable; at her advanced age her recovery is doubtful.

Miss Linnie Howe is engaged as organist at Bridgton, and is also to have a number of music scholars there.

John L. Shedd has closed his school and is here. Miss Hall is also at Dr. Shedd's.

The Bowdoin boys are at home on their vacation; also Randolph Surbridge from Harvard.

Miss Lissy Shirley is spending the week at home, but returns to her organ duties at Portland on Saturday.

The friends of Miss Anna Barrows were surprised by her return with her brother, J. S. Barrows, on Monday, for her week's vacation.

Morning walks on the crust are just beginning.

But little maple sugar is being made.

The rhetorical exercises on Wednesday afternoon called out a large number of old scholars and others, and a sociable was held in the Academy Hall in the evening for their benefit. The class parts for graduation have been assigned as follows:

Valedictory—Fred B. Pike, Cornish.
Salutatory—Charles E. Riley, North Conway.
History—Lillian F Kneeland, Lovell.
Prophecy—Mabel Hastings, Bethel.
Poem—Alice B. Gilnes, Fryeburg.
Oration—Fred M. Stiles, Saccarappa.
Ode—Lewis C. Walker, Boston.

RUMFORD.

Now for a little maple sugar, as the man said, when he tapped his trees—but then that don't always follow right off. Some of our sugarists tapped two weeks ago, and no maple sugar yet.

J. R. Ford was badly kicked in the stable by one of the stage horses.

"Deacon" Tuttle has come back.

Born—April 7th, to the wife of William Martin, a son.

UPTON.

The sleighing is as good as it has been for the winter.

Anson Hayford and wife, of Hanover, were in town Saturday, on their way to Errol to visit friends.

There was an oyster supper and dance at the Lake House, Tuesday night.

Herbert Douglass was at home from Bethel, Wednesday.

There have been 4,500,000 feet of logs landed on the Cambridge River in Grafton during the winter. E. I. Brown is to deliver it across the lake into the Androscoggin River.

Mary Abbott is at home from Bethel, where she has been spending the winter.

Georgie Ryerson is very sick with congestion of the liver—attended by Dr. Hill.

SOUTH BUCKFIELD.

Charles Gautier's cellar received a nocturnal visitant recently, evidently of a social or communistic turn of mind, as he took about one-half of the pork in Mr. Gautier's pork barrel.

Jim Lewis has evacuated the Beadle place and moved up to Has. Dudley's to remain during the sap season.

Rade Russell, who now occupies the H. H. Hutchinson farm, is to remove upon the Ed. Shaw farm. Rade expects to spend the summer in Boston.

Your scribe has not yet broken camp, but is under "marching orders."

There is a sharp demand for hay.

Moses Snell is at work in the city.

Jason Russell and A. T. Maxim are having a very interesting discussion through the columns of the *Lewiston Journal*.

GREENWOOD.

Willie Ayer, son of A. J. Ayer of Greenwood, shot himself while fooling with a revolver, last Wednesday, the ball entering his body nearly in the centre of the chest. He lived about fifteen minutes after the accident occurred. He was in Andover at the time, visiting friends. He was the fourth in a family of eight children, and the first to break the circle—aged 16 years. Funeral at Locke's Mills, Friday, Rev. Seth Benson officiating. He was a boy of good principles, and the fatal stroke falls heavily on the whole family. They have the sympathy of all.

BUCKFIELD.

At the time of writing it seems as if spring has really dawned upon us.

Hay is scarce. Dry wood going up fast—$6 per cord.

Wednesday evening the Baptist Circle held another of their sociables; a good time generally.

Charles Gautier missed 100 lbs. of pork from his cellar.

Thursday evening some of our young people attended the drama at Hebron; report a good entertainment.

Horace Morrill has just purchased a new horse at Canton.

L. C. Bridgham of West Minot is in town, getting the genealogy of the Hammond and Bridgham family.

The genial editor of the DEMOCRAT was seen on our streets Friday.

Dr. C. B. Bridgham is passing a few days at Scituate, Mass.

John Tobin, landlord of the Buckfield House, is confined to the house with slow fever.

