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THE REDCAP.

Of late there has come into notice a variety of fowls which hitherto has been little known out of one or two districts of England, but which promises to become very popular, its excellent laying properties bespeaking it a welcome. This fowl is the "Redcap," so called from the large comb surmounting the head, which being almost rose in shape, has very much the appearance of a cap. There are two districts in which the Redcap is chiefly found, namely, Derbyshire and the south riding of Yorkshire, and it is to these districts we must look for the best specimens. The Yorkshire and the Derbyshire Redcaps are not exactly alike, and the latter are usually regarded as the better of the two. It is pretty generally admitted that the Redcap is a close relative of the Golden Spangled Hamburgh, whose plumage it most nearly resembles both in color and markings. In fact, it is very probable that the Redcap is the progenitor of the present Golden Spangled Hamburgh, and that while the latter has been greatly improved in the quality of its markings and the fineness of its comb, the former has been bred and maintained in its original ruggedness and of appearance and comb. For some time it seemed as if the breed was entirely lost, but specimens were found in Derbyshire, and now there is a considerable number of breeders who are bringing it forward, and with success.

Writing fourteen years ago the late Edward Hewett said, in the Book of Poultry:

"Of the Redcaps I can without hesitation speak most favorably, both as regards the production of eggs and also their value as a table fowl. I never kept them myself, but have been most intimate with several parties who esteemed them most highly, long before the time that poultry exhibitions were instituted in the midland counties. To a poultry amateur, whose eye has been previously tutored to the most important traits of character in Hamburghs generally, the Redcap at first sight presents nothing less than a mass of general disqualifications, as such parties very unjustly form their opinions by comparison with the code of rules by which the value of other varieties of Hamburghs are estimated. Although the very profuse rose comb, lounging in a very ugly manner, the partially pendulous feather, in lieu of a spangle, and the want of sprightly motion, so characteristic of all the Hamburghs, are far from ornamental; added to which the ground color is anything but as sound as could be desired by the party whose search is exclusively for beauty of exterior. The compensation for these short comings is profuse; for they are really a weighty and thick-bodied fowl (cocks reaching seven pounds and a half), of good flavor on the dish, and if the eggs are weighed, as well as counted, I believe them to be the most abundant egg producers of all our domestic poultry. In reference to their eggs I will mention a fact, to which my attention was first directed by one of the oldest and most practical Birmingham confectioners. If after being broken the same weight of eggs are used from Redcaps and Spanish fowls, the consistency in custards and so forth obtained from the first named breed proves nearly one-third greater than from those of the Spanish."

Mr. Hewitt's remarks are fully borne out by the experience of the present day. Those who are fanciers pure and simple, caring for external appearances alone, of course prefer the Hamburg, as the Redcap is very much the coarser. But where economic considerations enter into the matter, then the Redcap easily bears away the palm. Hamburgs may be as prolific layers, but their eggs are small, and that is a fatal objection for marketing purposes. The eggs laid by the Redcap usually average two ounces each, and a hen has been known to lay upwards of 100 days, only missing one day in all that period. They are capital winter layers, if well attended to and properly housed, and the chickens are hardy and easily reared. From the fact that they have been so much bred in the hilly districts of Derbyshire and Yorkshire, they are used to all the variable conditions to be found there, and consequently adapt themselves wonderfully to almost every climate. This is a great point in their favor, for some breeds do well in one place, but are most disappointing when they are removed to other conditions. The chickens are precocious, and the pullets soon begin to lay. Altogether they are a variety of fowl which cannot be surpassed for economic qualities, though in this respect I cannot say that they are better than the Minorca.

One of the principal English breeders wrote some time ago a description of the Redcap from which the following is summarized:

"It is usually regarded as a kind of Hamburgh, but Hamburghs side by side with Redcaps look like Bantams. There are at present two kinds of Redcaps—the Derbyshire and the Yorkshire. The Yorkshire varieties are much coarser in the combs than the Derbyshire. They usually fall over to one side and blind one eye, and this necessitates the birds being dubbed, a very unnatural and horribly cruel process, which completely spoils their appearance. This is more especially the case with the cock. The Derbyshire variety have been bred with firm even combs sitting firmly on the head, and this constitutes their chief beauty. The marking of the hens is very much like the golden-spangled Hamburgh, the back and breast being of a beautiful bright chocolate ground color, each feather being tipped with a crescented or half moon spangle of a bluish black color. The neck hackle should be dark-red or golden red striped with black. The tail feathers are black. The cock is a fine looking bird, rather heavier in carriage than the Hamburgh. The neck hackle is also dark or golden red striped with black. The wing shoulder is bluish black, and the flight feathers are of chocolate color barred on the upper side with black. The back is broad and marked with black and red. As already stated the tail is black, it is well furnished with sickles, and the breast is black, the feathers showing chocolate color underneath. The combs should be firm and even, quite full of fine spikes and well spiked behind. Its shape should be oval, and its size six or seven inches long, by four or five inches broad. The ear-lobes and face are red."

In breeding Redcaps it is most desirable to keep in mind what are the distinctive qualities of the breed, for if there is any attempt to reduce the size of the comb and to bring it more nearly to the Hamburgh type both as to color and markings, the Redcap will at once lose its identity and simply merge itself into the golden spangled Hamburgh. This would be most undesirable and speedily result in the loss of qualities which are so much needed. There is an increasing number of classes at our English shows for Redcaps, and the greatest care will have to be taken by breeders in order to prevent deterioration. We have at present the most valuable fowl in the Redcap—one whose qualities are of a kind that are greatly needed, and I am very anxious that these shall not be lost in searching after external characteristics. These latter I regard as most important in all our attempts to maintain and improve the various races of our domestic fowls, but at the same time in some breeds the striving after them has resulted in injury to the economic qualities. Redcaps are also very valuable for crossing and when put to any of the laying breeds will produce wonderful layers, or will improve the laying of any of the other varieties.

STEPHEN BEALE

H.—Eng.

Gov. Lowry says that Mississippi is making large strides in the direction of blooded cattle, Oktibbeha county having the largest herd of Jerseys in the United States. The attention paid to blooded stock has increased the number of creameries in the State, and much attention is now being paid to the making and selling of butter. Cattle raising has been a comparatively unknown business to most of the southern states until late years.

DEHORNING.

Dehorning is attracting no little attention here in the west and especially in the southwest. Naturally enough the Texans are anxious to get the long, cumbersome horns off the native and grade cattle that yet constitute much more than half of the cattle of that State. H. H. Haaff, Esq., the apostle of dehorning, is an able man, who writes and speaks vigorously, and he is not sparing of his ink or breath in promulgating his ideas.

The advantages of dehorning would be practically as great in New England as in the west. The only difference would be that we ship proportionately more cattle than you do, and one advantage of dehorning is that at least one more steer can be put in a car when the cattle are dehorned. Nor are the cattle near so likely to be injured in transition when dehorned. Any one who has shipped cattle knows that the trouble usually begins by one steer getting its head down and hooking its neighbor, leading to a commotion throughout the car. This continues until one of the weakest is got down. When the steer has no horns, he cannot punish his neighbor, and any commotion in the car is not likely to occur.

Besides, dehorning makes the cattle more docile. I was very skeptical about this for awhile, for some almost as vicious animals as I have known, were "Muleys." But there can no longer be a reasonable doubt of dehorning making vicious cattle docile. When an animal loses his horns he realizes that he has lost his aggressive weapons, and naturally enough is more peaceably disposed. As a result, more cattle can be accommodated in a shelter, without being tied. When cattle have the range of a shed, the strongest usually appropriate to themselves twice the space they need. They rarely do this when dehorned. Another result of the more peaceable disposition that proceeds from dehorning is that more cattle will feed at a trough and make a greater return for their food. Some say that dehorned cattle will put on one-third more flesh from the same amount of food than cattle with horns. I am forced to believe that this is an exaggeration. Yet there is an appreciable gain. The cattle do not "run off" flesh by the violent exercise of horning or that which follows being horned; and it is true that the more quiet and peaceable cattle are, the better they digest their food. Dehorned cattle also fatten the more evenly, for the stronger do not so often drive the weaker from the feed. The editor of the *Texas Stockman* was converted to dehorning by seeing seventeen large steers eat at a sixteen foot trough, something impossible if they had been horned. The dehorned cow gives more milk for the same reasons that the dehorned steer puts on more flesh. In cold weather there is a farther saving of feed, because the dehorned cattle get closer together and there is a less escape of animal heat.

Another point insisted upon strongly by Mr. Haaff is that the loss by the cattle of their horns and their consequent gentleness, remove all danger of hurt to human beings. In fact Mr. Haaff was driven to a study of dehorning by the injury his wife received from the horns of a mad beast. Two man-killers, one a Holstein bull owned by Mr. Taber, of Whiteside, Ill., and the other a Hereford bull owned by A. A. Crane & Co., were so gentle after they were dehorned that little boys led them and they did not disturb even the calves. At least two hundred people are killed or maimed for life by vicious cattle every year in this country.

Mr. Haaff claims that dehorning would almost end abortion. I have not been able to collect enough evidence on this point to say anything either for or against the claim. Mr. Haaff's argument is about this: "In the cow, right up under and a little forward of the udder, and a little to the right lies the fœtus; it is constantly exposed to horn thrusts. You may talk to me about abortion being "catching," but cows don't lose their calves without help, and a very slight blow with the end of the horn is enough. From a loss of twenty-five calves in one year with horns I dropped to three the next year without horns."

The only charge against dehorning, is that it is cruel. Mr. Haaff was prosecuted because he persisted in practicing and advocating dehorning. He was charged with cruelty to animals by the Illinois State Humane Society, and brought to trial. Much evidence was introduced on both sides, yet Mr. Haaff was acquitted in a community opposed to dehorning. The trial occupied four days. Drs. Hughes and Withers, of the Chicago Veterinary College, Dr. Casewell, State Veterinarian, and other eminent veterinarians, testified that dehorning properly performed, caused little pain, and that in their opinion, it was a mercy, in our climate. Many farmers who had their cattle dehorned, testified that the animals apparently suffered little pain, that they began eating or chewing the cud almost as soon as released, and that cows gave the usual amount of milk. Mr. Haaff says that to knock off a horn causes the animal much pain, for the blow parts the skull at the suture, and deals a shock to the brain; but when the horn is properly removed, there is no violence done to the brain. The fact that the waste of the horn is very slow, and the natural absence of this special organ in many cases, are conclusive proofs that the horn has few nerves and blood vessels.

JOHN M. STAHL.

Quincy, Ill.

Last Monday was a novel day. As an outgrowth of the labor agitation of recent years the first Monday in September has been designated by the legislature as a legal holiday to be known as labor day, and last Monday was the first labor holiday, being observed with appropriate festivities and exercises in most of the cities and large towns of Massachusetts. We have no great respect for the motives of many of the legislators, who voted for this holiday, as we believe they acted more from policy and a desire to catch the labor vote than from any real love of the laboring man; but we have no fault with the creation of such a holiday. We are in sympathy with any reasonable movement to give more fresh air and sunlight to those who are shut up so much of the time in close shops, offices, or factories. We are glad they can have a chance to see the pleasant face of nature on a beautiful September day. We can also sympathize with their feeling of opposition to the wealthy magnates whose millions have been piled up by speculation and improper stock watering. But there is a class which receives less attention than it ought—we allude to small capitalists, men with from one to twenty thousand dollars invested in business, who labor manually and mentally from twelve to eighteen hours per day, in order to make their business successful, who have no holiday, hardly a Sunday. No labor reform agitation helps these men; the reaction against the extortions of heartless millionaires—through the sweeping careless use of the word capitalist—often hits these small capitalists while the larger ones avoid the blow. Most of the farmers of the country are included in this class. They are men to whom—if they would be successful—ten hour schemes and labor holidays are a mockery. They are often obliged to work harder than they ought but there seems to be no alternative. Yet we believe their lot is gradually improving, and that the revolving years will gradually evolve even more ameliorations of their condition.—*N. E. Farmer.*

Parties who have arrived at Benson, Arizona, from a point 75 miles southeast of that place and near the Sonora line, report that the country in that vicinity has been so broken up by the late earthquakes that traveling is almost impossible, and the stockmen have the greatest difficulty in gathering their cattle. Earthquakes occur daily, and the ground is so cut up with fissures that a person cannot move except in the daytime and on foot. Thousands of springs have been created, and there is an abundance of water in places where it has hitherto been a scarce article.

Raising buffaloes for market is a new industry developed in Kansas and Dakota. It bids fair to become profitable.

Don't grumble about the squalling babies; and remember that baby may "take after papa" in his disposition.

WHAT BECAME OF A LIE.

MRS. M. A. KIDDER.

First, somebody told it,
Then the room wouldn't hold it,
So the busy tongues rolled it
Till they got it outside;
When the crowd came across it,
And never once lost it,
But tossed it, and tossed it,
Till it grew long and wide.

From a very small lie, Sir,
It grew deep and high, Sir,
Till it reached the sky, Sir,
And frightened the moon;
For she hid her sweet face, Sir,
In a veil of cloud lace, Sir,
At the dreadful disgrace, Sir,
That had happened at noon.

