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GRAPES FOR FAMILY USE.

"Could I raise such grapes as these in my garden?" asked a reader of these columns when looking at a fine collection recently shown by a successful grower of this delicious and attractive fruit: Well, doubtless you could if you would learn how, was the answer given. Under favorable conditions grapes may be grown a year or two by any one who will set a vine but to get large handsome clusters of well ripened fruit every year requires, to say the least, a *little* knowledge of the requisites to success in grape growing. Not all our readers are located where grapes grow and bear fruit spontaneously. Northern New England is a little too cold, and the seasons too short for very easy grape culture, as the vine is at home only in moderately warm climates. But by selecting early varieties and choosing warm or protected situations, grapes enough for family use may be grown in many localities even as far north as Canada. Mr. Augur, pomologist of the Connecticut state board of agriculture, speaking on grape culture recently to the writer, remarked that the advantages are not all with residents of a warm climate, and Mr. Williams, an extensive grape grower of New Jersey, told us at the pomological exhibition the other day, that New Jersey growers have their troubles even in that warm region. Where the fruit most abounds, there also many parasites and diseases abound also. Mr. Williams told us that he had little confidence in grapes in his vineyard unless the bunches were enclosed in paper bags to prevent rot, and this year the bags have failed to protect.

As we go north the days are longer and there is more sunshine to ripen the crops, which enables one to grow successfully many things which are almost tropical in character. Corn and beans are killed by frost but we can grow them successfully in our hot summer days by selecting early varieties and forcing a rapid growth.

Mr. Augur claims that grapes have more flavor when grown near the northern limit of production than if raised further south. This is true of other fruits and of sweet corn. An abundance of sunshine is needed to put the sugar into the corn, apples and other fruits and vegetables.

So it is worth while for all of us here near the northern limits of easy fruit culture to endeavor to grow the best of whatever we undertake.

In selecting a place to plant a grape vine remember that the plant needs a great amount of sunshine,—sun heat. It can not get it on the north side of a building, or wood lot, or high hill. Do not set a grape vine close by the sink drain where it will be surfeited with moisture all the season, nor in a cold, dry loam in regions where the season is a little too short, but put it where its roots will be warm all summer. A dry knoll may be better than a mud hole, though good land is best for the grape as well as for other fruits provided it is not too cold or too wet. Varieties that need forcing may be trained upon the south or warm side of a house or other building, but it is better to have the trellis a foot or two away to give abundant circulation of air about leaves and fruit. The sun may be too severe upon fruit that lies directly upon shingles or clapboards. Most persons who set grape vines under reasonably favorable conditions have little trouble in getting one crop of fruit. It is getting good crops continually that requires skill and a knowledge of the requisites to success. Few would let a hen lay all winter and then set her upon all the eggs she had laid, yet this would be scarcely more unwise than to let a grape vine carry all the fruit it might happen to set. Successful grape growing requires a good deal of pruning and thinning of the fruit.

"But wild grapes grow and bear without pruning and thinning," says our inquirer. That is true, but wild vines do not bear uniformly good fruit every year. Nature prunes the vines, and thins the fruit well enough to answer the purpose of nature. Vines in the wild state usually climb over shrubbery or trees, which make their annual increase of growth and by shading the old wood of the vine kill much of the young growth and thus thin out the wood.

Wild vines upon trees usually bear their best fruit on the outside of the tree, and all vines bear their fruit only from buds on new wood of the previous year's growth. Now in garden grape culture we are apt to force much wood growth, and fill our trellises with a dense mass of foliage, so dense that there is the same tendency to natural pruning by crowding upon the weaker growth as with wild vines of the woods or the roadside.

What we should aim for in grape culture is an annual crop of large, or fair sized, ripe bunches. Large bunches can only grow upon large wood. If we let two canes or two sections of vine grow where there is only room for one, the two canes or sections will both be dwarfed in size, the leaves will be small, the bunches of fruit small, and if this double production is general over the entire trellis, the fruit will be slow in ripening and unless the season be long and favorable may not ripen before frost kills both fruit and foliage. Then again, if we let any tree or vine over-bear one year it is weakened for the next year's work. So if we would have the best quality of fruit every year we must prevent over-bearing.

Dr. Fisher, of Fitchburg, an acknowledged authority, whose system of culture more or less modified, has been adopted by hundreds of followers, attempts to grow only six pounds of fruit to a vine. His clusters weigh a half pound each, so he needs only twelve clusters per vine to get his crop. His vines are set six by eight feet apart and nine hundred are required for an acre. A full crop is about two tons and three quarters per acre. One year he let his vines bear a double crop but was a loser in consequence, the fruit being small and unripe and the growth of wood for the next years' crop small, so he had two poor crops as a result. In setting a single vine to run over the sunny side of one's house and where there is ample root space, it may not be best to always keep it pruned so close or restrict the amount of fruit to a half dozen pounds, but if we would be sure of a crop each year we must keep the vine down to its capacity for well ripened fruit. Varieties that require the whole season for ripening should be set in the warmest situations, where both root and leaf will get abundant sun heat. Set vines in fall or spring according to convenience, only be sure to set them early enough in either case. If set in the fall there should be time for the earth to settle solid about the roots before freezing weather sets in; if in spring set before the buds start.

The first year let the vine grow all it will. In the fall cut back to one or two buds. The second year's growth will be larger, and the cutting back should be continued annually till the vine has made strong, large canes capable of bearing large clusters of fruit. The trellis may be whatever one fancies, the object being merely to support the vine and expose it to the sun's rays and above danger of dirty fruit. Have two ideas constantly in mind, a limited production of fruit the present year, and large, strong, new wood for the next year's crop. This is about the whole secret of successful grape culture. The vines may be tied to stakes or trained on wires or slats as best suits one's convenience. Cut back old wood after the crop is gathered, and before the buds start in spring. Shorten the new wood to the vine's capacity for perfect fruit. Check over-growth of new wood in summer by nipping or cutting off the ends of the shoots two or three times. This will encourage the growth of a few large leaves near the clusters of fruit and it is these that furnish the sugar. Mildew, rot and other diseases are encouraged by dense shade and an over-growth of leaves, while good circulation of air and abundant sunlight promotes vigor and good health.

By observing the rules and principles we have here discussed, any one in fairly favorable localities can have plenty of this most excellent fruit and have it in perfection. The Concord is one of the most popular grapes and when well ripened is good enough. The Brighton is one of the best red grapes. Some growers place it at the head for family use. But tastes differ, and it is better to raise more than one kind. A new red grape which pleased us much was shown at the pomological exhibition last month by Mr. A. J. Caywood, of Marlboro, N. Y. He names it Ulster, from the county on the Hudson River where it originated. The Delaware, Diana, Lady, Niagara, Salem, Vergennes, Worden, Moore's Early and several others are all well worthy of trial in the family fruit garden. It is better to set those which can be bought for small sums and then take care of them than to invest heavily in every new variety that is offered before there has been time for a thorough test. Few fruits are more easily cultivated than the grape and few are more acceptable to the average consumer. Let us all endeavor to raise a full supply and have them of the best quality. A. W. C.

ONE WAY TO START A CREAMERY.

To organize a creamery—on whatever plan—there must be a co-operative effort on the part of the patrons, and the more perfect the co-operation, the greater will be the success.