A. F. Warren bought the Benson house and sold it to George Holland the same day.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

The Lyceum at Town Hall on Wednesday night last was the last one of a series of very enjoyable and profitable gatherings. We hope they will be resumed again next winter.

Owing to the deep snow there will be a comparatively small quantity of maple syrup made in this vicinity this spring.

John A. Marsh has engaged Mr. Bell and daughter for the present season.

Perley Holman is not so well, and we think is slowly failing. Joseph N. Holman is also poorly.

CANTON.

Rev. Mr. Ventres has removed with his family from Canton to Peru Centre.

Dr. C. R. Davis has sold his stand and dentistry business at Canton to Dr. Henry T. Tirrell of Livermore Falls, who, it is, understood, will take possession at once. Dr. Davis is thinking now of going West to locate, as I hear.

The village school district had upon the 1st day of April, as per census just taken, 159 scholars, as against 176 on the 1st of April last year. The district at an adjourned meeting, held on the 8th instant, failed to raise money to build an additional school building for primary department, but voted to build a walk from the school building to the highway, with a proviso that any amount so voted should be taken from the school money assigned the district for the current year—under the "ten per cent repairs clause" of the school laws of Maine. The schools in this district for summer term are to be opened on the first Monday in May, length of term to be nine weeks—a pretty short term for a school district having 160 scholars; and for one having but two terms in the year—two teachers in each term and ungraded. Last year we had but twenty-two weeks of school.

Capt. N. L. Meands, formerly of the Canton House, has been in Canton during a portion of the past week; he is stopping at present, with his family, at Kennebunkport.

Whitney Lodge, F. & A. M., is at present without hall accommodations for holding its meetings, which are temporarily held in the ante-room of the hall they formerly occupied, and which was seriously damaged at the time the Canton House was burned. Whether the hall is to be repaired does not appear.

A. P. Hutchinson and wife are on a visit to relatives and friends at Auburn.

Mrs. Nahum Moore is visiting a sister at West Auburn.

E. R. Stevens is about to remove to his house on Livermore Street, which he has rented during the past year.

HEBRON.

Z. L. Packard has gone to Boston this week with another car-load of apples.

Miss Lena Pratt of South Paris, who has been visiting here, went home yesterday.

Mrs. Ansel G. Bowman is quite sick—effects of a severe cold.

Dr. Donham finds plenty to keep him busy.

Good running on the crust these cold mornings. C.

The storm of Saturday caused much labor, and shoveling and breaking roads was the chief employment Sabbath day. Many were obliged to remain where they were until Monday.

April 1st was a merry day for the students, and Friday evening Wilmot B. Mitchell arrived and surprised them very much as he entered the chapel near the close of reception. He walked from Mc Falls. It is vacation week at Bowdoin, and Mr. Mitchell will spend most of his time here.

Prof. Sargent and Mr. Glover were on the train in the blockade at Yarmouth, but were not far from the hotel, and so made themselves comfortable by leaving the cars. Many students left here Friday, and were coming through the day Monday.

All are glad to see Rosa Cushman home again. She has been spending the winter at Auburn.

Charles H. George has been spending the week in Massachusetts, and returned Friday.

Fred Hammond, of Paris Hill, has been visiting the school, and he with many others were present Thursday evening to enjoy the drama, "My Brother's Keeper,"—presented by these members of the '87 class: Charles W. Sallings, Turner; Ellery C Park, Mexico; Austin F. Merrill, Brunswick; Percy E. Lowell, Buckfield; Fred F. Foster, Buckfield; May I. Stearns, Paris Hill; Alice G. Merrill, Freeport; Alice J. Bradbury, Greene. The play was very successful, and the entertainment closed with the amusing farce, "Two Pudd'ifoots," and an oyster supper.—Stanley Bisbee and Ben E. Gerrish of Buckfield, former students of the Academy, came and brought quite a company with them.

Miss Young of Portland is here, on her way to Farmington Normal School. S.

HANOVER.

From five to seven feet of snow and tip-top sleighing at this place, April 8.