This lie brought forth others,
Dark sisters and brothers,
And fathers and mothers—
A terrible crew;
And while headlong they hurried,
The people they flurried,
And troubled and worried,
As lies always do.

And so, evil-boded,
This monstrous Lie goaded,
Till at last it exploded
In smoke and in shame;
While from mud and from mire,
The pieces flew higher,
And hit the sad liar,
And killed his good name!

A MILK TRAIN.

HIRAM B. STEBBINS SAVES THE BABY.

"My story," said the New York man, "isn't a bit funny. Maybe some of you know Hiram B. Stebbins? He's in feathers, artificial flowers, ladies' notions, hat trimmings and such. They do say that when he was young he was a real nice fellow, but bothering with men milliners and women in the bonnet business, and trying to keep abreast of the fashions, soured a naturally good temper. Well, Hiram B. Stebbins is not a bit sociable, and a sort of chap to let alone. Never understood a joke in his life.

"We often crossed one another on the road, but after saying, 'How d'ye,' that's all the words we exchanged. A year ago I met him going West from Dubuque on a scalding hot day in July; thermometer away up in the nineties, and the car just in a blaze; the car full and a great many women aboard. Just back of me was a nice looking young woman, dressed in deep mourning, and she held a baby in her arms, a wee, wee thing, and that child was wailing pitiful, and the young women was crying. It was just a mite of a child, puny-looking, and I should judge barely six weeks old. Back of her sat Stebbins, looking as cross and surly as a bear with a sore head, apparently annoyed by the cries of that baby. The woman's back being turned to Hiram he couldn't see she was crying. Off started the train, and the dust and cinders sifted through in showers. 'Most everybody seemed cross, and Hiram uncommonly so. There was no smoker on the train, and we had to stay in that car. That baby's crying bothered me, as it did everybody else. Turning around, I saw the young woman taking a nursing bottle out of a basket, then a small earthenware jug, and she uncorked it. It was full of milk, and she began to fill the nursing bottle. A drop of milk fell on her hand, and she tasted it, then looked very much distressed. She put back the nursing bottle, and the jug in the basket again, and didn't feed the baby.

"'What on earth shall I do?' I heard her say. The milk is as sour as vinegar and will kill the child,' and she began to cry again, not loud like the baby, but the tears just streamed down her pale cheeks. Then Hiram B. Stebbins just shook himself up, and leaned forward and said to the young woman, kind of cross like:

"'Your infant, ma'am?'

"'Oh, no, sir. It was my poor sister's, and she died a week ago—died of a broken heart, because her husband, this little baby's father, was killed on a railroad a few days before the baby was born. It's a delicate child, and half starved, and the hot weather has turned the milk sour. What am I to do? I am trying to carry the poor little child some hundred miles further to my mother, and if I can't feed it it will die before I get to the end of my journey, it's so feeble now.' Then she sobbed afresh and the baby sobbed, too.

"Hiram B. Stebbins didn't say anything for fully a minute, then he got up and came to me and said he, 'Family man?' I told him I wasn't. Then he sat down and fidgeted; then he got up suddenly, looked around him, and went into the next car and then through the whole train. By and by he came back, and said he: 'Not a darned one on the train.'

"'Not a what?'" I inquired.

"'A woman nursing her baby. Generally they are ever so plenty, just when you don't want 'em.'

"'And you would have asked a strange woman you never saw before—to—to—nurse that child?' I asked, astonished.

"'Why should I not?' said Stebbins simply.

"Then the conductor came, and Bill went for him at once. 'When does this train stop—the first place, I mean?' asked Stebbins.

"'Thirty-eight miles from here.'

"'What kind of a place?' asked Stebbins, 'any refreshments?'

"'None, not a bar even. Wood and water.'

"'No chance of milk?'

"'Nary chance.'

"'Any milk cans on this train?'

"'Not one.'

"'But there's a baby on board this train that wants milk.'

"'This ain't no baby nor milk train, as I knows of,' said that conductor indifferently.

"'You're a blasted heathen, anyhow,' cried Bill. 'This train has got to stop, for I am bound to get some milk for that baby.'

"'Not much. Behind time now, and hadn't you better keep a civil tongue in your jaws? Otherwise, you're likely to get them jaws broke, and likewise put off the cars.'

"The talk of the two was so loud and threatening, that some of the passengers heard it. Jumping upon one of the seats Hiram addressed the passengers. 'Ladies and gentlemen,' said he, 'but most especially ladies, I want your kind attention. On this train—in this car—there is a little baby whose mother is just dead. That baby is going to perish right here before your eyes for the want of a drop of milk. Here is a conductor who won't stop this train so as to save the life of that poor little child. I put it to you—shall this train stop, so that I can get some milk, or are you willing that the baby should die, all on account of a lunk-head of a conductor?'

"'By jabers! O'ime wid you and the young woman ivery toime,' said a big Irishman.

"'Dat is jous so,' chimed in a German. Then all the women joined in a chorus, and cried 'Shame! shame!'

"'But,' said the conductor, somewhat scared at the storm he had raised, 'there isn't any milk at the next stopping place—nor at the next station, neither.'

"'Can't you stop at some farm house, then?' said Hiram.

"'There isn't a house along the line of the road for the next twenty-five miles.'

"'There must be cows somewhere—in the pastures,' insisted Hiram B. Stebbins.

"'And who's to milk them, providing we see any?' asked the conductor, scratching his head.

"'Is there any lady in the car that can milk a cow?' inquired Hiram. No one responding, it seemed likely that no milk-maid was aboard.

"'Well, I can milk a cow,' said Hiram. 'I milked a herd of 'em twenty-five years ago, and am not ashamed of it. Now, Mr. Conductor, now that you seem amenable to reason, you will let me go forward, and when I spot a cow the engineer has got to stop the train, for I am bound to find some milk for that baby.'

"'Oh, the dear, thoughtful man,' said all the women, and 'Bully for you!' cried the men.

"Stebbins went forward and took his place at the engine, and I followed him. Cows were scarce in that prairie region. Steers there were in plenty, and horses, but no cows. Some times the train would slack up for a moment as some cattle were seen in the distance, but they were not of the milkable kind. A half hour passed, when across some fences, a half mile distant, a real, true cow was seen quietly grazing. She was a red cow, just that color said to give the sweetest milk. Hiram's quick eye had sighted her at once. He made a motion to stop the train and we downed brakes without whistling, for we were afraid to frighten off that cow. One of the brakemen had a tin butter kettle, and that had been scoured clean, and off started Hiram on a full run.

"For a strange man to get to close quarters with a strange cow is no easy matter. Hiram B. was evidently a master in the art of cow corralling. At first the cow seemed to avoid Hiram. She turned and doubled, and we were afraid we would lose her. We could all see the cow stalking from the cars, and the excitement was intense. Hiram B. managed things beautifully. May be she was a kind of a providential cow. He was bold, yet conciliatory. At last Hiram, after a quarter of an hour's hard work, cornered that cow. What if she were dry? No, she wasn't.

"There was Hiram B. on his knees, working away on the cow for dear life. We all waved our handkerchiefs to him and the cow. At last he seemed to have drained the cow dry. There were fences to climb, and some of them barbed wire ones. What if Hiram should drop his butter kettle or spill its precious contents? Finally he reached the cars, and never was a hero more warmly greeted; even the conductor was pleasant to him. The men hollered themselves hoarse, and some of the women cried, they were so excited. One old lady had just smothered Hiram B. Stebbins with her kisses. Anyhow, that poor baby got his fill of good, sweet, fresh milk, stopped crying, and came through safe."

"No sequel?" asked one of the listeners.

"Not that I know of. Hiram didn't marry the pretty girl who was taking care of the baby. I met him three weeks ago, going north from Atlanta. He was still traveling with feathers and women fixings. He gave me a kind of surly nod—the oddest, old rough diamond you ever 'skeered up.'"

OLD TIME JUSTICE IN THE WEST.

One day a man of villainous aspect dropped in on the place and said that he was without money, and hungry and thirsty. The miners gave him food and drink, and after lying about the place for a day or two he departed. No sooner had he gone than the camp doctor missed from his cabin a bag of gold dust containing $200 and some fresh meat cut up ready to stew for dinner. The vagrant was instantly pursued, brought back, tried and sentenced to be hanged. But as there was positively no testimony against him, it was positively understood that he should not be strangled to death, but only choked into a confession.

Although the fellow swore that he had stolen nothing, he apparently did not object to being hanged. Indeed, he nearly brought on his own death by making a desperate kick at the bungling miner that adjusted the rope in such a way as to hurt his neck. The other foot slipped and left him dangling. Before the miners could cut him down life was nearly extinct, but by strenuous efforts he was resuscitated. The man would confess nothing, and either more testimony must be obtained or the prisoner must be discharged. A happy thought struck the Doctor. Administering a powerful emetic to the culprit, there were soon brought to light pieces of meat, which the Doctor thought on a pinch he might swear to be the same stolen from him. But after a little more choking, however, the fellow was liberated.

As he proceeded on his way he was narrowly watched, the miners thinking that if he really had stolen the gold he would take it from its place of concealment and carry it away with him. But the man walked straight along the road, turning neither to the right nor to the left. The miners concluded to make one more trial before letting him go, and, if possible, frighten him into a confession. Coming up to him they told him they had found fresh evidence, and that he must come back and be hanged. "Well, hang me if you want to, but do it speedily and respectably, without humbug, harangue or torture." Finding him so much more ready to die than to confess, they told him he might go. "Then give me something to drink and trouble me no more," said the fellow, with the most perfect nonchalance, and it was done.

SAW THE THING THROUGH.—"How are you, Charley," said one traveling man to another in Philadelphia. "Where have you been?"

"Been visiting."

"Where?"

"In Washington."

"Indeed! I suppose you went all the rounds."

"You bet I did."

"Saw the Capitol and went up into the Washington monument and all that sort of thing?"

"Yes, and I was down in bed for two weeks with the malaria. Oh, I tell you, I didn't miss any of it."

It is singular that so many criminals prefer going to Canada to going to prison.

OXFORD COUNTY HORSE NOTES.

FURTHER NOTES FROM THE STATE FAIR. — THE HAMBLETONIANS VS. THE MORGANS AGAIN.

Rennie P., Offa, and Fatinitza, the three mares who fought so gamely for first money at the Breeders' Association races on the fair grounds Aug. 25th,—Rennie P. winning the race after Offa and Fatinitza had each won one heat,—were again brought together in a desperate struggle for victory in the 2:40 race during the last day of the State Fair at Lewiston. After an exciting race Rennie P. again showed up as the winner, although the others showed great bursts of speed. Fatinitza was timed a full mile separately in 2:35½, but, as in previous races, she acted unsteady on the first quarter. After the race her owners were offered $800 for her. This they declined, as they considered her to be an improving mare and likely to trot in 2:30 another year.

In the race for three-year-old stallions, Jason Russell's Black Nathan got second money, first money going to Haroldson, son of Prescott, who won a very easy race, though Black Nothan trotted well and reflected credit on his popular young sire, Baby Dean, (public trial 2:23½.) Our readers will recollect that last spring when our friend Jason wrote for the papers in regard to the merits of the Morgans and Hambletonians as producers of trotters, he cited Prescott, Constellation, Gideon, and Glenarm as conspicuous failures among the Hambletonians as sires of speed, even stating that Glenarm had not a single colt able to show three minutes; and we know of several others who seconded the opinions of Jase; but even the wisest sometimes get left. Prescott's son Haroldson has proved himself to be the fastest three-year-old in Maine this year, and Comrade, by Gideon, is one of the fastest two-year-olds.

The fastest two-year-old is Elmbrook, by Hambletonian Chief, son of Middleton, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian. He has a record as a two-year-old of 2:42½, and Haroldson of 2:44½. Comrade has a record of 2:50 as a two-year-old.

Constellation has another to his credit in the 2:30 list, the pacer Illusion, by him, having lately got a record in 2:25½.

None of Glenarm's get have started in races this year, and none have got records, but a number have showed their ability to beat three minutes. The five-year-old stallion Bottolia, by him, owned by A. G. Frost of Auburn, showed a mile in 2:47 the first time hitched to a sulky this fall, trotting the half in 1:22, quarter in 40 seconds. Catel, by Glenarm, trotted a full mile to wagon in 2:47 1-2, and we were told by reliable parties that Cyril, owned by J. F. Jewett, showed a half in 1:20 on the track at State Fair. We don't vouch for this, but no man will deny that he can beat three minutes. Glenarm was awarded first prize also for best trotting stock stallion.

We chronicle these facts for the reason that the above-mentioned horses have been denounced as failures by many. We will also mention that the fastest mile trotted by a Maine horse on a Maine track this year was trotted at the State Fair by the Hambletonian stallion Dictator Chief, owned by C. H. Nelson, and got by Dictator, son of Hambletonian. In his mile for the stallion cup he trotted in 2:25 1-2. He is only five years old.

We believe in having a dash of Morgan blood in our horses, and we saw at the fair many very fast and handsome representatives of this still popular family. But considering the wonderful speed shown by Baby Dean and several others of the Daniel Boone family, we would advise Jason, for the sake of consistency, to cease claiming that his colt, Black Nathan, son of Baby Dean, took all his speed from his dam, who was by Ino, son of Gen. Knox.