In every instance where the creamery is within a few hundred miles of large cities the creamery run strictly upon the co-operative plan is best; the patrons may as well pin their faith securely to each other, and put their trust in good butter, and realize all the proceeds of the cream, and share the profits.

Where there are from 250 to 500 cows within a distance of ten miles each way in a good locality, a creamery can be run successfully. A good creamery can be put up and stocked with all needed machinery for from $900 to $1,500, provided the patrons buy their own cans, which will cost from 80 cents to $1.00 per cow, each lot of ten cows needing a can. The stock is issued to the amount of the plant, and is usually put out in $10 shares.

The building committee get a plan of the building from any well-known manufacturing firm of dairy supplies. The machinery is selected from a list of supplies. Officers must be selected to run the affair, but need only consist of an auditing committee and a salesman; the latter may act as treasurer of the concern.

It is best to avoid perambulatory speculators. The farmers should co-operate only among themselves, do the best they know how, and they will succeed as well as they would in the company of strangers.

It is best for the patrons to decide upon a uniform system of milk setting, by buying cans all of one make, and conform as nearly as possible to the rules; for by this plan only can a high grade of butter be made. Good butter makers can be secured from almost any of the dairy districts of the Northern States and at wages ranging from $50 to $100 per month.

The cream-gatherers will be one to about each 200 "inches" of cream collected. The cream is taken off by the gatherers, and the number of "inches" of cream obtained of each patron is credited to him. As the bulk of the cream is not a safe rule to go by as to the amount of butter it will churn out, samples of the cream are taken each day and its butter yield determined, and the exact per cent. of butter to each inch of cream is placed to the credit of the patron. This is more just to all.

Each week or oftener, the salesman sends the butter to the best market he can find, consigning it to a No. 1 commission house, who will sell it on its merits. When the returns are made the cost of making the butter is deducted from the amount received, and the balance is divided *pro rata* among the patrons. Every three months the interest on the capital stock is deducted and paid to the stockholders. Persons not owning stock may be allowed to send cream, but instead of sharing *pro rata* in the expense, they usually pay three, four, or five cents per pound for making their butter, a trifle more per pound for making than the patrons pay.

It is always best to send to one commission house as long as possible and establish a reputation for the butter. If the patrons will "hold together" and not get suspicious over every little thing they fail to understand at first sight, and believe that their salesman is doing his best, and finally make butter in the winter when it is 35 cents per pound, instead of in the summer when it is 12 1-2, there is no reason why, in a section where there are plenty of cows, a good co-operative creamery will not succeed; and it will, in any event, take the burden of buttermaking from the daily duties of a hundred wives, and let one man "make it for a whole neighborhood." Furnish him with good cream, and then demand good creamery butter as his part of the contract.

Another element of profit is secured by this plan. The buttermilk and washings of the creamery can be utilized for feeding pigs. At some distance away from the creamery a hog yard is established, and enough hogs are purchased to eat the slop. Grain is purchased or furnished by the patrons, and the hogs are fed; and once in about 40 to 60 days they are sold and new ones put in, and the profits of their growth are divided up *pro rata*. Where the buttermilk is thinned sufficiently with the washings and otherwise, a proper amount of grain is fed with it; it is valuable as food for hogs, but fed clear is not a success as a ration in the creamery pigsty.—*John Gould in Rural New Yorker.*

A few weeks ago as a party of miners were prospecting among the mountains near the Gila River in Arizona, writes a correspondent of the Troy *Times*, they were attracted by the peculiar arrangement of some rocks, and on opening the pile with their picks discovered a sepulchre in which were a number of mummies in a remarkable state of preservation and of a make-up superior to those of Egypt. There were mummies of all sizes and both sexes, and so perfect had been the process of their embalming that the hair was intact and the muscles still stood out prominently. Each figure was wrapped round and round in cloth that yet retains its brilliant coloring, though so ancient that the outer layers crumbled when touched. The features were unmistakably of the Aztec type. Some of the wraps were decorated with feathers and embroidery, and there were rows of shells hung around the neck of one of the figures.

A correspondent from England describes a typical farming scene at this time of year: "Then we went to the broad fields, where the grain had been gathered, and over them roamed a score of children basketing the corn the reapers had left, for it is the commendable custom here to give the leavings to the poor. And yet one broad field of wheat was left, lying next to a bit of forest or preserve, and on my inquiring why it had been spared, my companion told me that that reserve was for pheasants and partridges whose broods were reared in the wood. "Come here in mid-September,' she said, 'and you shall have rare fat birds for your reward.'"

With Stowell's Evergreen sweet corn, Prof. Henry of the Wisconsin experiment station obtained a yield of 11,232 pounds per acre. He calculated that this amount supplemented with 2256 pounds of bran, would make 290 pounds of butter worth $58. The bran he called worth $13.47, leaving $44.53 as the value of the fodder corn from one acre when manufactured into butter.

The weighing of the milk, testing of the cows, and knowing to a dollar what one is doing is a great help to the dairy farmer and for that matter to every farmer says the *Dakota Farmer*. It enables him to get rid of poor milkers and replace them with good ones; and the latter cost no more to keep or handle than the former.

A colossal stick of lumber from Puget Sound has been contributed to the Mechanics' Exhibition at San Francisco. Its length is 151 feet, and it is 20x20 inches through. It is believed to be the longest piece of lumber ever turned out of any saw mill.

The peach season has nearly reached its close. It has been one of the worst for several years, the yield being very small.

The banana has been acclimated in Butte county, Cal., and trees are now in full bearing.

For the OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

LOVE'S MAGIC.

BY WILLIAM BRUNTON.

My love, my love, it seems so sweet,
All in the autumn weather,
When nature's beauties fade and fleet,
To find that ours in gladness meet,
And stay in joy together.

For after summer and its bloom,
When bird and bee pass over,
And all around is blight and gloom,
The grandeur of a royal tomb,
Our love is like the clover.

Our hearts take on the roses' dye,
The spring and summers' splendor,
The blue of heaven is in your eye,
And in my heart I'm asking why
You look so sweet and tender.

Thank God for His supernal power,
Defying changing season,
Love builds in desert wastes its bower,
And spite of frost renews the flower,
And matches rhyme with reason.

A FATHER'S SHOT.

BY A. T. WORDEN.

[Albany Evening Journal.]

One of the smallest battles of the war of the rebellion without doubt was attended by the most important results, and was made conspicuous by as many romantic features as any of the larger combats. The battle of Mill Springs, or Logan's Crossroads, was as decisive in its results as to the setting free of the Union sentiment in Kentucky and Tennessee as was Donelson or Shiloh. Mill Springs, forming the right wing of the splendid line of defense arrayed by the brilliant Gen. A. S. Johnston, was as important to the general cause as the better equipped and defended Forts Henry and Donelson, though mismanaged by the drunken and incompetent Crittenden to the sorrow of the capable and much-mourned Zollicoffer, his inferior in command. No doubt the loss of Zollicoffer, who fell in this battle, was as great to rebel sympathizers in Tennessee as was that of the brilliant A. S. Johnston. But aside from the larger interests centered in the National or the Confederate cause, there were to be considered the strange complications of a fratricidal struggle. At Mill Springs, Tennesseans faced Tennesseans, Kentuckians faced Kentuckians and no one who has participated in such a struggle can forget the feeling of rancor evinced there. Truly, Kentucky was for a time the "dark and bloody ground." The battle was fought on Sunday, January 19th, 1862, and it is to one tragic scene of that contest I would draw the attention of the reader. A scene so strange, so marvellous, that when I recall its denouement it seems like a trick of a personified fate. I was a subordinate officer in Co. A of the Minnesota volunteers, infantry, and we broke camp at Lebanon, Kentucky, on New Year's day of '62. The march toward Somerset was an easy one and enlivened with few incidents. The mud made travelling heavy, and Thomas, then a brigadier, was a careful, methodical commander, and trains were well kept together and we did not reach Logan's Crossroads until January 17.