The hard-times party given by the ladies of the Hanover Union Society Wednesday evening, was a complete success. About 35 couples to dance and nearly as many spectators. O. P. Russell was the lucky man who took the prize representing hard times—the best according to the committee's judgment. The guess quilt was won by Eugene Barker of Rumford Pt.

The next circle will be April 20, and they will give some kind of a entertainment of which due notice will be given.

NORWAY.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C. No. 34, 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. Wibley Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. T. L. Webb, 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. 34, 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.

The Oxford County Loan Association organized Saturday, April 2, with the following named citizens as its officers:

President—S. B. Locke.
Treasurer—H. D. Smith.
Directors—S. B. Locke, W. H. Whitcomb, A. D. Andrews, H. D. Smith, H. M. Bearce.

All, but Mr. Locke of West Paris, are of Norway. The stock has been placed and in a short time the corporation will be in working trim.

The meeting of the Oxford County Pomona Grange, at Norway Grange Hall, on Tuesday, was one of the most enjoyable gatherings of the season. The Grange was opened at 10:30 A. M., in the 4th degree. Worthy Master Hammond was in the chair, and other proper officers excepting Lecturer, Chaplain and Secretary, in their stations. The remainder of the forenoon was passed in conferring the 5th degree. Taking into consideration the threatening aspect of the weather, the gathering was large. Patrons were present from all adjoining towns, regardless of the difficult traveling. A most elaborate dinner was served in the hall to which justice was done. At the opening of the afternoon session work was resumed, and in absence of the Lecturer, general topics for the good of the order were discussed. The question was opened by S. S. Smith in the affirmative, and by W. W. Andrews in the negative. The discussion was earnest and closed only as the time for closing work approached. Appointment for next meeting—at South Waterford, first Tuesday in June of this year.

See new advertisement of W. C. Leavitt. He keeps a good stock of first-class goods in his line.

Dr. G. B. Andrews, of Auburn, was in town a few days ago. The Dr. has been chosen city physician. We understand he is doing well.

Wednesday evening Nathaniel Budd with two young ladies were quite severely hurt while coasting on Pike Hill. Their double runner became unmanageable and ran into Teamster W. H. Warren's sleds. Mr. Budd was carried home; the young ladies escaped with less injuries. The sleds were quite badly used up.

Irving Frost has quite recently added another species of the owl family to his collection; he has now four different kinds.

The following delegates have been chosen to the State Encampment at Rockland, May 4, as representatives of Harry Rust Camp, S. of V.: Capt. J. W. Cromett, W. A. Ripley, W. E. Lewis.

William M. Brooks has closed his school work in Upton, and is now at home. Mr. Brooks has probably taught a larger number of schools than any other man in Oxford County—over three score in number.

Masquerade ball at Norway Hall Fast Day evening.

Herman L. Horne has been elected President and Cyrus S. Tucker Treasurer of the Norway Electric Light Company.

S. D. Andrews is in the West on business. It is connected with the Oxford County Loan Association indirectly. It is rumored Mr. Andrews contemplates making his home in the West soon.

By invitation of the G. A. R. Post, Rev. J. C. Snow, former pastor of the Universalist Church in this village, and now of Haverhill, Mass., is to deliver the memorial address. Also, by request, Rev. Miss Angell will preach the memorial sermon the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Mrs. George Morrill is visiting friends and relatives in Greenwood, Mass. She will be gone about three weeks.

Ira Moulton lost a valuable horse Sunday. He came to the village Saturday and while passing C. N. Tubbs's store his horse fell. Everything was done for the beast after removing him to Mr. Tubbs's stable but to no purpose.

The April Term of the Norway Municipal Court Tuesday was lively. About a dozen new entries on the docket.

On complaint of J. L. Whitman of Paris Charles Cates was arrested, in Oxford, by Deputy Sheriff Blake, for larceny. Pleaded guilty and was fined $5 and costs; in default of payment, sent to Paris jail for thirty days.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.

TAKEN on execution, wherein Horace H. Barbank, 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, aforesaid, has or had on the third (3) day of June, A. D. 1885, 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 Runn for 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.

NOTICE.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

—AT—

SOUTH PARIS, APRIL 23, 1887.