Last week we mentioned the fact that Ned V., got by Wheeler & True's Thomas Carlyle, took second premium for best two-year-old stallion. Since then we have learned that another of Carlyle's get obtained second prize, the recipient being the two-year-old filly Madge D., owned by George P. Downing of Norway.

In the issue of Aug. 23d, we spoke of the Patchen family of horses, and gave the pedigree of Tom Patchen clear back to Imported Grand Bashaw; and we gave some facts tending to show that the speed-producing power of Tom Patchen was inherited mostly from his sire, Geo. M. Patchen. We will give a few more interesting facts in relation to this famous progenitor of the Patchens.

Geo. M. Patchen was bred by H. F. Sickles of Monmouth Co., N. J., and was got by Cassius M. Clay, son of Henry Clay. His dam was a chestnut mare got by a two-year-old colt called Head Em, whose sire was imported Trustee, his dam being a daughter of American Eclipse, the greatest runner of his day.

The dam of the chestnut mare that brought Geo. M. Patchen, was a large, coarse mare, whose breeding is unknown. The dam of Patchen was broken to harness at two years old, and put to general farm work, at which she gave the best of satisfaction. Too much hard work render her unsound, she was sold to a blacksmith, who after a while sold her to Richard Carman for $100. He used her to pole on a road wagon, as mate to a horse costing $1500, and found the cheap mare the better of the two, especially in pluck and endurance. She finally became foundered, and was sent to H. F. Sickles, who bred her to Cassius M. Clay, the result being the colt Geo. M. Patchen. Such was the dam of this, the greatest of the Clay family.

Geo. M. Patchen was foaled in 1849, and at two years of age was sold to John Buckley of Bordentown, N. J., for $400. In his two-year-old form he got the stallion Admiral Patchen, sire of Brandy Boy, 2:20 1-2. When six years old he got the noted trotting mare Lucy Fran, daughter of May Day, a thoroughbred. Lucy was one of the fastest and gamest trotters upon the turf, and during her career she met and defeated such celebrities as Goldsmith Maid, Lady Thorne and others, placing her mark at 2:18 1-4, and winning sixty-two heats in 2:30 or better. Godfrey's Patchen, sire of Hopeful, 2:14 3-4, and seven other 2:30 performers, was produced the same year. When eight years old he got Henry B. Patchen, sire of four in the 2:30 list, also of Emeline, dam of three in the charmed circle. Smith's Mambrino Patchen, sire of two in the list, was got the same year. In 1858, when nine years old, he got Charles E. Loew, 2:25 1-2. The same year he also got Geo. M. Patchen, Jr., 2:27, who was the sire of Sam Purdy, 2:20 1-4, and six others in the 2:30 list. He also got five sons and two daughters whose produce have attained 2:30 honors. When ten years old he got Tom Patchen, who came to Maine during the season of 1859.

Geo. M. Patchen was used chiefly for turf purposes. He started in ten races, winning eight and losing one. He got a record in 2:24 in a race with the celebrated Flora Temple, which race was postponed on account of darkness, and was never finished. He commenced the season of 1860 by trotting two races with the beautiful Morgan stallion Ethan Allen, both of which were won by Patchen. He also trotted several heats with the renowned Flora Temple, and although she was the most frequent winner, he forced her out in one race in the fast time of 2:21, 2:24, 2:21 1-2, and was right at her shoulder at the finish of every heat. He next met this gallant little mare in a two-mile race, which he won in 4:53 1-2, 4:57 1-2. It was this year that he got his best record, 2:23 1-2.

The following seasons of 1861 and 1862 he was used mostly for stock purposes, and in the latter year he got Seneca Patchen, now owned by Dr. J. W. Day of Waterloo, N. Y. Seneca Patchen is the sire of Sunrise Patchen, the phenomenal two-year-old of last year, owned by Dr. Day. During the winter of 1863 Patchen trotted several races with the noted gelding Gen. Butler, saddle record 2:21 1-2. More than half of the races were won by Patchen.

In the spring of 1864 he was placed in the hands of a noted Long Island trainer to be trained, but was taken sick in May and died in a few hours of scrotal hernia, the result of a rupture when a colt.

Geo. M. Patchen is described as a bright bay stallion, 16 hands high, with a large intelligent eye, a rather large head, set in a well-framed neck, long hips, low set hocks, legs clean and flat, feet of good size and perpectly sound. He was recognized by all horsemen who knew him as one of the gamest trotters that ever set foot upon the turf. He never had an opponent that he did not at some time defeat, and although he trotted against the best trotters of his day, he won thirty-four heats in 2:30 or better.

A. T. MAXIM.

PIGS FOR SALE.—The passengers on the Maine Central, who were delayed at Waterville one night by the washouts, took things very philosophically. Tuesday morning, among a group on the piazza of the Elmwood house, was the Hon. Seth L. Milliken, who comfortably ensconced in a rocking chair, entertained a number of gentlemen with stories of by-gone days. "It doesn't seem very long ago," said he, "that I was a student at college here in Waterville, and that we had great times you may be sure. Right off there," pointing to a spot not fifty yards from the hotel veranda, "stood a little stable or shed on the side of which was a sign which read 'Pigs for sale.' One night I 'ragged' (as college boys have it) that sign and bore it off in triumph to my room. In the college faculty was a certain professor who had a very good opinion of himself. A friend of mine occupied a room directly over the aforesaid professor's. Repairing thither with the sign, we proceeded to perpetrate what we considered an excellent joke. I got out of the window head first, and, hanging at full length while two or three of the boys hung on to my legs, I fastened the sign directly over the professor's window. Next morning, as the boys walked through the yard they were greatly delighted at the announcement that one of the professors had pigs for sale."

NOT MUCH OF A MAN.—It was a western engineer who told the following story of himself: One day our train stopped at a small station in Indiana, and I observed two green-looking countrymen in "homespun" curiously inspecting the locomotive, and occasionally giving vent to expressions of astonishment. Finally one of them approached, and said, "Stranger, are this ere a injine?"

"Certainly. Did you ever see one before?"

"No, never see one o' the critters afore. Me an' Bill here comed down t' the station pupose to see one. That's the b'iler, ain't it?"

"Yes, that is the boiler."

"What you call that place you'er in?"

"This we call a cab."

"An' this big wheel—what's this for?"

"That's the driving wheel."

"That big thing on top I s'pose is the chimley?"

"Precisely."

"Be you the engineer what runs the machine?"

"I am," I replied, with self-complacency.

He eyed me closely for a moment, then, turning to his companion, said, "Bill, it don't take much of a man to be a engineer, do it?"

ANECDOTE OF KRUPP.

The anecdote is related of Herr Krupp that as he was showing the Emperor William through his works the latter displayed great interest in the steam hammer, and was told that the man in charge of it, named Ackermann, was so skillful that a hand might be placed on the anvil without fear, and he would stop the hammer within a hair's breadth of it. "Let us try it," said the Emperor, "but not with a human hand—try my watch," and he laid it, a splendid specimen of work richly set with brilliants, on the anvil. Down came the immense mass of steel, and Ackermann, with his hand on the lever, stopped it just the sixteenth of an inch from the watch. When he went to hand it back the

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TERMS:—Yearly subscriptions, $1.50, if paid strictly in advance, otherwise, $2.00 per year. Single copies, four cents.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—All legal advertisements are given three consecutive insertions for $1.50 per inch in length of column. Probate notices inserted as above for $1.50 each, except those relating to Real Estate, which are $2.00 each. Special contracts made with local, transient or yearly advertisers.

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

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY: Five saw mills at Minneapolis burned. Loss half a million.——A block of buildings in Montreal half destroyed, involving a loss of $300,000.——It is understood that the President has refused to issue orders for the extradition of Mattarelle, the Chicago boodler.

SUNDAY: William O'Brien was arrested at Dublin.

MONDAY: A bank officer at Glen's Falls, N. Y., has voluntarily confessed the embezzlement of $18,100 from 1880 to 1882, covering his tracks for seven years.——Twenty thousand nail makers at Worcester and Stafford, England, are on a strike for more pay.——About four thousand Pennsylvania miners went out on a strike.——About one hundred furniture finishers and painters of Boston struck for nine hours.

TUESDAY: About one thousand Boston cigar makers locked out as a result of a long standing trouble.——The miserable cell into which Mr. O'Brien has been cast has aroused the indignation of Irishmen in Parliament.——About one hundred French fishing vessels were more or less damaged by the recent severe gales on the Grand Banks, and at least fifty lives were lost.——The Rio Grande is overflowing its banks and flooding a portion of Texas.——Death of Dr. Alonzo Clark, for many years prominently identified with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.——The Illinois Supreme Court decides that the Chicago anarchists must be executed.

WEDNESDAY: The New York Republican State Convention held at Saratoga was harmonious and prompt in finishing up the business. Col. Fred D. Grant, son of Ex-President Grant, was nominated for Secretary of State.——The furniture manufacturers of Boston have taken a decided stand on the nine hour question, and declare that their purpose is not to give ten hours' pay for nine hours' work. They also express the determination to run their own establishments.——The condemned Chicago Anarchists are to be executed November 11.

THURSDAY: The celebration of the centennial anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution begun at Philadelphia. The civic and industrial parade was the feature of the day and was a grand success.

FRIDAY: The Volunteer was selected as the skipper yacht to race with the Scotch Thistle on the 27th and 29th inst.——The military parade in Philadelphia was a big affair, nearly thirty thousand men participating.——Twenty-two persons killed and seventy seriously injured on the Midland (England) Railway while en route to the Doncaster races.——The Vermont State Fair, was a success in all respects.

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THE survey for the extension of the Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad from Canton to Rumford Falls, was begun last Tuesday morning. Hon. Parker Spofford of Buckspori is chief engineer. Supt. Lincoln says that the survey will occupy about three weeks, and that contracts for building some parts of the road will probably be made soon.

MAINE VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.—The reunion of the Maine Veteran Association of Massachusetts, with such soldiers and citizens of Maine as will join, will be held in Haverhill, Mass., on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29th and 30th. There will be a grand camp fire and ball during the two evenings, and on Friday a grand parade, in which all the military and secret societies will join, and a steamboat excursion to Black Rocks and a big clam bake. Governor Bodwell of Maine, and Governor Ames of Mass., with many other distinguished guests, will be present. The sons and daughters of Maine, residing in Haverhill, are making every effort make this a big time.

A METEOR of unusual size was observed last Thursday evening about eight o'clock, in a direction easterly from Paris. Some who were not facing it thought it a flash of lightning, the light was so bright. Friday's papers gave accounts of its being seen in other parts of the State, and Saturday's *Lewiston Journal* reports that it fell on the land of the New Brunswick railway, near McAdam Junction, six miles from Vanceboro, the eastern terminus of the Maine Central Railroad. It is larger than a box railroad car, is buried deep in the ground, and projects ten and one-half feet into the air. It was so hot that people who approached within fifty feet were driven away. McAdam Junction is just across the New Brunswick line, and the reports are not yet definite enough to determine whether the United States or Canada claims the honor of this celestial visitor. As the place of its fall is about 190 miles in an air-line from Paris, it will be seen that its light must have been very bright.

THE COUNTY FAIR

The following is the programme of the 45th exhibition of the Oxford County Agricultural Society, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Sept 27, 28 and 29:

FIRST DAY.

In the forenoon receiving, entering and arranging stock and articles for exhibition. All persons are requested to observe this, and have whatever they propose to exhibit in the Hall, entered as early as possible.

At 1 o'clock 2:34 race. Purse $115; $75, $30, $10. Four-year-old race. Purse $50; $30, $15, $5.

SECOND DAY.

At 10 o'clock, Examination of Town Teams.

At 10 o'clock, Examination of Horses.

At 11 o'clock, all other Awarding Committees will attend to their duties.

At 1 o'clock, Stallion race, for all Stallions kept as stock horses in this County during the season of 1887. Purse $70; $40 $20, $10. 3:00 race. Purse $45; $25, $15, $5. Three-year-old race. Purse $30; $15, $10, $5.

At 2 o'clock, Drawing Match for Oxen girthing less than 6ft., 6in. Immediately after, Drawing Horses weighing 1,000 lbs. or over.

THIRD DAY.

At 9 o'clock, Drawing Oxen girthing 7ft. and over. Immediately after, Oxen 6ft., 6in. and less than 7ft. Gents' Driving Horses. Purse, $35; 20, 10, 5. 2:50 race. Purse, $80; 50, 20, 10.

At 11 o'clock Drawing Match for Horses.

At 1 o'clock Annual Meeting of the Society.

At 2 o'clock, 2:40 race. Purse, $85; 50, 25, 10. Two-year-old race. Purse, $30; 15, 10, 5. For colts two years old half mile heats, best two in three. Free for all. Purse $175; 100, 50, 25. $50 will be added if the winning horse beats 2:30.

Entries in trotting close Sept. 20th.

The Society can but acknowledge the generous support in the past, in making the exhibitions attractive and successful, and would solicit from all something of excellence, or any curiosity to sustain the reputation of Oxford County Agricultural Society Exhibitions.

Manufacturers from all parts of the county are invited to furnish articles for exhibition. It will afford the very best opportunity to advertise their productions.