No one then believed that this little opening in the forest would become historic ground where Thomas should become immortal and Zollicoffer die. Three or four log houses and one frame building comprised all the evidences of settlement in sight. It was a good strategic point only in being a crossroads where like concentric rays all the important roads of that sparsely settled country came together. Down one road nine miles distant was the fortified camp, Mill Springs. Down another eight miles was Somerset, a village of some importance on the Cumberland. Here also was the Jameston road and several byroads. The condition of the mud was such that no movement of importance could be commenced against us without using some of these roads. To be sure there were, as I look back at it now, some evidences of nearness to a contest. Woolford's cavalry, a body of Kentucky horse, was unusually active. They were long awkard riders with swinging legs covered with mud, and their long, unkempt hair generally in their eyes, but wicked as fighters, and with staying qualities in a fight as long as their own legs, which is saying a good deal. In and out of camp to Gen. Thomas's headquarters these muddy centaurs went, and with more experience we should have known that something of importance was imminent. With plenty of time to look back now at first causes we realize that the success of Thomas may be attributed to the fact that he always knew what his enemy was doing. January 18th was a cold, drizzly, miserable day, and I was sent out on the Jamestown road with a detail of 10 men to guard a crossing of Fishing Creek, now bank high with the incessant rain. Our vidette was behind a large tree, on the bank of the stream, and our reserve took up its quarters in an open tobacco house in the rear, about 30 rods. The tobacco shed was part of the out-buildings, connected to the best house near Logan's Crossroads. In fact it was the only frame structure in sight. I desired to allow the men, to build a fire on the ground in the shed, and so wished the permission of its owner at the house. I visited him, and on presenting my petition he told me to build the fire, and there would be no danger in such a wet time. Soon the reserve guard had a roaring fire on the ground, and blankets were spread and pipes lighted, while eager hands prepared coffee and bacon for supper. As night came down we heard a step at the door, and the old man of the house came in. He was the typical Kentuckian, and still robust, though he must have been at least 70 years of age. As I recall his picture after a quarter of a century, I see a tall straight form, white hair, a wrinkled face, with that curious sneering smile upon it which comes of years of domination and defiance, and yet savors of courtesy.

"Good evenin', gentlemen," with a long holding of the accent on the men.

"Good evening," all responded, and one of the boys pushed over his knapsack for the old man to sit on.

"Right smart o' rain we alls is gettin' fur the time o' year," and he smiled courteously around the circle.

One of the men offered him a bag of sutler's tobacco and a pipe, and the old man said sententiously, "Store tobarker," and filled the pipe. As he puffed at it dreamily he asked:

"You uns ever heered of old Peyton Baxter? Down along the branch and over to Somerset, and probly clear down to Campbelltown, they knows old Peyton."

I did not wish to offend, and so I nodded my head affirmatively.

"That's my name. I'm old Peyton Baxter uv Logan's crossroads;" and he chuckled to himself. The boys became interested and listened attentively. "You uns ever hear what old Peyton's politics was? Probly not. Well, old Peyton he war a Whig. A Harry Clay man, and fur the Union every time. A Harry Clay old line Union Whig, and I want every one uv ye to shake hands." Old Peyton Baxter's levee was well attended, for every Minnesotian got up and shook his hard hand and then took his seat, and studied the old face again. "They was talk uv comin' down on old Peyton and burnin' his buildins and confiscatin' his tobarker un such, by them doggoned rebels under Buckner, but they didn't do it, and why, d'ye 'spose?" We admitted that we did not know why. "Because old Peyton was a right peert shot and they knowed it." Here he chuckled in a dry way which had no humor in it. "Perhaps," said he courteously, "you would object to an old man lookin' over your kind of guns," and he pointed to the stacked Harper's Ferry rifles in the corner. I got up and drew the cartridge from my rifle and handed it to him. With a deft hand he threw it to his shoulder, weighed it in his hands, and then with a look of disgust handed it back.

"Too coarse," said he; "too much like a fowling piece. You uns wouldn't care if I showed you a gun, would you? You wouldn't tote it off and rob an old man, would ye now?" and he smiled that sardonic smile.

The boys told him to go and get his gun. No one would tell of it or carry it away. With a cat-like, springing step he went to the house and soon returned with that anomalous and now extinct firearm, known as the Kentucky squirrel rifle. Some of the boys laughed when they saw its extreme length, with a small octagonal barrel and a percussion or mustard seed lock. The old man handled it as if it were alive and could feel a rough touch. It fired only a 32-ball. In the stock covered with a plate of silver was the patch box. It was the wondrous gun that had made Kentucky famous. "At 40 yards," said the old man, "it makes a blue hole in a man's forrud. At 30 yards it drives a button off a man's coat through him. My boy Aly never brung home no squirrels hit anywhere only in the head. He would be ashamed to. That is a gun."

"Where is your boy Aly now," I said carelessly.

A shade passed over his face and his hand trembled as he set the stock of the rifle on the ground. "Aly went off with Buckner. He was too smart fur his old father. He went to school at Louisville and Cincinnati, and he got high ideas, and he went off and I cursed him for it. He is a rebel now and will never darken my doors agin. If you uns see a tall, peert young man, with a scar on his forrud and he answers to the name of Alf Baxter, tell him the curse is good yit. I'm old Peyton Baxter of Logan's crossroads and I never forget it."

Some of the men shuddered as they saw this evidence of Southern treachery. We turned to our fire and filled our pipes as the old man shouldered his rifle and said: "Ef they should be any fightin' to-morrow I want you uns to give me one shot with the old rifle, will ye?"

I nodded an answer, and he went to his house and we canvassed the peculiar condition of society where such teachings were obtained. The night was a long and weary one, and as I went down the muddy road to visit and relieve the videttes, I longed for morning. At 3 o'clock Sunday morning, the 19th, all weariness disappeared. Sharp, steady firing was heard out on the Mill Springs road. It was snowing heavily, but melting and invisible as it struck the ground. Back toward us came the firing, as the men of the Tenth Indiana fell before what we at last found to be the whole Confederate force under Zollicoffer and Crittenden. Col. Manson held the army at bay with his regiment, until at daylight the Second Minnesota, the Ninth Ohio, the Fourth Kentucky and the Tenth Indiana, under Thomas, formed a line of battle to stay the advance. From where I stood on the bank of Fishing Creek the scene was indescribably grand. The line of battle could be followed by the cloud of white vapor rising from the rattling musketry, swinging now this way, now that, the shouts of commanders, the boom of the cannon, the steady, continuous roll of musketry. I saw all the squads called away until only my little squad was left. Were we forgotten? "Here men, cock your pieces! Here comes a squad of cavalry down to the crossing." "Halt, who goes there?"

"Woolford's cavalry, with despatches."

"Advance one dismounted and give the countersign at the water's edge."

"General Scott."

"Correct. Advance all."

Some one touched my shoulder, and I turned to find old Peyton Baxter at my side with his long rifle. "Ef you uns do any shootin' give me a chance," and he smiled.