All persons wishing to teach spring or summer terms, in the Town of Paris, are requested to be present at the school house, South Paris, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the examination.

All wishing schools, who have not already been engaged, are invited to be present.

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	Pass. A.M.	Pass. A.M.	Mixed. P.M.
Gorham,	6.00	8.45	1.15
Gilead,	5.26	9.10	1.52
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,	6.03	9.51	2.48
West Paris,	6.14	10.03	3.07
So. Paris,	6.27	10.22	3.35
Norway, (leave)	6.50	10.45	3.58
So. Paris, (arrive)	6.55	10.50	4.00
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,	7.03	10.45	4.12
Lewiston Junction,	7.25	11.00	4.35
Lewiston, (arrive)	7.42	11.17	5.00
Portland,	8.25	12.00	6.15

Trains leave Lewiston for Portland at 7.12 A. M., and 1.57 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	6.25
Lewiston, (leave)	8.00	2.30	6.10
Mechanic Falls,	8.35	3.04	6.55
Oxford,	8.43	3.17	7.12
So. Paris,	8.00	3.35	7.35
Norway, (leave)	8.40	3.25	7.25
So. Paris, (arrive)	8.45	3.30	7.30
So. Paris, (leave)	9.03	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	8.33
Bethel,	9.53	4.37	8.49
W. Bethel,	10.03	4.48	9.02
Gilead,	10.17	5.03	9.22
Gorham,	10.45	5.35	10.00

Trains leave Portland, for Lewiston at 7.30 A. M., and 1.15 and 5.20 P. M.

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Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss.—Paris, March 30th, A. D. 1887.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 30th 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 Charles F. Small, of Stoneham, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 30th 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 the Probate Court room, in Paris in said County of Oxford, on the 20th day of Apr., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

JONATHAN BLAKE, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

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

I.—CHARADE.

My *first*, a word of letters three,
Was perfect made at the creation;
My *second* was a first name given
A former ruler of the nation.
My *whole*, a city of renown,
In Queen Victoria's land so charming,
Also a manufacturing town
Where Uncle Samuel is farming.

EN VERITE

II.—WORD SQUARE.

1. A mineral salt.
2. Not on time.
3. A tribe of Indians.
4. A party that eats together.

DUPLEX R.

III.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

In increase, also in wane;
In haughty, also in vain;
In statement, also in true;
In thoroughwort, also in rue;
In curvet, also in prance;
In social, also in dance;
In law, also in legal;
In grand, also in regal;
In jar, also in vase;
In summit, also in base;
In these ten words, if you've a mind,
An excellent fuel you can find. E. V. A.

IV.—ENIGMATIC NAMES OF NOTED MEN WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

1. A fish, and a tract of land.
2. A connection, and over.
3. An exclamation meaning behold, and the abbreviation for a word meaning commenced.
4. A kind of wood, and to make a mistake.
5. To comply with a request.
6. A boy's nickname, and what we are all liable to do.
7. Extended, and a mate.
8. A kind of berry, and a brier.
9. Representations of ideas, and value.

MAY BELLE WILSON.

V.—DIAMOND.

1. In paper.
2. To burst out.
3. A scholar.
4. Pleasing.
5. Hesped.
6. A boy.
7. In paper.

E. V. A.

VI.—JOHN'S TOBOGGAN

1. Behead what John took out his toboggan for, and leave what he called the young lady who accompanied him.
2. Behead the feeling John had when they were whizzing through the air, and leave the way he didn't guide his toboggan.
3. Behead the obstacle against which they rushed, and leave how many of them were capsized.
4. Behead that into which they were plunged, and leave the time when John wishes he and his toboggan had staid at home.
5. Behead the way the young lady appears now when she meets him, and leave what John thinks he will be before he repeats the adventure.
6. Behead what he used his toboggan for afterwards, and leave the feeling that rankled in his breast while he was doing it.

ETHYL.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Post-haste.

2.—
V e R B s
E l l E n
N i t R e
I d o L s
C r a I k
E d e N s

3.—
It is Heaven alone that is given away,
'Tis only God may be had for the asking.

4.—
C A R E
A R E A
R E A R
E A R S

5.—Tomatoes.