Tickets of admission may be had at the Secretary's Office for 25 cents each—children 10 cents. One ticket will secure the admission of one person—tickets to be given to the gate-keeper on entering.

Carriages with one horse only, will be admitted for an extra fee of twenty-five cents for each admission. Persons riding in carriages will be required to pay the same fee as others.

The gate-keeper will admit persons necessary to take care of live stock, and drivers of horses, only by their presenting cards of division and class.

No other person will be allowed to pass without a ticket.

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CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, Rev. A. G. Fitz Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 A. M Sabbath-school, 12 M.; young people's meeting, 5.30 P. M.; prayer meeting, 6.30 P. M. Wednesday prayer meeting, 7.30.

Methodist Church, Rev. S. Hooper, Pastor; On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 A. M.; Sabbath school, 12 M.; morning prayer meeting, 9.30 A. M.; evening prayer meeting, 6.30 P. M. Tuesday prayer meeting, 7.45 P. M. Class meeting, Friday, 7.45 P. M.

Baptist Church. On Sunday, preaching service 2.30 P. M.; Sabbath School 3.30 P. M.; prayer meeting 6.30 P. M.; Friday evening prayer meeting, 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings, Thursday evening of each week.—Aurora Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month.

Golden Cross.—First and third Thursdays.

I. O. G. T.—So. Paris Lodge, No. 215, meets every Monday evening in the Methodist Vestry.

Knights of Labor.—South Paris Assembly, No. 4,809 meets every Saturday evening in Lincoln Hall, at 7:30.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first Monday in every month, in Grange Hall at 7:30 P. M.

Single copies of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT are for sale at Gerry's Drug Store, Odd Fellows' Block, So Paris.

Freight-agent Morton is taking his vacation. He is visiting his brother in Chicago. Station-agent Waters, of Norway, has charge of the Norway train during his absence.

A large number of the celebrated O. K. plows are being shipped from Merrill's foundry. State of Maine farmers are being convinced that these have no superior.

Millett Bros.' horses got frightened at the depot Monday, and made things livery on Main Street, breaking over a hydrant and damaging the wagon considerably.

Many are making arrangements to attend the Canton Fair. The base ball game will be the drawing card. We hope another season that an association will be formed here, and a first class amateur club will be seen in our village.

Charles Cushing, Esq., is spending considerable time at the sled factory.

C. W. B. & Co. are earning the reputation of selling as desirable a class of dry goods as can be purchased this side of the city. Everything comes up to representation, and the store will be found neat and attractive.

It is predicted by some of our farmers that potatoes will be worth $2.00 per bushel by another spring. The crop in Aroostook and the Provinces will be less than half that of former years.

Miss Lottie F. Hammond, M. D., whose graduation essay appeared in the DEMOCRAT last week, was a student of the O. N. I. several terms. Her many schoolmates congratulate her upon her meritorious success.

F. Q. Elliott has moved from Hill Street into the new rent in the Haskell house.

Rev. Mr. Ingalls, who had charge of the Cong'l church here for several years, is very pleasantly located in Saco, and enjoying good health.

Annie Parsons returned from Old Orchard last week, where she has been at work in Hotel Fiske.

O. W. Bent was in Portland Saturday on business.

Apples of all grades are wanted at Porter's store and mill.

More corn and succotash has been put up this year than any previous year, and the quality has been remarkably fine.

We are pleased to learn that G. B. Pulsifer is about to return to the village.

A good entertainment was given last Thursday night at the New Hall, by the celebrated traveling show, the Guy Family.

The lectures delivered at the ministerial meetings this week will be repeated the following evenings at the Methodist church in this village.

Our popular merchant, N. D. Bolster, is visiting N. Y.

S. E. Kimball and wife have been sojourning in the Old Bay State.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Association will commence Sept. 20th, at their church, and continue three days.

Mrs. E. O. Jewell, our well known poetess and writer, has returned.

Paris Grange meets next Saturday. Business of importance will be transacted. Among the literary exercises is the discussion of the question—Resolved, That the prosperity of the farmer depends as much upon his wife as himself. The Grange Gazette will be read by the editress, Mrs. H. A. Fuller.

To-day (Monday) closes up the corn shop work.

J. D. Williams is entertaining company. A trip to the lakes now is in order.

Hebron Base Ball Club defeated the boys here last Saturday. Brace up boys, and get a game before snow flies.

Dr. William Gray is at home on account of his father's sickness.

A. J. Curtis, Esq., of West Paris, was here Friday. Mr. Curtis has just closed up his business at West Paris where he has been remarkably successful for the last twelve years. He starts on a tour through the west and will visit Omaha with intention of making investments in Nebraska real estate.

The sale of Kentucky horses at the Fair grounds drew an immense crowd. Twenty-four were sold and doubtless twenty-four small fortunes will be made by the various buyers, several of whom are from this town.

O. W. Bent is at work on his house.

The display of Wm. Deering & Co., at the State Fair was said to be grand. This is the first year that their mowing machines have been used in Maine.

G. F. Root's popular cantata (in two acts) entitled the "Flower Queen," or the "Coronation of the Rose," will be given at New Hall Thursday evening, Sept. 22d, with the following personifications:

Rose,	Eliza S. Ripley.
Recluse,	Minnie A. Plummer.
Japonica,	Clara R. Howe.
Violet,	Mrs. Lila S. Briggs.
Lily,	Fannie H. Hersey.
Sunflower,	Hattie E. Shaw.
Crocus,	Carrie A. Briggs.
Dahlia,	Mrs. W. H. Doten.
Tulip,	Mrs. Bertie J. Hemingway.
Hollyhock,	Marion W. Jones.
Dandelion,	Helen T. Morton.
Touch-Me-Not,	Laura E. Clifford.
Heliotrope,	Lizzie A. Leach.
Mignonette,	Alice M. King.
Semi-Chorus of Poppies	
" " " Heather-bells.	
Pianist,	Mrs. Cora S. Briggs.
Flute Accompanist,	W. C. McArdle.

This cantata has proved very popular wherever given. There should be a full house. Admission 25 cents; children under 12, 10 cents. Doors open at 7; to commence at 8.

The Baptist people are busy making preparations for their association, which occurs at this place Sept. 20th to 22nd.

E. H. Marshall has moved into H. N. Bolster's rent on High Street, lately occupied by Will Edwards.

Will Doten and wife are visiting for a few weeks at his father's, at Walnut Hill, North Yarmouth.

We would suggest that the street leading from this village to Paris Hill, by the park, known as Water Street, be hereafter called Park Street, and that the church on that street be named the Park Street Baptist Church. Would such a change be both pleasing and appropriate?

Mrs. J. F. Briggs, of Chicago, formerly of Paris, has been visiting friends in town for a few weeks past.

Mrs. Whitman's double tenement house on Park (?) Street is nearing completion. Both rents were engaged some time ago, the north side to Mrs. Swift, of Waterville, and the south side to A. C. Dyer. Several other houses are being built, but with rents in good demand at a high price we wonder there are not many more under way.

Quite a number from this place attended the Advent Camp-meeting at Mechanic Falls last Sunday.

Born, in Paris, Sept. 13th, to the wife of Almon Penley, a daughter.

MAINE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.—The Twentieth Annual convention will be held in Gardiner, Oct. 12-14, commencing Wednesday evening. It promises to be an occasion of great interest and value. The President of the last International Convention, William Reynolds, of Illinois, one of the foremost Sunday School workers in America, will take a leading place in the programme and be present through the entire session. Mrs. Crafts, so favorably known throughout the country, will have charge of the Primary Department. Variety of topics and free discussion will be provided for, and the whole bent of the session will be toward the practical advancement of our Sunday Schools.

Each school is entitled to official representation by pastor, superintendent, and two other delegates. In addition, a hearty invitation is extended to all Sunday-school workers and friends of the cause.

Reduced rates on all railroad and steamboat lines.

B. F. SNOW, State Secretary.

WILLARD, Sept. 9, 1887.

Webb & Wakefield have returned from Boston with the largest stock of clothing ever shown in this part of the State. Be sure and look it over.

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY FAIR.—This fair will be held at Canton driving park, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 20, 21 and 22. The R. F. & B. R. R. will run special trains each day, leaving Mechanic Falls at 7:45 A. M., arriving at the park at 9:25. Returning leave park at 5:00 P. M., connecting with trains for South Paris and Norway. Excursion tickets including admission to park, from Mechanic Falls $1.00, West Minot 90 cents, East Hebron 85 cents, Buckfield 75 cents, East Sumner 55 cents, Hartford 50 cents. Single fare from South Paris to Mechanic Falls.

Save your money and trade at the reliable clothing house that goes by the name of Norway Blue Store. You can't help finding the place 110 Main St., Norway, Me.

The comical trials of pleasure-hunting are capitally told by Kate Field in *Harper's Magazine* for October, in an autobiographical story, called "Our Summer's Outing." The exasperating adventures of this vacation party in an obscure New York village form a diverting history for the after-summer period, and Frost's characteristic illustrations render its humorous scenes all the more vivid.

Go to just go into the Blue Store and you will find just what you want for clothing for yourself and boys.

A LEAGUE GAME.—Manager Spence is arranging to have the Canton game of ball a League. There are so many games to be played off that it became necessary to get the games played before the close of the season. This will be no small credit to the grounds at Canton and the managers will have the grounds in nice condition. One thing sure they will receive a grand welcome by the lovers of sports, such a welcome as far as numbers are concerned, that no locality in the State can excel. STE

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At Norway, September 8, by Rev. W. W. Hooper of Orono, Mr. Gershom S. Piles of Boston, and Miss Emma A. Andrews of Norway.

In Paris, September 14, by Rev. G. Mayo, Mr. George W. Crockett and Miss Lennie R. Smith, both of Paris.

In Lovell, Sept. 14, Mr. Sumner Kimball and Miss Carrie E. Walker.

DIED.

In Paris, September 15, Mrs. Lucy A. Hawkes, aged 58 years, 6 months.

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SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.
OXFORD COUNTY.
CLERK'S OFFICE,
Paris, Me., Sept. 12th, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that Byron M. Small, of Sumner, in said County, has filed in this office, his application for admission to practice law in the Courts of this State, at the Oct. Term, A. D. 1887.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, CLERK.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Edward Batchelder and Edison Batchelder, both of Bethel, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by their mortgage deed, dated the second day of August, A. D. 1886, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 210, page 139, conveyed to us, the undersigned, a certain parcel of real estate, situated in said Bethel, on Bethel Hill, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point where the easterly line of Chapman Street intersects with the south line of Railroad Street; thence easterly three and one-half rods on Railroad Street; thence southerly on a line parallel with the easterly line of Chapman Street to land of Samuel D. Philbrook; thence westerly three and one-half rods on said Philbrook's line, to said Chapman Street; thence northerly on said Chapman Street to bound begun at. And whereas, the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now, therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, we claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

PINCKNEY BURNHAM,
SAMUEL D. PHILBROOK,
By A. E. HENRICK, THEIR ATTORNEY.

Dated September 8th, 1887.

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Non-Resident Taxes.

In the town of Brownfield, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1886.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town Brownfield, for the year 1886, in bills committed to Breaktop Bartlett Col. of taxes for said town, on the 19th day of June 1886, has been returned by him to me as remaining unpaid on the 15th day of June, 1887, by his certificate of that date, and now remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes, and interest and charges are not paid into the Treasury of said Town, within eighteen months from the date of the commitment of the said bills, so much of the real estate taxed as will be sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will without further notice be sold at public auction at the Town Hall in said town, on the 17th day of December, 1887, at one o'clock in afternoon.

Name of Owner.	Description	No. Acres	Value	Tax
Alonzo Day, bounded on the north by land of Jessie Sargent; east by highway; So. by Porter town line,	91½	44	$ 87	
Chas. Dyer, known as the Simeon Dyer farm, bounded on the north by land of Isiah Day; east by land of S. C. Day,	100	190	6 94	
Leander Greenlaw, or owner unknown, situated in forks of road leading to Eaton & C. Cole's land,	5	20	36	
Eliza E. Hall, bounded on the north by land of J. S. Perkins; east by Goshen Road; south by land of C. Cole; west by land of Simon Hanscom,	50	125	5 92	
Lewis O'Brion, or owner unknown, bounded on the north by land of E. B. Bean; east by road to Hiram; south by land of Elvina Lane; west by land of S. P. Lane,	80	950	26 79	
Ephraim Sanborn, being 2-8 of the Cyrus Ingalls bog lot, so-call, undivided, bounded on the north by road from West Denmark to Fryeburg; east by land of E. Lord and others; south by Saco River; west by land of Wm. Bean,	67	290	5 28	
Young and Spring, wood and timber,		250	4 55	

Brownfield, Sept. 6, 1887.
W. M. BOYNTON, Treas. of Brownfield.