"All right," I said, "keep with the men and keep quiet."

Around the right of our distant line of battle came a squad of Zollicoffer's reserve cavalry—a dozen of them sent to look for an opportunity to get in the rear of Thomas. Handsome horses they were on, and all had grey and black uniforms and jingling sabres. The men saw them and cocked their pieces in silence. "You need not fire," I said, "as soon as they see us they will turn."

"Now, sergeant," said the old man, "now give me one shot."

"All right, that will turn them," I said.

The long rifle dropped into his left hand and its muzzle was slowly elevated. As it came to a level it was discharged, and sounded in the foggy morning air like the cracking of a stage driver's whip. The little squad of cavalry was in confusion for a moment and then turned and galloped away.

"Sixty rods, if it was a foot," said the old man; "but it turned 'em and I have had one shot in the wah."

Suddenly we heard a familiar sound, the three distinct cheers of the Ninth Ohio and Second Minnesota when charging; the same distinct cheers which were heard under Brannan at Chickamauga and under Baird at Mission Ridge. It was the charge which destroyed the right wing of the rebel army of the Southwest. Now the sounds grew distant. Further and further away as a thunder storm dies away in the west. At last all was silent, only the hurrying ammunition wagons to the front, and I was left alone with my handful of men. Ha! a courier! The message said:

"Join your company as soon as possible. Zollicoffer is dead, his army whipped and in full retreat. Follow the road to Mill Springs and join your command."

Then we marched across our first battle field. Here a row of Louisiana Tigers as they fell before the merciless musketry. Here a half dozen of the Yallabasha Rifles with the gilt letters on their grey caps. Here several of our own blue-clad boys with open eyes and arms spread wide. Here comes a litter with a man upon it with one leg gone and the tourniquet on the stump to stay the flow of blood. But hurrah! it is a victory! At 4 o'clock we are with our command and listening to the hurtling shells sent down into Mill Springs by Kinney's battery. Was ever such a sight seen before? All confusion. Thousands of dismayed men. Thousands of frantic cavalry, artillery and team horses mixed up in inextricable confusion. On the morning of the 20th we marched down into the deserted camp. Watches are ticking on officers' tables forgotten in the awful fright. The paymaster's trunk stands open and forgotten with $800 in gold and $30,000 in Southern State bills. Wounded men are dead in their beds. Breakfast is still cooking on blazing fires. All the baggage of an army stands in 300 wagons. Some of the men grew rich in plunder. Some in sport donned rich grey uniforms and strutted as rebel brigadiers. It was a saturnalia of war, never again to be equalled until Richmond was given up to the flames by her own citizens. A doctor's office complete furnished its costly steel instruments and gilded medicine chests as prey to laughing soldiers. Haversacks were filled with sugar from the deserted stores, and canteens were filled with applejack to the sure destruction of discipline and good manners. The next day I was sent back with a detail to assist the Pioneers in burying the dead and removing the heavy camp equipage to Somerset.

How silent now the trampled fields of Logan's crossroads! A temporary hospital in a log house contained the worst wounded, and a few, low mounds covered the 190 dead men of the rebel army and 50 of the Union forces. Sadly I walked over the torn ground and down to the vidette post where I had endured such agony of mind. A thought came into my mind, and I crossed the now rapidly lowering Fishing Creek and went to the hillside, where the dashing band of cavalry had been turned by the old man's shot. As I came near it a great lazy buzzard arose and perched on a fence near. There was something on the ground there. It was a tall form in grey uniform and with the black banded trousers of the cavalry. It was on its back, the head turned back near a grey cap with a band of gold. A scar on the forehead and exactly in the centre a small blue, spouting wound. Where had I heard of such a scar? Where had I heard of such a wound in the forehead? Eagerly I bent down and turned the jacket pocket. A copy of the Iliad and on the fly leaf: "Alfred Baxter, Logan's crossroads, 1861."

They tell us that it takes 170 pounds of lead to kill a man in war. What irony of fate is this! One shot, fired by a father in a contest where millions of bullets fly wild, reaches its mark as accurately as if guided by the hand of fate. In sight of his childhood's home—but I forbear. I buried him there and buried the book with him after tearing out the tell-tale leaf. Will eternity reveal the strange events covered by the mantle of earthly silence?

MAINE SCHOOLS FOR 1887.—From the tabulated returns of school officers of the cities, towns and plantations in the State, the following facts have been gathered in comparing the returns of 1886 and 1887: Whole number of pupils of school age, decrease, 268; whole number registered in summer and fall schools, increase, 1995; average attendance in summer and fall schools, increase, 2003; number registered in spring and winter schools, increase, 1312; average attendance in spring and winter schools, increase, 620; per cent of average attendance to whole number, increase, .01; average length of schools for year, 22 weeks, 2 days, increase 1 week, 3 days; number school districts in State, 2539, decrease, 89; number school houses in State 4310, decrease, 2; number school houses reported in good repair, 3144, decrease, 129; number school houses built during the year, 63, decrease, 6; cost of same, $160,741, increase, $107,598; estimated value of all the school property in the State, $3,306,367, increase, $196,622; number male teachers employed summer and winter, decrease, 50; number female teachers employed summer and winter, increase, 211; number teachers employed graduates of Normal schools, increase, 90; amount of money voted by towns for common schools, increase, $46,693; average amount per scholar, $3.14, increase, $0.20; amount available for schools from town treasuries, increase, $42,536; amount available for schools from State treasury, increase, $8,802; total school resources, $1,123,669, increase, $47,158; amount expended for common schools, $1,057,513, increase, $43,772; amount paid for school supervision, $32,532, increase, $839.

Some Sayings of Josh Billings:—

"Truth is said to be stranger than fickshun—it is to most pholks."

Flattery iz like colone water: to be smelled of, not swallowed.

If a young man haint got a well-balanced head, I like to see him part his hair in the middle. Don't you?

The infidel argys just az a bull duz chained to a post. He bellows and saws, but he don't git loose from the post, I notiss. Not much.

I hav seen man so fond of argyment that they would dispute with a guideboard at the forks ov a kuntry road about the distance to the next town. What fools!

BRACE UP.

You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with Headache, you are fidgetty, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to *brace* up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 50 cents a bottle at Noyes' Drug Store, Norway.

MOST EXCELLENT

J. J. Atkins, Chief of Police, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: "My family and I are beneficiaries of your most excellent medicine, Dr King's New Discovery for consumption; having found it to be all that you claim for it, desire to testify to its virtue. My friends to whom I have recommended it, praise it at every opportunity." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup and every affection of Throat, Chest and Lungs. Trial Bottles Free at Noyes' Drug Store, Norway. Large Size 50 cents and $1.

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OXFORD COUNTY HORSE NOTES.

THE WINNERS AT THE ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY FAIR —DRIVERS AND HORSES.

We were unable to attend the Canton fair as we had intended, and so can not give any account of the horse stock there exhibited, which we are informed was of more than ordinary merit, and was shown in large numbers. Canton has long been famous for its fast and well-bred horses and enterprising horsemen, who for the past few years have been unusually successful in breeding and developing horses of a high order of speed, that have won fame for themselves and their owners, and have added several new names to the 2:30 list of Maine-bred trotters. One of these men is Mr. D. M. Foster, owner of the fashionably-bred stallion Albrino, got by the great Almont, whose sons and grand-sons are producing speed with greater uniformity than those of any other stallion that ever lived. Albrino's dam was by Cassius M. Clay, and second dam by Mambrino Patchen, son of Mambrino Chief, both the Clay and the Mambrino Chief blood being held in great esteem as crosses for Hambletonian blood.