6.—Sam Jones.

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

Frost and fraud have foul endings.

Read all the advertisements of spring medicines, and then take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the best blood purifier.

Better die a beggar than live a beggar.

HELP! HELP!!

Hops, Burgundy Pitch and Gums combined make the famous *Hop Plasters* best and strongest plaster ever known. Multitudes say so.

The crematory is the burn from which no traveler returns.

UGLY AND HATEFUL.

But I couldn't help it. Everything went wrong with me, and I thought I hadn't a friend in the world; dyspepsia caused this, and for months I couldn't eat anything, and just suffered in misery till I used Sulphur Bitters. Four bottles cured me. *D. Lewis, 22 Bowdoin St., Boston.*

A Western lecturer has selected for his subject "A Bad Egg." He says he was struck with it some time ago.

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A Paris correspondent writes that Theodore Tilton is in that city, and "living quietly within himself." He must have a most accommodating landlord.

ENJOY LIFE.

What a truly beautiful world we live in! Nature gives us grandeur of mountains, glens, and oceans, and thousands of means of enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health; but how often do the majority of people feel like giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worn out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory proof, that *Green's August Flower* will make them free from disease, as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint are the direct causes of seventy-five per cent. of such maladies as Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Dizziness of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, and other distressing symptoms. Three doses of *August Flower* will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bottles, 10c. Try it.

WHY HE TRUSTED SAM.

"I understand that you have bought a bill of goods from Sam Potney," said a drummer, addressing a merchant.

"Yes."

"You certainly don't know Sam!"

"Reckon I do."

"Why, Sam's the biggest liar in the country. You can't depend on anything he says. Why, it's his rule to tell ninety-nine lies and then one truth."

"I know all that. You see he has told me ninety-nine lies and I have trusted him one more time in the faith that his next assertion will be true. Sam has told so many lies, in fact, that I don't see how he can keep away from the truth any longer. My dear fellow, there is an end to human patience, no matter how much fortitude we may have, and I have trusted Sam because it is not possible for him to bear with his own lies any longer. Human nature demands a change. I have also another reason why I trusted Sam."

"What is it?"

"Well, it's this: I'm a bigger liar than Sam is. My dear fellow, when it comes to business accomplishments, I am everlastingly there."—*Ark. Traveller.*

THE HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on practical topics, coming properly under the head of this column, is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to Editor of Homemaker's Column, OXFORD DEMOCRAT, Paris, Me.

LEARN TO SLEEP.

The true art of sleeping is the power to shut one's self within one's self, under any circumstances. The man who can thus take a rest is refreshed and strengthened under many circumstances which would keep other people weary and wakeful. He is master of every situation as regards his own rest. Some men, by long habit, find themselves able to take sleep with the same ease that others would take a glass of water. They can sleep either while perched on a high stool, or rattling along in a railroad car at 40 miles an hour. The economy of wear and tear on the lives of such people is wonderful. The man who cannot sleep unless he has first removed his clothes, put out the light and climbed into his bed, is at a great disadvantage. Greater yet is his disadvantage, if he can sleep in no bed but his own. There are some who are possessed with the notion that their own bed is the only one in which they can slumber. These people are utterly wretched when traveling, or obliged to absent themselves from home on business. But he who has accustomed himself to sleep, can enjoy that boon at any time or place, and is made better and happier thereby.

MEASURING AND WEIGHING.

The following system of apportioning, for household purposes, in the absence of scales and measures, will no doubt prove useful:

One quart of flour weighs one pound.

A tablespoon of salt will weigh about one ounce.

A pint of water or milk will weigh about one pound.

About sixty drops of thin liquid will fill a common sized teaspoon.

One pint of molasses will weigh one and one-quarter pounds.

One quart of Indian meal weighs one and one-quarter pounds.

Three teaspoonfuls of baking powder should weigh one ounce.

Four tablespoonfuls or one-half a gill will fill a common sized wine glass.

Four wine glasses will fill a half pint measure, a common tumbler or a large coffee cup.

Ten eggs usually weigh one pound before they are broken. Eight large ones will weigh one pound.

WHAT TO COOK.