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To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Oxford:

We, the undersigned, inhabitants of the town of Norway, respectfully represent that public necessity and convenience requires the location of a town way, or road, commencing at a point on Pleasant Street, in said town, at or near the westerly end of Maple Street in said town; thence running easterly on or over said Maple Street, to Whitman Street, in said town; thence on Whitman Street to Pearl Street; thence easterly on or over said Pearl Street and across Deering and Cottage Streets to the westerly end of Beal Street, and to intersect therewith near the Norway Branch Railroad Station, in said Norway, over the most feasible route. And we would further represent, that a petition duly signed and presented to the Selectmen of said town of Norway, by the inhabitants of said town requesting them to locate said way, or so much of it, as the public necessity and convenience required; and that the said Municipal Officers, after viewing said route, unreasonably refused and neglected to locate the same, or any part of it, wherefore your petitioners being aggrieved thereby, would respectfully request your honorable body, after due notice and hearing, to locate said way, or so much of it, as the public convenience requires, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided, believing that public convenience and necessity of the undersigned inhabitants of said town of Norway require that said location shall be made.

WM. C. COLE and 24 others.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.—Board of County Commissioners, September Session, 1887:

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

Attest: ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.

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

Attest: ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.

To the Honorable County Commissioners for the County of Oxford.

Respectfully represent the undersigned, legal voters of the towns of Paris, Oxford and Hebron, in said County of Oxford, that public convenience and necessity require the following described alterations in the county roads in said County, leading from south Paris Village in said Paris, in Hebron Academy in said Hebron, and thence south, through School Districts Nos. 5 and 7, in said Hebron, to Androscoggin County line, viz.:

First, by commencing near the upper bridge over Stony Brook, in South Paris Village, thence running around the north-easterly base of Clark Hill, so-called, and intersecting said County road on the easterly base of said hill.

Second, by beginning at the westerly base of Stowell Hill, so-called, in said Paris, thence running around southerly base of said hill and intersecting said county road at the easterly base thereof, in said Paris.

Third, by beginning at the westerly base of the rise of land near where the highway leads from said road to Hall's Pond, in said Paris, running thence around the southerly base of said rise of land and intersecting said county road on the easterly base thereof, in said Paris.

Fourth, by beginning near the westerly base of the hill in said county road, situated easterly of, and near the residence of Sylvanus H. Bearce, in said Hebron; thence running around the north-easterly base of said hill and intersecting said county road near the residence of the late Levi Maxim.

Fifth, by beginning at or near the westerly base of the steep hill in said county road, situated a short distance westerly of the residence of the late Dea. Joseph Barrows, in said Hebron; thence running north-easterly around said hill and intersecting the county road aforesaid, leading from Hebron Academy to Androscoggin County line, near the Hebron Academy boarding house, called the "Trustee House," in said Hebron.

Sixth, by beginning at the northerly base of the Dr. Carr Hill, so called, in said last named county road in said Hebron, near the residence of Leonard Dunham; thence running around the westerly base of said hill, and intersecting said county road near the residence of the late S. Cheney, in said Hebron.

Seventh, by beginning at the northerly base of "Burying Yard" Hill, so called, in said county road, opposite the Old Robert Glover residence, in said Hebron, thence running around the westerly base of said hill and intersecting said county road near the residence of Ezekiel Merrill, in said Hebron.

Eighth, by beginning in said county road near the house of Daniel Buckham, in said Hebron, thence running through the valley on the easterly side of said county road and intersecting said county road at or near the foot of School House Hill, in said School District No. 7 in said Hebron.

And your petitioners pray that your Honors will view said way and will alter the same as above, at the points above named, and discontinue any portions of said way consistent with said alterations.

Hebron, Aug. 23, 1887.

I. P. BEARCE, and 46 others.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.—Board of County Commissioners, September session, 1887:

Upon the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at the Andrews House, in So. Paris, on Monday the 17 day of Oct. next, at ten of the clock A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ordered, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the respective Clerks of the towns of Paris and Hebron and also posted up in three public places in each of said towns, and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and shew cause, if

The Oxford Democrat.

Paris and Vicinity.

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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 Saturday Evening.

E. P. Chase, Esq., of Portland, made us a call Tuesday.

John W. Chadbourne, of Oxford, was at the Hill Wednesday.

Mrs. Matthews, widow of Asa Matthews formerly of this town, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cyrus Chipman.

Mr. A. B. Chase, of Norway, was in town a few days last week.

Lieut. W. W. Kimball and wife, of Washington, are at Mrs. F. F. Kimball's.

Miss Hattie A. Hooper has a position as teacher in the Shawmut Avenue Children's Home, Boston.

J. C. Marble went to Weld Monday morning, to look out for lumbering interests there.

Rev. Mr. House, of Boston, preached a very interesting sermon at the Baptist church, Sunday.

George M. Atwood, of the DEMOCRAT, and wife, are camping out at Weld Pond, with friends from Dixfield.

Newton Stanley and Harry Hall attended the constitution centenary at Philadelphia last week, with the Norway Light Infantry.

Virgil K. Parris is one of the engineers employed in the survey for the extension of the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad to Rumford Falls.

At the town meeting Monday, it was voted to raise $1000 to pay snow bills, and the selectmen were authorized to hire the money. Also voted to accept the new road as laid out by the selectmen, near the covered bridge.

The following have registered at the Hubbard House during the last week:

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Waterman, Gorham; Mrs. J. Q. Twitchell, Portland; Miss E. C. Mansfield, Boston; Mr. H. B. Jones, Newburyport, Mass.; C. F. Kimball, Riverside, Cal.; Annie L. Henderson, Haverhill; Saml. Sanson, Philadelphia.

Many of the visitors to this beautiful hill-top have returned to their homes in the city. But our fine weather is not all gone yet, and those who leave now miss what is perhaps the pleasantest season of the year, which comes during the next few weeks.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Universalist Society and pew-owners in the Universalist church, Tuesday evening, Sept. 20th, to choose officers for the ensuing year and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The undersigned takes this method to express his appreciation of the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends in the many acts of attention manifested to his wife during her protracted illness, and to himself in his affliction. He also desires to thank those who so kindly rendered efficient services at the funeral, and furnished flowers for the occasion; and to the choir for their singing at the church.

S. U. HAWKES.

Sept. 19th, 1887.

A representative of the DEMOCRAT recently visited Mr. J. C. Marble's pear orchard and grape vines (not in the darkness of night, however, but in broad day-light, in company with the proprietor) and brought away some toothsome mementoes of the visit, which quickly vanished when they got inside the DEMOCRAT office. Mr. Marble has an extensive pear orchard, which is producing well, and his grape vines are simply overburdened with immense clusters of as handsome, large grapes as ever grew. While there, attention was called to Fanny Patchen's last colt, a fine, large suckling, not quite four months old. He is by Messenger Wilkes, and has been sold for $500.

Mrs. S. U. Hawkes died last Thursday morning. Mrs. Hawkes was a sister of Horace, George H. and J. C. Cummings of this place and was just fifty-eight years and six months of age. For several months she has been a great sufferer. The last of April a tumor was removed at the Maine General Hospital, but she did not rally as was hoped, and soon returned home. Since that time she has gradually failed, and has endured much severe suffering. Her many friends will miss her much, and extend their sympathy to her afflicted husband; at the same time, they can not but be glad that her suffering is at an end. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. House, of Boston, an intimate personal friend of the family, and Rev. Mr. Mayo, pastor of the Baptist church here, of which Mrs. Hawkes was an earnest member. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance.

WHITTEMORE DISTRICT.

A. W. Royal is improving in health.

Joseph Briggs is at work in Portland.

W. H. Cole is resilling the ell part of his house.

W. E. Cole, who belongs to the Norway Light Infantry, went to Philadelphia Wednesday with his company.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Cooper and Mrs. R. M. Cole are visiting at Solon Royal's and W. H. Cole's. Mr. Cooper has been on to New York to purchase his fall goods, returned Friday night, and will spend a few days visiting friends in Paris before returning to Michigan.

THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE.

OXFORD.

Clarence Haskell has been clerking for Durell & Hawkes, while Fred Delano was absent on a vacation.

Rev. Mr. Greeley is soon to leave for Harvard. On Sunday he took for his subject "Man and Machinery." Five were admitted to the church.

The schools were deferred a week on account of diphtheria.

Mr. Chaplin has moved from Welchville into Durell & Hawkes' rent just vacated by Wm. Wood.

The sick people are improving.

Mrs. Weixler, of Worcester, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Richards.

WATERFORD.

Zenas Kneeland recently noticed that much damage was being done in his corn field by hungry animals. This week he has made several nocturnal visits to the place and has succeeded in killing three full grown porcupines.

Aaram Brown, an aged resident of the place, died last week. He has been somewhat demented for several years.

Our usual quiet roads are filled with carts of all descriptions. It's the sweet corn brigade that makes the commotion.

Several heavy frosts have struck the low lands. Everything is killed in the north-eastern part of the town.

Some of our farmers have dug their small potato crop. They are rotting in the cellars.

HIRAM.

Col. J. F. Twitchell attended the reunion of the 8th Maine Regiment at Old Orchard. He reports 300 comrades in line and a very pleasant occasion. They also attended the State Fair. It is proposed to build barracks on an island in Portland Harbor for a rendezvous. Col. McArthur, of Limington, will give $1000.

Mrs. Nancy Chadbourne, of Bridgton, has been visiting in Hiram.

Mrs. James N. Foss is very ill of heart disease.

Mr. Royal Clark died Sept. 12th, of Bright's disease, aged 84 years. He has been an industrious, moral and worthy citizen. It is worthy of note that he has never missed a State or national election for 63 years.

Miss Mary Pugsley is recovering from her severe illness.

Mr. Eben Ward slipped in the bath room of the corn shop on the 12th and broke his arm.

Four persons joined the Methodist church recently.

HARTFORD.

H. A. Bicknell is building a shed to his barn.

Sweet corn is very good this year.

Potatoes are almost a failure.

Nathaniel Bartlett, from Caribou, is on a visit to his friends in this vicinity.

Sanford Conant, by order of the health officer of Buckfield, killed a cow which was supposed to have tuberculosis.

C. M. Irish has moved his machinery from his steam mill to Buckfield.

WEST BETHEL.

Charles B. Brooks, of Bryant's Pond, was in town Friday.

Frank E. Needham, of Gorham, N. H., has sold his house in this village to A. S. Bean.

Mrs. Permelia Warren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited friends here last week.

W. D. Mills has built a silo, and filled it with ensilage this week.

Dr. J. W. Davis and wife, of South Paris, were here this week.

O. F. Whitman and wife returned to their home in Lewiston Saturday.

Partridge hunters are numerous, and their guns are heard in all directions.

The large crop of sweet corn is nearly gathered.

Mrs. Emma Needham, of Gorham, N. H., is visiting old friends here.

Mrs. Hattie A. Grover is very feeble. Her mother is now stopping with her.

MASON.

There is to be a potato famine. There has been nothing like it for more than forty years. As it is here the same complaint comes from far and near. A. O. Paine, of Marlboro, Mass., called on me last week, and he said farmers there were plowing up whole fields as they were not worth digging.

The sweet corn has been mostly hauled to the factory. Our farmers are very much dissatisfied with the returns. Nobody proposes to plant another year.

Yellow corn is very nice.

Mrs. A. G. Lovis goes to Norway to take care of Miss Lizzie Lovejoy, who is failing fast.

J. C. Bean is reshingling A. O. Paine's barn.

ROXBURY POND.

Dist. No. 6 has a new school house large enough to accommodate its scholars for many years to come, unless the "No. 7 contagion" breaks out here anew.

Herbert Jenne has finished his road jobs.

Born, in Roxbury, Sept. 14th, to the wife of J. A. Reed, a daughter.

NORWAY LAKE.

Miss Adelaide Shattuck and Miss Addie Perry started last week on a very pleasant tour, from here to Boston by carriage.

Mrs. Samuel Partridge is still quite feeble. Her sister, Mrs. Smith, from Caribou, is here with the intention of remaining through the winter, if needed.

Deacon Osgood Perry's summer boarders have all returned home now. Miss Hortense Colby, of Lynn, Mass., is soon expected.

DICKVALE.

Heavy showers, accompanied with high winds, passed over this place Thursday night, doing considerable damage to fruit trees and buildings.

W. T. Andrews has sold his farm to R. S. Tracy and will return to Auburn.

The hay crop is nearly secured. A few have not yet finished.

Potatoes are rotting badly, and a light crop is expected.

A few from this place attended the State Fair. A good show of stock and fast trotting is reported. Among the best breeds of cattle the Sussex are mentioned.

BYRON.

Messrs. Hastings & Co., from Bethel, with surveyor Douglass, of Waterford, and others are tracing the old lines in this town.

Fred A. Knapp has bought Charles L. Hodsdon's part of the saw mill in this town, and is putting in a new flume. He is going to repair the mill.

People in Hop City are repairing the dam near L. S. Rundlett's, to protect their farms.

Frank Richmond is threshing out some lots of grain that are hauled to his barn.

J. Hall, of East Dixfield, is in town again for another lot of cattle.

It is now thought that a snake might have bitten Thirza Brown, instead of a spider, as one was killed in the room where she slept, reported to have measured more than 4 feet in length.

Died, of croup, the 8th inst., son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Brown, aged one year.

Died, the 11th inst., of diphtheria, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jenkins, aged about 19. Theirs is truly a sad house. Three deaths in one short week,—the infant daughter, the eldest son and the infant son of the daughter. Two others of the family are sick with diphtheria. G. T. Hodsdon has a son sick with the same disease. The school at Gum Corner has been stopped on account of diphtheria.