Canton is also the home of Mr. J. W. Thompson, editor of the *Maine Horse Breeders' Monthly*, who by means of the *Monthly* and his two volumes of Noted Maine Horses, has done, and is doing, more for the horse-breeding interests of the Pine Tree State than has ever been done by any other three men who ever set foot within our borders.

We intend to visit Canton at no far distant day, and after doing so we hope to give our readers a brief history of some of the horses and horsemen of this famous town.

But according to the summaries of the races trotted at the fair at Canton, a goodly portion of the prize money was carried off by the fleet-footed steeds from our immediate vicinity—Norway, Paris and Buckfield. On the first day the 2:40 race was won by Kitty Waite, best time 2:40. Second money went to Topsy, owned by Albert Richardson of Norway, and got by Phil Sheridan Jr., and third money to Thayer Bros.' Fatinitza. The purse for gentlemen's drivers was won by Beecher, a gelding entered by Thayer Bros. First money in 2:44 class went to Topsy, best time 2:37; second money to Capt. Wedgewood, who took the first heat in 2:41. In the two-year-old race Alcazar, son of Albrino, turned the tables on D. A. C., the powerful son of Eclair who had previously beaten him, and downed him and two others, trotting a half in the fast time of 1:27. In the free-for-all, in which the starters were Stargazer, Katie B. and Paritan, first money was finally captured by Stargazer in 2:32.

A sensation of the fair was the mile in 2:26¾, made by the brown son of Daniel Boone, Baby Dean, owned by Robinson Dean of Buckfield. The breeding of his dam has not been clearly established as yet, but we are now in possession of facts by which we expect soon to be able to give the full breeding and history of this successful brood mare.

Baby Dean's mile in 2:26, at the county fair, was the fastest ever made on this track. Baby Dean has a splendid gait, and is capable of trotting in 2:20 or better with sufficient handling.

Those who have attended races to any extent have no doubt noticed that whenever a man who is not a regular driver of trotters, and who is not "in the swim," as the saying is, of the professional jockeys and drivers, drives a horse in a race and fails to win, the wise ones among the crowd always attribute the defeat of his horse to the fact that the driver was no steerer, and remark that if such a one, naming some noted driver, should handle the ribbons over him, he would be a winner sure; but when the professional who, by means of having had the good luck to train and drive a very fast horse and win a few races with him, has got a reputation,—when such a driver loses a race, or even nine out of ten that he starts in, it is all right, and the blame is all laid to the horses not being fast enough.

It is true that, other things being equal, a man who has a great deal of practice will drive better than one who has little; but still there are some men who don't pretend to be skilled drivers, whose horses, when they appear in a race, act steadier and trot faster than horses of the same speed in the hands of some pet driver. We maintain that the merits of a driver are shown more clearly by the way his horse acts in a race, than by popular opinion; for the popular opinion of a place is often established by a few, and, as regards drivers, trotters and stock horses, is constantly changing, and really don't amount to but little anyway.

There are professional drivers who are sober, honest, good reinsmen, who have good judgment in training their horses, and who work for their employer's inter

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SATURDAY: Germany has seized the Samoan Islands, deposed King Malietoa and put a rival in his place. The American and English Consuls made a united protest against the high-handed proceedings and refuse to recognize the new King as such.——The Mexicans want to have all mail matter for their country from New York fumigated. They are afraid of the cholera.——Another Scotchman has challenged for the America's cup.——The Sultan of Morocco is dead.

MONDAY: The revenue cutter Bear has just seized three small vessels, two American and one British, for illegal sealing in Behring Sea. Thirteen vessels in all have been caught this year engaged in this forbidden business.——Mlle. Aimee, the singer, died in Paris.

TUESDAY: Rev. Dr. Parker of London eulogized Rev. Henry Ward Beecher before a large audience in the Brooklyn Academy of Music.——The Volunteers received a big ovation as she started from New York for Marblehead.——The annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions opened in Springfield.

WEDNESDAY: The House Judiciary Committee of the New Hampshire Legislature began an investigation of the charges of bribery made in connection with the big railway contest. Hon. O. C. Moore of Nashua gave the names of five members who told him that they had been offered bribes by men representing the Boston and Maine Road.——Ex-Governor Washburn died suddenly in the Springfield City Hall during the meeting of the American Board.——The Lowell Base Ball Club wins the New England pennant.

FRIDAY: At the meeting of the Knights of Labor yesterday at Minneapolis, the Executive Committee recommended a boycott of goods made by a number of manufacturers who have opposed the order, among the firms being Francis Cobb & Co., lime, Rockland, Me.; the Richards Paper Company, Gardiner, Me.; B. F. Spinney & Co., shoes, Norway, Me.——The petroleum flowing out of the wells at Baku, Russia, is seriously inundating the town. It is impossible to store the oil.——Yellow fever has made its appearance at Tampa, Fla.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

That Comical Brown.
Notice.
A Dog with a Bad Name.
Peat-Moss.
Wanted-Ladies.
A. S. Bean's Price List.
Just Arrived.

His many friends in Oxford County will be glad to learn that Hon. George F. Emery, of Portland, has so far recovered from his accident as to be upon the street again.

THE DEMOCRAT introduces this week a new department which we hope may prove interesting to its readers. Under the head of "Among the Oxford Bears" it is proposed to give such anecdotes of Oxford County people as are crisp and interesting without being so radical as to give offence. To this end many of our readers and correspondents can aid us greatly if they will, in collecting such notes and fowarding them to this office.

SOUTH PARIS.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

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 services, 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. 311, meets every Monday evening in the Methodist Vestry.

Knights of Labor.—South Paris Assembly, No. 4,089 meets every Saturday evening in Linscott Hall, at 7.30.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first Monday in every month, in Strange 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.

Napthali Mason, who has sold his livery business to J. M. Cummings, has conducted the business in this village for seventeen years. He has served the town on the board of selectmen for four years and has been popular and well liked in his business. Mr. Cummings is doubtless the most extensive owner of horses and carriages in the State of Maine. Newell Cook still has charge of the Mason stable, which is rented by Mr. Cummings.

Mr. Ellis, from Canton, is painting Robert Gray's house.

The sweet corn will net the farmers a better average to the acre than for several years.

Henry Damon is learning dentistry at Davis Bros.

The donkey party, by the Grange, Friday evening was a success. H. E. Chase, Charles Edwards and Mrs. Carrie Briggs had charge. Hiram Porter was the fortunate one to carry off the first prize, which was a beautiful painting. Harry Jordan was the widest of the mark and obtained a negro baby.

George Robertson, of Auburn, is in town.

Judge Wilson delivered his lecture on "Shams" before the students of Hebron Academy. The students from this place speak in the highest terms of Prof. Sargent and his school.

S. M. King was one of the best natured looking farmers we saw at the fair. He was in his element.

R. N. Hall and F. A. Thayer are singing in the Universalist choir at Norway.

The workmen, and everybody else, were pleased when H. F. Morton rode to the factory last Friday. His injuries were serious, and it will be a long time before he fully recovers, but he has lots of pluck and energy, and that goes a great way in cases like his.