Good cookery, by developing flavor, increases the nutritiousness of food, which bad cookery would perhaps render indigestible. Hence a good cook rises to the dignity of artist; he may rank with the chemists, if not with the physician.

Frost Fish with Tomatoes.—Drain the liquor from a can of tomatoes and set it aside for soup. Butter a baking dish, lay the tomatoes in the bottom of this and sprinkle with bread crumbs, pepper, salt and bits of butter. Lay the fish on this, placing them as closely together as they will lie. Cover with bread crumbs, season, and dot plentifully with butter. Moisten the whole with a half cupful of oyster liquor, bake covered fifteen minutes, uncover and brown.

Hot Potato Salad.—Boil till done eight large potatoes and slice them while hot; peel and slice three large onions and mix with the potatoes; cut up some bacon into small bits, enough to fill a teacup, and fry a light brown; remove the meat, and into the grease stir three teaspoonfuls of vinegar, making a sour gravy, which pour over the potato and onion. Season with pepper and salt and serve while hot.

Raisin Puffs.—Two eggs, one-half cup of butter, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two cups of flour, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one cup of raisins chopped fine, two cups of milk, steam in small cups one-half hour. Serve with sauce.

A Supper Dish.—A nice dish for supper is made thus: Line a vegetable dish with well-seasoned mashed potatoes, leave a large space in the centre, wet it over with the white of an egg, or with milk, sweetened with a very little sugar, put it into the oven to brown delicately, take about two dozen of oysters, a little milk, with butter, pepper and salt, and let it come to a boil on the top of the stove. Put in with the oysters a few thin slices of cold roast beef; when this is sufficiently heated and the oysters cooked, pour it into the space left in the potato-lined dish. This is a most appropriate children's dinner dish, but may be enjoyed by any one.

English Apple Charlotte.—Peel, core and slice fifteen good-sized apples, and put them over the fire in a saucepan with half a pound of sugar, the juice of half a lemon and a little ground cinnamon. When quite soft and puffy, push them through a colander or sieve. Cut the crust of a stale loaf of bread into slices a quarter of an inch thick. Fit them as well as possible to a mould or large bowl, dip each piece in melted butter, and lay into the mould. Pour the apple into the centre, covering it with buttered bread, and put the charlotte into the oven till the bread is well colored. Turn the contents out of the mould, glaze the bread with any kind of jelly and serve hot. Every part of the mould must be well covered with buttered bread, or the charlotte will not turn out well.

FOR COLLARS AND CUFFS.—I find it very convenient to have a coarse muslin sack, say one and one-half feet square, with shirt buttons sewed here and there over it, upon which I button the collars and cuffs while in the rinse water; then I turn wrong side out, so they are inside when wrung and starched. All danger of soiling with the hands is thus avoided, and it is so much easier, particularly in winter, to hang the sack (with collars on outside again) on the line. When they are removed for ironing the sack can be hung in a convenient place to receive the collars and cuffs as they are soiled again.

Cover house plants with newspapers before sweeping; also give them a little ammonia once a week in the water you put on them.

A point to be remembered is that if large flower pots are used there will be more leaves than flowers. Often plants have refused to blossom simply because, having so much space, their energies were bent upon forming rootlets and leaves.—*Our Country Home.*

Rosewood being in so much request for furniture, we give a recipe for an imitative stain, applicable to pine and other plain woods, consisting of a transparent rose-pink liquid. Mix, first, four pounds of potash in one gallon of hot water, adding same weight of sandal-wood. When the color of the wood is extracted add two and one-half pounds of gum shellac dissolved over a quick fire. Apply a groundwork of logwood stains to the wood and then the mixture.

ODD BITS.

A sure cure for warts is to rub with sand-paper until they bleed and then rub on alum. A few times cured a very bad seed wart for me.

Some forms of eczema of the scalp as well as of other parts of the body may be cured by washing often with borax, which in case of the head, should be well rinsed out, and applying spirits of turpentine to the affected spots.

Keep carbolic acid always convenient for use. It is one of the best disinfectants, insect destroyers and vermin eradicators that can be used. A small quantity only need be applied at a time.

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