R. K. Peare has gone to Farmington to be examined for a pension.

Gold hunters have recently been here from Augusta. They wash out considerable gold on East Branch.

MEXICO.

Thomas Harlow, one of the oldest residents of this town died Monday afternoon, aged 78 years. He was born in Turner, where a brother, Elbridge, lived. Ebenezer Harlow was a brother.

A grove meeting was held in the Bradeen Dist. Sunday, the 11th inst. Elder Crockett, now located at Jackson, N. H., gave us two good sermons, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. Elder York, of Weld, Elder Thompson, of Sumner, and several from Canton were present. John N. and Daniel C. Bradeen, Mark Farrar and wife, Mrs. Thomas Johnson, and three children of Loren Glover were baptized after the close of the afternoon service. An evening meeting was held in the school house, where Woodin Bradeen, a student at Bates, conducted the services.

Our people have been busy hauling sweet corn to Dixfield. Nearly all through hauling now, and a fair degree of satisfaction felt, as to results.

Henrietta B. Thompson was here for a short time last week. She now makes Auburn her home.

The sad news has reached us of the death of Mrs. Rosalie (Knight) Abbott, wife of Frank Abbott, of New York, eldest daughter of A. J. Knight, of East Rumford.

Herbert O. Gleason is driving the stage from this place to Canton, and will occupy a "rent" in the house with Seth Harlow.

Mrs. Samuel Arnold and Mrs. Hezekiah L. Austin, the first from Vermont, the latter from Canada, were with their father, Thomas Harlow, at the time of his death.

H. W. P.

GREENWOOD.

Widow Sarah Morgan is now on the sick list, the disease being the formation of internal ulcers; attended by Dr. Packard, of West Paris. She is stopping for the present in the family of A. K. Hicks.

We presume the hay harvest is nearly ended, except the second crop, which will have to be deferred until the weather is more favorable than at present. There is some late sown grain to be cut yet.

Some farmers are digging their potatoes, and find, in addition to a small crop, that they are rotting badly, especially the Beauty of Hebron.

Has any one noticed the mushroom crop that has grown this summer? We have seen them everywhere, from the size of a pin head to that of a plate, and of nearly every color in the solar spectrum. Traveling through a pine growth the other day, we saw one of the largest size, and a number of inches in height. The turf, being too tough to yield, was taken up with it, but broken, so that we could see the vegetable (?) underneath. There was an ant hill close by, and, thinking through a microscope, we could easily imagine how those intelligent little creatures became panic stricken, on seeing such an upheaval of nature, and fled in every direction, reporting the greatest earthquake on record. Botanists place the mushroom with the cryptogamous or flowerless plants, and estimate the number of species at nearly 5000, many of which are used for food, while the greater part are poisonous. But is it really a plant, or vegetable, after all? One learned man, now living, is of the opinion that it is nothing more than a sort of crystallization of the grasses, and possesses none of the characteristics of a plant, and consequently has no claim to a place in botany. We have examined the different parts of the mushroom somewhat minutely under a lens, and are ready to admit that we don't know what it is—and who does?

Born, Sept. 5th, to the wife of George G. Judkins, a son.

WILSON'S MILLS.

There is a great call for guides, at present, and the supply is not equal to the demand.

T. J. Sherman, with a friend, has gone up to camp out a few weeks. Another party of sportsmen join his party to-day.

Fred Taylor starts his threshing machine to-day.

Quite a number of our young people attended the ball at the Umbagog House. Martz had a show at Linnell's Hall same evening. It was said to have been a very good entertainment indeed. Martz is always original.

Peddlers and cattle buyers are around.

Z. F. Durkee is very sick, Dr. Twaddle, of Bethel in attendance.

UPTON.

This people had the privilege of listening to Rev. David Garland Sunday morning. After the Sabbath school Daniel and Estella Heywood united with the church. Monday evening the presiding elder with Elders McIntire, of Brunswick, Witham, of Mason, and Davis, of Newry, had an interesting meeting at the church.

Carrie Abbott is teaching in Grafton.

Mrs. Willard Ball, of Vermont, is visiting at A. K. Frost's.

George Graham, formerly of Lewiston, was in town Tuesday. He is now bookkeeper in a large wholesale house in Minneapolis.

Fred Godwin is clerk for E. C. Rowe, Bethel.

Mrs. Mary Heywood is very sick with bilious fever.

Philbrook and Stearns started a drive of cattle from here Wednesday.

EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. W. C. Howe, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. D. Hastings, has returned to her home in Waltham, Mass.

Miss Mae Howe has returned from Gorham, N. H., and is now stopping at J. D. Hastings'.

Rev. G. B. Hannaford will preach at the church in this place Sept. 25th, at 2 o'clock.

East Bethel Sewing Society will meet with Mrs. F. D. Bartlett Sept. 22nd.

ANDOVER.

There was a baked bean and pumpkin pie supper at the Hall Wednesday evening, gotten up by the M. E. Ladies' Circle, who realized about $13 from it.

M. F. Corson says that if the person who gathered the plums from the tree in his garden, a few nights since, will call again he may have the tree he left before.

J. W. Eaton has sold his stock in trade to Messrs. Melcher & Bailey, of Portland, who take possession at once. Both members of the new firm are young men, with practical business training, and come to us with good recommendations.

M. F. Corson has advertised his household goods and other property at auction Sept. 22nd.

The band serenaded Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Abbott Thursday night.

Frank Mitchell, a son of the late Clark P. Mitchell of this place, has bought R. A. Grover's place at East Andover.

DENMARK.

Charles Blake, of Gorham, was in town the past week, looking after important interests he has here.

S. G. Fessenden, of the Boston police force, has returned to Boston and resumed his duties there.

Mrs. Hazelton, of Biddeford, is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity. She is the widow of the late Hosea Hazelton, who formerly lived in this town, but removed to Biddeford many years ago.

Burnham & Morrill have shipped 1200 cases of corn cans from here to shops where they are short of cans. Their pack here will considerably exceed 300,000 cans.

FRYE.

The grove meeting of the 10th and 11th was a success. Meeting appointed at half past ten. Saturday forenoon, prayer by S. S. York, sermon by T. W. Thompson. Sermon by S. S. York in the afternoon. Sermon in the evening by A. W. Bradeen. Sunday at 9 o'clock A. M. prayer meeting. Half past ten, sermon by Rev. C. T. D. Crockett, of Jackson, N. H. Afternoon, prayer, by A. W. Bradeen, sermon by Crockett, after which was communion and a baptism. There were from three to four hundred people present.

WEST SUMNER.

The first Universalist Circle of the season occurred Wednesday evening last. Not a large crowd, but all seemed to enjoy it.

People report potatoes rotting badly.

The West Sumner Base Base Club played the North Buckfields Saturday, 10th. Score 56 to 12 in favor of West Sumner. As it was the first victory of the season for the home club we thought it would be no more than right to let people know it.

LOVELL.

On Thursday E. G. Charles began the picking of his cranberry bog. The crop is large and very fine and well ripened.

Mrs. Dean H. Wiley died on Tuesday of pneumonia, and was buried Thursday. Rev. Mr. Alvord, of No. Fryeburg, attended the funeral. Mrs. W. had been an invalid for a number of years, but her death was quite sudden and unexpected. The funeral was largely attended by friends from Fryeburg, Stow and Chatham, besides our own townspeople.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

Our farmers are now busy digging potatoes. They are rotting badly, and in many fields great injury has been done by muck worms.

Miss Etta Holman, a student of Farmington Normal School, is teaching in Dist. No. 9.

I am sorry to say that for several reasons there will be no free high school at the Centre this fall as was expected.

An unusual amount of real estate in Dixfield has changed hands the past week. Leroy Hall has purchased the Samuel White farm, and Samuel White has bought the Stockbridge stand in the village. Hon. George S. Holman has purchased the house and lot recently owned and occupied by Dr. Wing on Weld street, and also the store on Main street, recently owned and occupied by W. S. Chase as a general store. We hear Mr. Holman intends to make some needed improvements, and fill up the store with new goods at once.

EAST RUMFORD.

Died, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1887, Rosalie B., daughter of A. J. and Philadelphia Knight, aged 29 years, 5 months. She was born in this town, April 26th, 1858. Early in her life she became interested in religion, was baptized by Rev. George Briggs and was received into the church. She was united in marriage with Dr. Frank Abbott, Nov. 29th, 1883, and moved to Brooklyn, N. Y. She became warmly attached to the Hanson Place M. E. church. As superintendent of a sewing school for poor children she was enabled to do much good. By her death the Chautauqua Circle lost a devoted worker. The funeral services were held at East Rumford Tuesday, Sept. 13th, conducted by Rev. Mr. Hannaford, whose words of praise concerning her Godly life and christian example were true, as nearly two hundred friends present could testify. The collection of flowers surpassed any display that the writer has ever seen on such an occasion. Mrs. H. P. Hildreth sent a beautiful crown, C. R. Watson a lovely anchor, Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Houghton a pillow with the name "Rosalie" in the center, also a beautiful bouquet from Mrs. Samuel A. Avila—these were all Brooklyn friends. Numerous choice bouquets were sent by friends in this vicinity. Two of her favorite songs were sung, "My Jesus, I love thee," "Hiding in Thee." Her mother reached her a few days before she departed. To her she said: "Jesus is with me. Rejoice when I am gone." She requested to be buried near her childhood's home. She leaves a little babe one week old. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her husband, sister, brothers and parents. There will always remain pleasant thoughts of her. May we deeply cherish them in our hearts, always remembering the beautiful life of the giver.

PORTER.

The first day of the fair at Cornish was rainy, and the show of stock was not as good as usual. Second day there was a large attendance and the day was fine. In the 2:35 class, Frank A., driven by Frank Fox, won first money. Best time, 2:40 1-2. The 2:50 class by Alice E., R. G. Knight. Best time, 2:55. Third day the attendance was good. In the 2:40 class Foggy Dew won. Best time, 2:43. In the free for all Frank A. won first money. Best time, 2:41. A lady got kicked by a horse and a boy run over for accidents.

BETHEL.

At this writing (Saturday morning) the village is in a state of excitement over the loss of a child of Mr. Frank Rich, who lives about 2 miles from the village. The child is two and one half years old, and was missed by his mother about 11 A. M., Friday. Search was made during the afternoon by the mother and neighbors, and during the night fifty or sixty joined in the search. Saturday morning a large delegation here left the village to continue the search.

Wolff & Roessing finished packing corn at their factory in Bethel Friday. They have put up about 400,000 cans of corn and succotash.

The schools in Bethel commenced Monday, the 12th inst. Mr. Charles Valentine has charge of the village schools, assisted by Misses Mary Wingate and Mary Chapman. About 90 scholars are in attendance at Gould's Academy.

Hosea Ripley, an esteemed citizen of Bethel, dropped dead Sunday. He was a fine musician.

Dr. Tuell, our dentist, will be absent from Sept. 21st to the 1st of October on his vacation. Office closed. C.

NEWRY.

Frank Bisbee, of this town, has been very sick for a week past, but at last accounts was improving.

Willard Wight moved the Asa Russell house up to the old place last Friday. It took 26 heavy oxen to haul it.

Two of the sick ones at Charles Walker's are better. There is no improvement in Mrs. Walker.

Muck worms are destroying the potatoes. Skunks are digging the worms, and in so doing dig the potatoes out of the hills. My son picked up a barrel and a half last night that were dug in this way.

The first frost of the season was last Sunday morning.

EAST SUMNER.

Threshing machines are out. John Fletcher, of Hartford, is out with a new machine, purchased at the State Fair, of the Gray's Sons make.

The yield of grain is fair, though not as heavy as in some years.

Great complaint is made of potatoes rotting badly. The crop in some places will be nearly a failure.

Ira Palmer, Senior, and wife, have gone to Worcester, Mass., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Asia Hicker.

Barrows Post, G. A. R., will hold its next meeting at East Sumner, on the second Saturday in Oct. at 2 o'clock P. M. Several candidates are expected to join at that time.

Prof. L. M. Robinson and wife have returned to Philadelphia, where Mr. Robinson is engaged as a private tutor.

L. B. Bisbee has a lot of corn and feed for sale at the grist mill. He proposes to supply farmers with various kinds of feed for stock.

Quite a heavy frost on low land Saturday morning.

BRYANT'S POND.

James L. Bowker has bought the H. C. Davis stand. Price $900.

Mrs. N. F. Rowe died suddenly Tuesday night.

The Dr. Sawyer stand has been sold to Fred Stephens.

Pomona Grange met with Franklin Grange Sept 12th.

Rev. L. E. Pease gave his farewell sermon here Sept. 10th. It has been a great pleasure for the people of this community to listen to the sermons of Mr. Pease, and they regret very much to have him leave.

A. M. Whitman Post, No. 67, will hold their annual camp fire at Bryant's Pond, on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, at 10 o'clock. H. C. Davis and Judge Wilson, of Paris, will be present and talk to the boys. All soldiers are especially invited, whether members of the G. A. R. or not. The Post will furnish rations of baked beans, hardtack, and coffee free to all. All citizens are also cordially invited, and any contributions of rations on their part will be thankfully received.