The factory is running at its fullest capacity and they are turning out some excellent work.

N. B. Wheeler has been making repairs on his house in No. 4, and the school house in that district has exchanged its red coat for a white one.

The champion whist-players are said to be gentlemen from our village.

"Bismark," owned by J. H. Martin, wore the blue ribbon home from the fair. Weighs 553 pounds, and is a handsome fellow, son of Imperial Gould, owned by H. F. Morton. He is offered for sale and is a grand bargain for any farmer who wants to improve his stock.

Sylvan Shurtleff, Esq., has had one of the finest jobs of grading done that we have seen in the county. His lawn is an ornament to the village.

L. W. Jackson has leased the Paris House for a term of two years to A. C. Evans, of North Fryeburg.

W. N. Thomas has bought Mr. Bumpus' interest in the blacksmith shop erected by Bumpus & Cushman.

Will Kennedy is the new clerk at Gerry's Drug Store. He has been with W. H. Kittridge for three years, who is one of the leading druggists in Rockland.

The high school club are making arrangements to present the drama "Our Folks."

O. W. Bent is in Boston.

F. T. Crommett, Esq., formerly of this place, now an attorney in Boston, has been seriously ill, but is reported better.

Uncle Robert Gray is having his buildings painted.

W. W. Farrar has a fine stable and is doing considerable business.

The celebrated Shepard Family will give a grand musical entertainment at the New Hall, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 13th and 14th. This will be a great musical treat, and no one should miss it. There are five children, who have no superiors of their ages. Those who attend it will find a pleasing and profitable concert.

A valuable book to religious circles is Life Notes of Dr. W. Hague just issued by Lee & Shepard, Boston. It has an outlook of fifty years and tells the story in a pleasant, interesting way. He has a wide experience, a large spirit of charity, and the real historian's pen. The chapter on Emerson is very fine.

AMONG THE OXFORD BEARS.

HERE AND THERE AMONG THE BRUINS.——THE DEMOCRAT IN THE OXFORD COUNTY FIELD.——A TALENTED MAN.——FROZEN JURYMEN.——HE THOUGHT HE COULD WIN.——KING VS HAMLIN.——A LEGAL TRIBUTE.

"Did you ever know old Doctor Swasey?" said a leading Sumner farmer the other day. "Well, he was a remarkable man! He was as much of an orator as his son, John P. I remember him well, when he and Ben. Murray used to go around together speaking. As I say, he was as fine a speaker as John P. is now, and that wasn't all,—he was one of the finest looking men I ever saw! He was a better looking man than John! I told John so over at our camp-fire at West Sumner a few weeks ago, and he replied that as long as the compliment was confined to the family he wouldn't discuss it. He was a talented man, Benjamin K. Swasey was!"

"When I used to come down to Paris to Court," says Jailer Parker, "I remember that for several years John Swasey and Enoch Foster used to be 'pitted' against each other on many of the leading cases. The case which I have in mind was one in which a controversy arose over a quantity of cord wood. Foster felt it his duty to work upon the sympathy of the jury, by impressing upon them the idea of the labor which this wood represented. Says Foster: 'You and I, gentlemen of the jury, know how laborious it is to cut cord-wood! When I was a young man at home, I well remember how laborious and tiresome it was!' This was a sufficient handle for Swasey. In his argument he says: 'My Brother Foster has pictured to you the labor of cutting wood, and told you how tired *he* became as a result of this work when he was a young man at home. Now, gentlemen of the jury, with all due respect to Brother Foster's commendable efforts, I want to say to you that had you been obliged to depend for a single winters' day upon all the wood that Bro. Foster and myself have ever cut, you would probably have been *frozen jurymen by this time!*'"

An Ex-County Attorney, and prominent member of the Oxford Bar, tells the DEMOCRAT this story: It is related of a gentleman who now has a position on the Supreme Bench of Maine, that when he first opened an office in the city, he was called upon by one of his old country neighbors, who wished to secure his professional services. The client stated his case squarely, and the lawyer paced the floor and pondered the matter. At last he said:

"Well, I'm afraid you can't sustain your position."

He took another turn across the room, scratched his head and said emphatically:

"No, I think it would be useless to push the matter; you would only throw away your money, and as a friend, I would advise you not to undertake it."

"Well, by——," replied the client, "I've got fifty dollars that I'll spend before I give it up."

The young attorney run his fingers through his hair, and paced the room for a few moments, with his eyes fixed upon the floor, then he raised his head and said decidedly:

"I think you can win the case."

Says Judge Hardy, of Andover to the DEMOCRAT: "There is a story told of Judge Grier, which every body delights in, how he set aside the unjust verdict of a jury against an unpopular man, with this remark: 'Enter the verdict, Mr. Clerk; enter also, set aside by the Court. I want it to be understood that it takes thirteen men to steal a man's farm in this Court.'"

A tall, fine looking gentleman, with gray hair and a classic face, stepped into the DEMOCRAT sanctum last week and accosted the proprietors with the remark:

"Have you any type you would like set?"

The gentleman was no less a personage than the Hon. Horatio King, of Washington, D. C.,—Maine's Ex-Postmaster General, and one of the native sons of Paris, who has honored that historic town as well as our County and State.

"Nearly sixty years ago," says Mr. King, "in this same place, Hannibal Hamlin and myself, then young men, published the *Jeffersonian*. We set the type ourselves and 'pulled off' the papers on an old Ramage press. If I had time I would like to stop and try to set up some type in this office to-day. We used ink balls for inking the forms in those days, and by the way," said Mr. King, becoming somewhat excited, "have you seen how Hamlin has come down on me in the *Lewiston Journal?*"

As he asked this question he opened his pocket book and produced the following clipping from the great Maine newspaper:

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, and wife, of Bangor, were in Lewiston Saturday noon, on their way home from Paris, where they have been visiting. Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin dined with friends in Lewiston and left for Bangor by the 12 50 train *via* Brunswick.

"This is my 78th birthday," said Mr Hamlin to the *Journal* man. The veteran statesman stood as erect as a man of 40, the type of the gentleman in bearing, face, figure and dress. He recalled, in the course of a ten-minutes' conversation, many of the details that served his memory at that moment, reverting to his recollections of Paris Hill and the home of his childhood there.

Mr. Hamlin remarked that Paris had changed more than one would suppose that it had, since he could remember it. "Why," said he, "I was a newspaper man there, many years ago. I think it was in my twenty-first year that I went into the "*Jeffersonian*," there with Horatio King. And that is nearly sixty years ago. I've always had a peachout for young newspaper men ever since. I like to meet them and to speak with them. A friend tells me that the marks of the old ink-balls that they used to use in inking the forms, were, up to within a few years, to be seen on the pine sheathing of the room where I used to work. I would give fifty dollars for a pair of those old sheepskin ink-balls if they were in existence. Times have changed in the business since then, I have no doubt."

Mr. Hamlin laughed heartily at a story that thoughts of early days of newspaper life in Maine recalled to him, concerning a would-be apprentice who once called upon Horatio King for a situation. Mr. King regretted exceedingly that he had no situation at that moment, but he assured him that his name would be put down among the list of applicants and that he would be notified if at any time a vacancy should occur. It was further represented to the applicant that there were certain requisites that he must meet in order to be in good standing as an applicant, and one of them was that every good apprentice must know how to eat printer's ink.

The boy heroically said that he could eat printer's ink, and so they sat him down at a dish, and he partook of it manfully.