Mrs. N. F. Rowe, of this town, fell down the cellar stairs striking her head on the wall, which caused her death in a short time. B.

BROWNFIELD.

John McDonald has sold his house on Main street to John Bryant, of Chatham, N. H. He is finishing a tenement in the old Barrows store, which he has recently purchased.

School commenced Monday. Miss Rose Chapman teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrows have again left town for their home in Kansas.

Business of all kinds is booming. There is plenty of work for all.

The corn factory is doing quite a big business this week.

Frank Meserve married to Rosa Marston.

Lluna Frink is visiting friends in Bridgton and Denmark.

Dr. Gatchel is again on the sick list, but we are not out of a doctor by any means while Mrs. Doctor is in town.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

A very heavy frost on the night of the 10th and 11th has stopped the shipping of cucumbers, but the season has been a remarkably good one for the crop. A thousand barrels have been sent from this station.

Mrs. N. W. Rice, of Boston, is spending a few days here with her friends.

The Cornish fair attract quite a number of our people.

J. E. Stickney is off for a few days' trip to Boston and other places.

The P. & O. R. R. and the Maine Central furnish half fare tickets to the delegates to the State convention of the W. C. T. U. holden at Auburn, the 28th, 29th, 30th, of this month. Full fare down on the P. & O., free return.

HEBRON.

The convention attended by Rev. Mr. Harden last week should have read Bath instead of Bethel.

Mrs. H. A. Tripp, who has been visiting here and at Paris, returned to her home in Blue Hill last week.

Mrs. Turner, who has been spending the summer at A. G. Bowman's will leave this week.

Mrs. John Gurney is very low.

Mrs. Harden had a beautiful amaryllis at church Sunday. Its seven flower stalks each containing five or six blossoms made a grand show.

On account of sickness, quite a number were prevented from attending church Sabbath day.

Mrs. S. P. Cushman has been dangerously sick, but is at present improving.

Mrs. Mather and daughter, of Lawrence, are visiting her relatives, the Cushman family.

Mr. Marston and Miss Clark, of Boston, are boarding at Mr. Maxim's.

Mrs. Davenport and children, from Massachusetts, are visiting her mother, Mrs. L. P. Maxim.

Mrs. H. L. Whitney and sons, of Boston, are missed since their return to Boston. Many have enjoyed the beautiful songs by Mrs. Whitney, during her stay for the summer.

George Dunham and family have moved into E. S. Dunham's house.

Mrs. Turner's house is being painted. The buildings have been thoroughly repaired.

The academy is prospering finely. More students board than usual. Rev. S. D. Richardson gives encouraging news in regard to the prospects for the erection of new buildings. B.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mrs. Laurinda, wife of Stephen Lovejoy, passed away the 13th, at the age of 82 years. Her children, Fred Lovejoy and wife, of Boston, Mrs. Mandana Miller, of Waltham, Mass., Mrs. Biana Foster, of Oxford, and Mrs. William Blake, of South Paris, were with her at her death. For several years Mr. and Mrs Lovejoy, have been kindly cared for by a grandson, Geo. A. Miller and wife. She was one of eleven children several of whom are now living. Her father, John Wilkins, resided on Temple Hill, and we think that has always been her home. Mr. and Mrs. L. have been married 65 years. Her pleasant face will be greatly missed. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. L. Skinner, of the First Congregational church, of which she was a member as well as her husband.

Mrs. A. Osgood Noyes is sick with lung fever.

Mrs. Amasa Vittum, of Waterboro and Mrs. Ella Foster, of Oxford, are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. H. Keen.

Stella Williams, of Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Skinner.

Chas. Chase and wife, of Bridgton, with Mr. C.'s sister and husband, of Wakefield, Mass., were at W. H. Keen's the 9th.

WEST PARIS.

Our village is assuming a sort of metropolitan appearance —A barber shop, a new drug store; a course of lectures is now talked off.

I am at a loss to understand how our people can be so indifferent in regard to a fire department in our village. A larger number of fires will be built here this fall and winter than ever before, with the consequent increased danger of fire but not a word is said about ladders, buckets or any thing else to put out a fire providing one should get started. Our people are bearing the increased rates of insurance like martyrs that the insurance companies are obliged to add in consequence of the great danger of fires. If we would interest ourselves and appropriate this extra rate of insurance towards a fire department, it would go a great way toward getting up a respectable protection against fire. I do wish our people would realize the importance of this matter before our smart and enterprising village is laid in ashes. One man can do nothing alone.

J. Wayland Kimball has got his steam boiler set and his factory piped so as to heat his large factory with steam. There are three men now at work at the chair factory putting in a plant and wires so as to light the factory by electricity. In this way the danger of fire at the steam mill will be very much lessened.

At the return game of the West Paris Base Ball Club with the Gorhams, the game stood 21 to 17 in favor of the Gorhams. Our boys say they were not beaten by the Gorham club but by the umpire. They speak highly of their treatment by the Gorham club.

At the game of base ball last Saturday afternoon between the West Paris nine and the Rumfords the game resulted in favor of the West Paris club by a score of 39 to 9. Same afternoon a game was played between the West Paris club and the Paris Hill nine resulting in favor of the West Paris boys by a score of 19 to 7. In the two games the West Paris club made 28 base hits.

C. H. Lane has added to his already large stock of goods a new and large invoice of ready made clothing and a full line of guns, rifles, revolvers and gunning materials.

Our school agent was very fortunate in securing the valuable services of Miss Annie B. Fobes, of South Paris, to teach our fall term of school. Miss Fobes is one of the best of teachers and is teaching a fine term of school to the entire satisfaction so far of both pupils and parents. We wish Miss Fobes could be engaged to teach the winter term.

The Good Templars Lodge is reported to be in a prospering condition, and much interest is manifested.

Adoniram Curtis, of Boston, is at his daughter's, Mrs. Everett Andrews', sick.

Much sickness prevails in this community.

DIXFIELD.

They are putting in the foundation for the boiler at the spool mill.

Mr. Merrill arrived Wednesday.

"Sam" White has bought the Stockbridge stand.

The corn factory at Dixfield has proved a great success. The canning business commenced Aug. 23d; has been running now, (Sept 16th) 24 days, putting up daily between twenty-nine and thirty thousand cans, and the prospect is that it will last two weeks longer. They are employing about one hundred hands. These, with the constant driving of ox teams and horse teams through our streets, loaded with ears of beautiful corn, makes Dixfield a lively place this fall. The amount of corn has far exceeded anybody's expectations. The company had a very large amount of cans made during the summer and packed in the fair ground hall on the fair grounds, many more than they expected to be able to fill. But they have filled them all up, and got three car loads from Portland, all they could get there, and today (Friday) they have put a crew at work with all possible speed, making more cans. I hear that several of our farmers have received for their corn from fifty to sixty-five dollars per acre.

The spool factory is nearly completed and will, it is said, be in full operation in about two weeks. Mr. Merrill, the overseer of the mill with his family and several skilled workmen from the factory from Searsport arrived here last night.

Several of our finest residences on the west side of Weld street have changed hands, and will all have new occupants within a week or two. A. P. Marsh takes the new brick house recently occupied by Frank Stanley and C. Ripley and Ezra Staples the fine house built last year by Wm. F. Putnam; George S. Holman the Dr. Wing or Palloon stand; Mr. Merrill the E. G. Harlow stand; and Samuel White the Issachar Stockbridge stand. These five beautiful residences all in a line on the west side of Weld street have been sold and changed owners as well as occupants the present season.

It is reported on the street to-day, (Friday), (and I suppose it to be correct) that George S. Holman has bought of W. S. Chase the old Chase store so long occupied by the late Charles T. Chase and recently by W. S. Chase & Co., and the land extending down to the river, about two acres with the store and stable standing upon it, and that he will immediately fill said store with a new stock of goods and go into trade there. It is also reported that said W. S. Chase talks of going to Kansas City to see how he likes the western country. L. R.

WEST PERU.

Hop picking is over.

Sweet corn is still being hauled to the factory. Fifty dollars per acre is about the average this season.

Mrs. O. T. Lovejoy has commenced her school in the Carlos Lane District, Franklin Plantation.

Last Wednesday's wind blow did considerable damage in this section. Unroofed the barn of R. H. Small, blew down trees and fences that have braved the storms for years. BOBB.

FRYEBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Haviland, of Waterville, have been visiting Mrs. Wellington the past week.

There was quite an excursion of boarders from Miss Page's on Saturday.

Miss Helen Chapman, of Brunswick, came on Monday for her usual fall sojourn here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Whiting left for Denver on Monday. The school is in charge of Mr. L. A. Poor, of Sebago, and Mrs. Kate Stone Cook, of Freeport. Mrs. Cook, of Bridgton, has the care of Mr. R.'s house and children.

Dr. Edward Ballard, of River Falls, Wisconsin, has been at his father's, Mr. George Ballard, in West Fryeburg.

The college boys left for Brunswick on Monday, except F. Allard, who enters as freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Fife left on Wednesday for Asbury Park, N. J., to attend the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. F.'s brother, who resides there.

Lewis M. Walker, F. A. '87, who has been at Lake Auburn as clerk for Mr. Gee, is in town and will soon return to his home in Boston to enter Harvard Medical School in October.

Mrs. J. C. Gerry and baby accompanied Miss Colby to her home in Lewiston on Wednesday.

Rev. J. T. Rea, former pastor of the Cong'l church in Bridgton, now of Cotuit, Mass, has been taking his vacation here and in Conway.

The village schools began last week. Teachers—Miss M. F. Towle, No. 1; Miss Eva D. Walker, No. 2.

Sadie Walker, youngest daughter of Carlton H. Walker, has been very dangerously sick for a week, but her symptoms seem more favorable at the last account.

Miss Mattie E. Randall, teacher in the Girls' Industrial School at Hallowell, is spending part of her vacation here.

Mrs. Gen. Shepley was to take possession of "Highland Park" this week. Dr. Buzzell's family have left.

W. F. Ward has leased his house to Col. Gibson and Mr. Newman, who is soon to return from abroad. Work is going on at their house upon the "Patty Stickney place."

Mrs. John Lynch, of Washington, has been visiting friends here.

The Cong'l circle met at A. H. Evans', at Mount Tom, on Thursday.

Misses Anna Barrows and Alice Morgan leave town on Saturday, the former to return to her post as teacher of cooking in the Industrial School, No. Bennet Street, Boston, the latter going as kindergarten teacher in the Hamilton School, Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. E. Rogers is visiting in Brunswick.

Mrs. M. A. Osgood, of Gorham, N. H., left Miss A. C. Osgood's on Friday, for a short stay in Portland before going to her home.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

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

Second Congregational Church, no pastor. Preaching service—Sunday—10 30 A. M.; Sabbath-school, 11:45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7 00 P. M., Tuesday; Ladies' Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M., Thursday; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M., Friday.

Methodist Church, J. A. Corey, Pastor: Preaching Service, 10 30 A. M.; Sabbath-school, 12 00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7 00 P. M.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M.; Class Meeting, Friday, 7 30 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C. No. 36, 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. Wildey 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. A. J. Rowe, C. C.; G. E. Lassells, K. of R. and S.

I. O. G. T.—In Grange Hall, every Saturday evening. Eugene Andrews, W. S.

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

U. O. G. C.—Meets the first and third Friday evenings of each month. Geo. A. Cleaves, N. C. Lucilla Cummings, R. of R.

S. of V.—Meets in Grange Hall first and third Monday evenings of each month. J. Bumpus, Capt.

Judge Whitman is soon to publish another serial story. He is now hard at work on the narrative, the plot of which will embrace incidents of the late civil struggle. Judging of the forthcoming by the serial lately published in the DEMOCRAT we expect it to be one of thrilling interest.

The new sign of the Norway Municipal Court is the work of Geo. Small.

Mr. Lawson Frost returned to Boston, where he is engaged in the provision business, Friday, after a short vacation of one week.

Wednesday morning the Norway Light Infantry left on the 6:30 train for Philadelphia under command of Lieut. S. S. Stearns. Capt. G. R. Howe accompanied the company. Archie Wakefield, of the firm of Webb & Wakefield, served as drummer for the boys from the armory to the station. Archie played excellently. The following are the names of the boys who made up the company to Philadelphia:

2d Lieut., C. R. Bailey; Serg., Eugene F. Hayden; Serg., Geo. T. Crockett; Serg., Ed R. Jordan; Serg., John O. Hatch; Corp., James C. True; Corp., H. Hall; Corp., Harry Ames; Private, N. F. Snell, Elbridge P. Walker, Newton Stanley, Charles G. Burlington, W. E. Cole, F. H. Hurd, Will A. Channell, E. Algergin, W. Dyer, A. McKay, T. F. Thibodeau; Surgeon, Dr. R. F. Bradbury.

The officers of Norway Commandry, No. 24, U. O. G. C. elected are:

N. C., S. A. Cleaves; V. C., Ella F. Moulton; R. of R., Lucella Cummings; F. R. of R., Chas. S. Akers; Treas., J. L. Hosmer.