Mr. Hamlin told the story in his characteristic vein of humor, and after he had the laugh, he remarked that it must have been a dangerous experiment.

Mr. Hamlin is in perfect health. He is in every aspect not over sixty years old. He displays all the vigor of the prime of life in every movement. He spoke casually of the political revolutions of '34 to '60 as "a tornado," and said that to live it was to live a life-time.

The summary of his philosophy, as he recalled again the fact that this day he was seventy-eight years old, were in these words: "Life is all as a dream." And the eye was dim and the lips quivered as he said them.

"There," said the Ex-Postmaster General, "that is one of Hamlin's jokes, and he has been full of them all through his life-time. This one is done very shrewdly. You will notice that he puts it all off onto me in a manner well worthy of the shrewd man that he is.

"Now my friends all about have been upbraiding me for my cruelty in making that boy eat printers' ink, and I want you to set me right, here at home!

"Hannibal and I were partners I well remember when the boy came in,—we were both at work at the old Ramage press, I think I was inking and he was 'pulling off' the papers. The young man made known his errand, and *Hamlin*,—and not I,—was the one to suggest that he would be obliged to eat printers' ink, as one of the essentials to becoming a printer. The boy thought he could do it, and expressed his willingness to attempt the experiment, whereupon we passed him the ink shovel, upon which a quantity had been taken from the keg. He hooked his finger into it and got it to his mouth, when, as I remember the incident, we stopped him, thinking the experiment a dangerous one.

"Now, you see, this was one of Hamlin's own tricks, and he is shrewd enough politician to fix the story up so as to let himself out entirely and put it all onto me! I've no doubt he chuckled when he told the *Journal* man that story.

"You fix it up and set me right, and put it onto Hamlin, for his stories are very carefully worded, and I must tell you that when Hannibal Hamlin was a boy *he would steal watermelons!*"

An Oxford County jurist is responsible for the following tribute to Woman, as sung by the Legal Muse. It will be appreciated by all, and doubly so by those who are versed in the technical terms of legal lore:

"Some one has said,—we beleive a poet, 'that the course of true love never runs smooth.' At a celebrated seat of learning, in the South, many years ago, a youth not 'to fortune and to fame unknown,' followed the even tenor of his way. The parting injunction of his fond and dear parents, when he entered the institution, was 'not to get homesick and to study hard!' How little did even the youth himself imagine the turn affairs would take. He studied hard, and he did not, by any means, get homesick. Law was the profession he embraced, and, as the sequel will show,

"How sweet an Ovid was in Murry lost!"

"Scarcely had he reached the XV chapter of Blackstone when an event occured which drove at least some of the Domestic Relations in hot haste from his head, and left but a poor 'wreck behind' for Remainders and Reversions and Contingences in double aspects. What caused this mental derangement, or rather we should say, disarrangment, is better said by the poet himself. Unable longer to conceal that 'green and yellow melancholy,' which caused him, like patience, to be uncomfortably seated, he repaired early one morning to the lecture room of the law professor, with no tablet of stone or wood, but on the professor's black-board, with a piece of chalk, thus gave vent to his long pent-up feelings:

Strike, O Legal Muse, thy lyre,
In lovely woman's praise,
Who sheds a lustre 'round our lives
And brightens all our days.
She's been the glory of the world,
E'er since said world began;
And to the contrary runneth not,
The memory of man.
Whereas, her face is beautiful,—
(To wit: her eyes of light,
And divers rosy, pouting lips,
And Sundry cheeks so bright;
Likewise her fair and noble brow,
Her lovely smile and dimple:)—
She holds possession of our souls
In absolute fee simple.
Her title to our hearts was fixed,
By Heaven's adjudication,
And never can our love for her
Expire by limitation.
In all the divers walks of life,
She sways a queenly sceptre;
There is no one upon the earth
Who rules the heart, except her.
Under full age, as sweetheart dear,
(Such is our firm conviction,)
She rules all those who come to court
Within her jurisdiction.
She sits as Judge in Love's Moot Court,
To hear pleas of the soul,
And issues warrants of distress,
Tho' always by parole.
But when, at last, the lucky one
His declaration lies,
A fond attachment is confessed,
With many blushing smiles.
And then with valid notice given,
The ecclesiastics come,
And join in Special Partnership,
Two hearts that beat as one!*
And all through life, as mother, wife,
(The world will endorse these sentiments.)
Our messinges she fills with joy,
And gladdens all our tenements.
She is an angel on the earth,
A goddess, warm and true;
Such was she thought at Common Law,
And in America too.
And now we've told, as herein shown,
Her glories to reveal;
And this we are ready to verify,
Witness our hand and seal.

JOHN DOE. {SEAL.}

* Although this proceeding partakes somewhat of the character of a Bill of Attain't-her, its constitutionality has never yet been questioned.

MAINE STATE WOMANS CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The annual convention was held in Auburn Sept. 28th, 29th and 30th. There was a full delegation. The departments were well represented. The reports showed that much work had been done through the year. Every county was represented which was encouraging.

The usual resolutions were passed. Miss Willard spoke to a crowded house on the eve of the 30th, and was grand as she always is.

Pundita Ramabai, a high caste Indian widow, who is in this country in the interest of her people, spoke Friday, P. M., and aroused a deep interest. A large collection was taken for her, and an invitation given her by Pres. Cheney, to speak at Bates college later on.

The same officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Stevens, of Portland, Pres.; Miss S. O. Lord, Cor. Sec.

Vice Presidents for each county and delegates to the national convention at Nashville, Tenn., chosen.

Miss I. Hamilton continues organizer and is ready to go to any part of the State. Application to be made to Mrs L. W. Weston, Skowhegan.

The outlook is very hopeful and Oxford County ought to share more in the good work. MRS. W. H. STICKNEY,
Vice Pres. Oxford Co

East Brownfield, Oct. 6th, 1887.

OXFORD COUNTY POMONA GRANGE.—Oxford County Pomona Grange met with Union Grange, East Sumner, Oct. 4th, 1887, W. M. G. F. Hammond in the chair. All vacancies of officers were filled by appointment from the chair—then proceeded to the business of the meeting. First, a good address of welcome, by Bro. Charles Glover, of Union Grange, responded to by Bro. Bradford, of West Minot Grange. The usual committees were then appointed. The remaining time of the forenoon was occupied by remarks for the good of the Order. After doing ample justice to such a dinner as the sisters of the Grange always provide, which was very ample on this occasion, Grange was called to order by the Worthy Master. First in the afternoon was the conferring the 5th degree on six members, which was a small addition to the 700 members now on the roll of this Grange, then came a short, but good address by our Worthy Lecturer *pro tem*, Bro. Wyman, of Franklin Grange; then the following question was ably discussed by quite a number of the members: Resolved, that the prosperity of *farmers* depends largely upon their education; opened by Bro. Perham, of Franklin Grange. After listening to the report of the committee on time and place of the next meeting, it was voted to hold a meeting with Canton Grange the first Tuesday of November next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

PER ORDER.

The young child of Phillip Ratte, a Frenchman who resides at Wisthrop, was drowned in a pail of water while at play.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT,
OCTOBER TERM, 1887.