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Bethel,	5.52	9.31	3.38
Locke's Mills,	6.03	9.41	*3.43
Bryant's Pond,	6.10	9.48	*3.52
West Paris,	6.20	10.02	4.03
So. Paris,	6.28	10.20	4.18
Norway, (leave)	6.30	10.10	4.10
So. Paris, (arrive)	6.35	10.15	4.15
So. Paris, (leave)	6.40	10.25	4.20
Norway, (arrive)	6.45	10.30	4.25
Oxford,	6.52	10.33	
Mechanic Falls,	7.01	10.43	4.39
Lewiston Junction,	7.27	10.57	4.50
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Portland,	8.25	12.05	5.45

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Lewiston Junction,	10.33	2.47	6.35
Lewiston, (leave)	10.15	2.00	6.15
Mechanic Falls,	10.45	3.05	6.47
Oxford,	10.55	3.17	6.56
So. Paris,	11.07	3.35	7.09
Norway, (leave)	11.00	3.25	6.55
So. Paris, (arrive)	11.05	3.30	7.00
So. Paris, (leave)	11.15	3.40	7.10
Norway, (arrive)	11.15	3.45	7.15
West Paris,	11.22	4.02	7.24
Bryant's Pond,	11.33	4.20	7.35
Locke's Mills,	11.40	4.28	7.41
Bethel,	11.48	4.40	7.50
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I.—CHARADE.

Our Fan came storming home from school
With many a pout and frown;
Her *first* upon the grassy lawn
She angrily threw down.

A *last* that chanced to cross her path,
She crushed with angry tread;
"I'm not like you," she fiercely cried,
"For all the teacher said."

"What did the teacher say?" I asked—
A flush suffused her brow—
"She said I was a *whole*," she cried,
"Say, sunty, am I now?'

I had to laugh a hearty laugh
Ere I my Fan could tell—
"The teacher complimented you
Because you study well."

JOAN D'ARC.

II.—SCATTERED PROVERB.

A word taken from each of the following sentences will form a proverb.

1. If you'd have help, this motto heed—
Always help a man in need.
2. If you would have your work well done, do it yourself.
3. Be good and you will be happy.
4. Heaven is near to those who serve their Maker.
5. If a woman wills, she will, and you may depend on't;
And if she won't, she won't, and there's the end on't.
6. Help the deserving poor.
7. You cannot gather good fruit from a corrupt tree.

J. O. H. N.

III.—WORD SQUARE.

1. Something that lives in the water; also a kind of fruit.
2. A towering passion; also the prevailing fashion.
3. A very disagreeable disease.
4. A kind of drink.

BENNIE BEE.

IV.—ANAGRAMS.

A man once said, and spoke the truth,
When asked his occupation,
"*I mop clean* all the wicked ways
And take rogues to the station.
They say I stand about and talk
Beneath the gaslight's glare,
And that when danger I espy,
I quickly disappear."

I asked a man in workman's clothes
What way he earned a living;
He answered me "*Best crape*, you know,
An emblem is of grieving,
And grieving my employer'll be
When he my bill for work shall see.

ETHYL.

V.—DIAMOND.

1. A consonant.
2. An animal.
3. A tool used by farmers.
4. A girl's name.
5. A vowel.

LITTLE MAY.

VI.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 11 letters.

My 11, 6, 4 means timid.
My 5, 2, 9 is a kind of preserves.
My 1, 7, 8, 10 is a small animal.
My 3, 2, 4 is a beam of light.
The whole is the name of a novel writer.

BESSIE.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—George Macdonald.

2.— HIDE
IRON
DODO
ENOS

3.—Blueberry.
4.—Brook, rook, book.
5.—Mark Twain.

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"Ah!" said Beezum. "How's that?"

"The minister gave out the hymn, 'I love to steal awhile away,' and Deacon Boodlebag, who is a bank cashier, took it as a personal reflection, and gave up his pew."

GIVE THEM A CHANCE!

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HE GOT HER, AFTER ALL.—The removal of the old drug store at Norwich calls out this anecdote of Dr. Daniel, the senior partner in the first firm that did business—a profitable one, too—in the place: A sharp old lady called at the shop one day with a prescription. When the doctor had prepared the same she inquired:

"What shall I pay?"

He replied:

"Three and sixpence."

"Now, doctor," said the lady, "do be liberal; abate the odd and let me pay the even."

"I will, with pleasure," he replied.

"Then as three is odd and six is even," said the lady, "here is a sixpence and that settles it."

"That is too bad," groaned the doctor, "but I have this to console me: I have made fourpence halfpenny out of you as it is."—*Worcester Spy.*

ARLO BATES.

In the autumn of 1876, says the Book Buyer for September, there came to Boston a young man fresh from Bowdoin College who established himself in an attic and began to write, while knowing less than a dozen people in Massachusetts. Arlo Bates was then twenty-six years old. He was born in East Machias, Maine. His father died when the lad was twelve years old, but before that event the boy was saturated with Shakespeare and the Bible, books which, with Ossian, Scott and Longfellow, his father was accustomed to read aloud to the large family of children. While in college Bates was the editor-in-chief of The Bowdoin Orient, and got a story or two printed in the magazines.

Mr. Bates's first efforts in literature in the Boston garret might have discouraged one less sure than he was of his vocation and less ardently devoted to it from the outset. He wrote with painful and unflagging persistency and with unvarying ill success. Of enthusiasm and zeal he had plenty, but these very qualities, which carried him in haste to his climax, apparently made it difficult for him to concentrate his attention upon the details leading up to the conclusion. Finally, however, when the pile of rejected manuscripts had grown to considerable proportions, Mr. Bates began to get a sure foothold in the magazines. In 1880 he became the editor of The Boston Courier, and two years later married Harriet Leonora Vose, ("Eleanor Putman"), a daughter of Prof. George L. Vose. Mrs. Bates died in 1886, and her husband several months later, edited a volume of her sketches, "Old Salem."

Mr. Bates's first novel was "Patty's Perversities," which was published in the Round Robin Series in 1881. "The Ties of Blood" followed, but publishers looked askance at it because the central theme is the agony of a girl who falsely supposes that she has married her brother. It was published serially later in The Courier. "The Pagans," for which Mr. Bates was more or less roundly abused, was published in 1884. The author described a phase of society which has a decided influence on modern thought, and was held responsible by some of his readers for the unorthodox opinions expressed by his characters on a variety of subjects. "A Wheel of Fire," which is commonly regarded as the strongest novel Mr. Bates has produced, was issued in 1885; and in the next year he brought out, under the title of "Berries of the Brier," a volume of fugitive poems. A memorial volume to his wife, "sonnets in Shadow," has recently been published. Mr. Bates's last story was "A Lad's Love," referred to in the last Book Buyer.

Mr. Bates is a frequent contributor to periodical literature, and is a paper marked by sincerity, strength and lucidity, in the August Scribner's, presents, under the title of "Realism and the Art of Fiction," a telling argument against the doctrines of the Realistic School. The article is also valuable as showing the high artistic purpose which animates the author in the construction of his novels.

SAM PETERBY'S GOODS.

Sam Peterby, a merchant from the interior, while visiting Boston to get a sniff of salt water, united business with pleasure by purchasing a bill of goods from a prominent firm. He was very politely received, and one of the proprietors showed him over the immense store. On reaching the fourth floor the customer perceived a speaking tube on the wall, the first thing of the kind he had ever seen.

"What is that?" he asked.

"Oh, that is a speaking tube; it is a great convenience. We can converse with clerks on the first floor without the trouble of going down stairs."

Can they hear what you say through that?" asked the visitor.

"Certainly; and they can reply at the same time."

"You don't say so!" exclaimed the visitor. "May I talk through it?"

"Certainly," was the reply.

The visitor put his mouth to the tube and asked:

"Are Sam Peterby's goods packed up yet?"

The people in the office must have supposed it was somebody else speaking, for a moment later the distinct reply came back:

"No. We have not packed them yet. We are waiting for a telegram from his town. We believe he is a slippery one."

NOT SAFE TO JUDGE BY THE CLOTHES.

A few days ago a lady from San Francisco, who had a very solid bank account went to Lake Tahoe on a pleasure trip with her daughter. She concluded that she would have a good time, and accordingly went without jewelry. She found herself in the midst of a lot of people making a vulgar display of clothes and diamonds. She was subjected to the most unmerciful snubbing and put off in an obscure corner to eat. With true feminine instinct she decided on revenge. Presently there were deposited at the hotel 12 Saratoga trunks, waybilled to her address. She and her daughter came down to the dining-room that evening in a blaze of lace and diamonds that took everybody's breath away. It blinded the eye to look at the pair. The steward, after recovering his pose, rushed forward and pulled out two chairs from the most fashionable table in the hotel. She shook her head and replied: "The old table will do," and went to the obscure corner. The dudes tried to shine up to the girl, but she wouldn't have it, and those who tried to scrape an acquaintance with the mother found it like trying to run a tunnel into an iceberg. They left soon after, and it was a complete triumph.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—First Omaha Burglar—"I tell you it's awful the way things are in New England, twenty or thirty women to every man."

Second Omaha Burglar—"I suppose so. All the men have come west."

"Yes, that's how it is."

"Did you get much boodle there?"

"Yes; but I had a narrow escape once. I noticed a lot of the finest diamonds you ever saw on a Boston girl just going out to the house to a lecture or something, and I watched my chance and got in and hid under her bed. You see, I was thinkin' she would be so interested in the lecture she went to that she wouldn't think to look around for burglars, you know."

"Yes."

"But when she came in the first thing she did was to look under the bed, and there she saw me."

"Did she scream or faint?"

"She just grabbed me with both hands and held on like grim death."

"Eh! How did you get away?"

"I explained to her that I was already married and she let me go."—*Omaha World.*

When a man says, "I hear a noise," it probably never occurs to him that there is nothing in this wide world that anybody can hear but a noise.

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Administrator's Sale.

PURSUANT to a license from the Hon. Geo. A. Wilson, Judge of Probate, within and for the County of Oxford, I shall sell at public auction, on the premises, in Bethel, Friday, the 14th day of Oct., A. D. 1887, at ten o'clock A. M., the homestead farm of Abiel B. Lyon, late of Bethel, deceased, together with the reversion of the widow's dower in said premises.

Bethel, Sept. 8th, 1887.

ELLA F. LYON, ADMINISTRATOR.

HARNESSED ELECTRICITY.

THE MOST BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED HOUSE IN THE WORLD.

A year ago last spring Mr. E. H. Johnson, the president of the Edison Electric Light company, bought a tract of land about two miles back from the water at Greenwich, Conn., including a knoll, said to be the highest site so near the coast from Florida to Maine. It is 340 feet above the water. From the old farm house which stood on the knoll when Mr. Johnson bought, could be seen Long Island Sound from Fort Schuyler to Bridgeport, a distance of 40 miles. The old house was torn down to make way for the present structure, which is in Colonial style, about fifty feet square, and three stories high. The sides of the building are shingled with unpainted shingles left to obtain the silvery grey which only years can give. Within the last few months Mr. Johnson's place has been the object of much curiosity to people who live on high spots along the Sound from New Rochelle to Norwalk, owing to the brilliant appearance it presents at night.

As president of the Edison company, the owner has done everything in his power to show what can be done in the way of lighting up a country place. He has placed electric lights in great profusion not only through his house, but in the piazzas, on the flag-pole, along the drives, the barns and stables, and even on the tennis grounds. There are no less than 200 lamps used in front verandas of the house. At night the effect from a distance of several miles is brilliant and puzzling. The site is so high that captains of the Sound boats say that no better signal-service station could be selected, and it is possible that some arrangement may be made by which the signal flags of regular stations will be shown from Mr. Johnson's place for the benefit of the Sound navigators.

Electric lights put to every conceivable use and in wonderful profusion, are of course the chief electrical feature of the place, but by no means the only one. Electricity has been put at work in a dozen different ways. It pumps the water from six wells upon the place, it opens the gates, it sends signals of various kinds through the house and grounds, it works an organ, it regulates the temperature of the house in winter and summer, it currycombs the horses, it runs and lights up a fountain, it makes ice, etc. The lighting is, however, the wonder of the place. Five hundred incandescent lamps are used—about half in the house and half outside. The hall, which is finished in dark oak, is chiefly lighted from the top by eight lights so concealed by stained glass that it is hard to say where the subdued glow really comes from. The dining room has six chandeliers, the parlor four, and the library four. All the lights in these rooms are controlled from a small switch-board in each room, which permits any number of lamps or all to be turned on at will. The fireplaces are fitted up with stained glass imitations of live coals lighted up by electricity. In connection with the burglar alarm is a switch which lights one lamp in every room in the house and a few in the grounds. On the tennis ground the lights are placed in iron boxes sunk to the level of the ground, so that the light is thrown upward and not in the eyes of the players. In the stables each stall is provided with an electric lamp.

The electricity used is drawn at will from dynamos driven by a forty-horse power engine, or from a secondary battery of 120 cells giving ten-horse power of current for ten hours. Two No. 10 Edison dynamos are used. The switches are so arranged that whether one or all the lamps are in use the power is just sufficient. Next to the dynamo and battery, which is in a building connected with the barn, is the boiler room, which also contains a fan driven by a Sprague electric motor and used to send cool air into the house whenever the thermostats placed throughout the rooms indicate by ringing a bell that the temperature has risen above 70°. The