COURT OFFICERS

HON. WM. WIRT VIRGIN, *Presiding Justice.*
ALBERT S. AUSTIN, *Clerk.*
OSCAR H. HERSEY, *County Attorney.*
CYRUS M. WORMELL, *Sheriff.*
SAMUEL R. CARTER, *Librarian.*
WILLIAM A. BARROWS, *Messenger.*

"What's the prospect for this term?" the DEMOCRAT inquired of Clerk of Courts Austin.

"Judging from the way the attorneys are stirring 'round and 'brushing up' on cases for trial, I should say the term would be a long one, but that is, of course, an uncertain matter of opinion," said the Clerk.

"Will you give the DEMOCRAT a list of the jurymen as far as venires have been returned?"

The Clerk willingly complied with the request.

Here is the new Grand Jury to be impaneled for the ensuing year:

GRAND JURY.

N. S. Baker, Newry.
G. G. Dow, Woodstock.
Carlton Gardner, Buckfield.
John T. Glover, Hartford.
W. T. Greene, Waterford.
Albert Kimball, Lovell.
Charles H. Kidder, Dixfield.
M. N. Luf'kin, Rumford.
Hyland P. McAllister, Stoneham.
J. H. Millett, Norway.
Alpheus Packard, Canton.
H. G. O. Perkins, Oxford.
Amos K. Scribner, Bethel.
Jason W. Towle, Fryeburg.
Elbridge S. Tuell, Sumner.
Albert M. Yates, Paris.
William S. York, Porter.
——, Hiram.

The traverse jurymen drawn for this term are:

Hezekiah H. Abbott, Andover.
Charles K. Bickfor', Stow.
James M. Chesley, Hebron.
Ransom Cole, Greenwood.
H. Cole, Norway.
Eben E. Chapman, Gilead.
I. B. Fuller, Canton.
Rufus Farrar, Jr., Grafton.
Nathaniel C. Ford, Jr., Sumner.
Lorin Glover, Rumford.
Chandler Garland, Paris.
F. T. Green, Norway.
E. R. Harrington, Mexico.
Frank Howe, Brownfield.
James L. Holden, Oxford.
Mellen Holmes, Hartford.
Samuel F. Irish, Peru.
Sumner Kimball, Lovell.
C. M. Kimball, Bethel.
Sumner E. Newell, Paris.
Edwin Pingree, Denmark.
Clarence H. Pride, Waterford.
Benjamin Spaulding, Buckfield.
Rufus J. Virgin, Bethel.
Samuel O. Wiley, Fryeburg.
Harry S. Wilber, Albany.
——, Hiram.
——, Sweden.

The continued civil docket contains two hundred and seventy-three cases, and the criminal docket six cases.

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Eggs,	25 cents per doz
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NOTICE.
As my wife, Diana, has left my bed and board without just cause, I hereby forbid all persons harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no Bills of her contracting after this date.
Gilead, Me., Oct. 4th, 1887. JOSEPH LARY.

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Messenger's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss.—Buckfield, Sept. 21, A. D. 1887.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 27th day of Sept., A. D. 1887, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Thomas S. Benson, of Buckfield, subjected to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor which petition was filed on the 21st day of Sept., A. D. 1887, to which last named date interest on debts is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Paris, in said County, on the 19th day of Oct., A. D. 1887, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written. JOSIAH W. WHITTEN, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

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Keep your eye open and do not run over any of the poor, played out horses that are moping along in other races without any prize.
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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Sept., A. D. 1887.

AUGUSTUS M. FRENCH, Administrator on the estate of Lorana T. French, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

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

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

WILLIAM H. TAINTER, Guardian of Frank H., Guy L. and Walter E. Gilchrist, minor children and heirs of Benjamin Gilchrist, late of Dixfield, in said county, deceased, having presented his account of guardianship of said wards for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
A true copy—Attest: H. C. DAVIS, Register.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the honorable Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the Estate of

SAMUEL BRYANT, late of Greenwood, in said County, deceased by giving bond as the law directs: he therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to
Sept. 20, 1887. ALDEN CHASE.

THE EXHIBIT
In our line

The Oxford Democrat.

Paris and Vicinity.

VILLAGE DIRECTORY.

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

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

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

Ex Gov. Perham went to New York last week.

Frank E True, of Hebron Academy, was at the Hill Saturday.

William G. Harlow, Esq., of Dixfield, was in town Sunday.

Israel A Fletcher, Esq., of Sumner, was at Paris last Thursday.

James M Corson, of Dover, N. H., has been visiting friends in this village.

Daniel Eaton and wife and Maria Eaton, of Portland, are at Mrs. Wm. Chase's.

Frank L. Dingley, Esq., editor of the Lewiston Journal, was at Paris Hill last week.

Mrs. Emery, of Skowhegan, is visiting at her father's, Asa Woodbury's, in this place.

Parke G Dingley, Esq., of the Lewiston Journal, was at the Hubbard House over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Thompson, of Canton, was in town over Sunday, the guest of Miss Maud Douglass.

Mrs. Parke G. Dingley and Miss Blanche Dingley, of Auburn, are boarding at the Hubbard House.

Hon Horatio King and wife, of Washington, D. C., are visiting his brother, William O King, Esq., for a few days.

Rev. Charles Tenney, of Stoughton, Mass., preached an excellent sermon at the Universalist church Sunday, on exchange with Rev. Miss Angell.

MUSIC AND FUN.—The "Comical Brown Concert Company" managed by the old favorite, "That Comical Brown," will perform in Academy Hall, Paris, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 11th.

See advertisement in another column, for this and other towns. Mr. Brown's entertainments have always been attractive and popular, and this one will doubtless prove no exception to the former ones given here. The Northampton, (Mass.) Gazette, in a notice of a late concert given by this company, says: "Those who were present heard some fine music, the best concert we have had here for at least five years, and perhaps much longer. Brown himself was as "comical" as ever, and has not forgotten how to draw music from a violin. Miss Branscombe's mezzo soprano voice was very sweet, and her execution and expression showed much natural talent, as well as thorough training. Mr. Dunbar also showed great power of voice, as well as fine execution.

STATE PICK-UPS.

The tramp has been making trouble again this time at Biddeford.

George Larrabee, the Moosehead shootist, has been bound over to the Supreme Judicial Court for trial for the murder of John Arbon.

The Portlands dropped the championship in the New England League to the Lowells, in three games of the series of five. The Portland club has been in the lead almost the entire season, but the Lowells played too well at the end.

John Valcouver, of Madawaska, was drowned in Moosehead Lake Wednesday. He and Dominick Richards were duck hunting, and Valcouver's gun kicked and upset the canoe. Richards clung to the boat and was saved.

Mathie Matthews, 21 years old, a French Canadian employed on the Congregational church building at Farmington fell from a staging, the distance of 25 feet, striking on his head and shoulders. It is thought he is fatally injured.

Bath celebrated the introduction of water works into the city with an immense freman's muster, last Tuesday. The source of the supply of water is about four miles from the city, and the construction of the works has been a great undertaking. The water is very pure.

Three hundred members of the First Maine Cavalry Association held a reunion at Bangor Tuesday. Speeches were made by Col. A. C. Hamlin, Governor Bodwell, Gen Charles Hamlin, Gen. J. P. Cilley, J. S. Rowe, Lieut. E. P. Tobie, John L. Crosby, Judge T. H. Haskell, Congressman Boutelle, and Rev. Dr. Small, of Portland.

C. F. Hall, of South Gardiner, and a companion left home several weeks ago with a boat, sporting apparatus, etc., for a few days' camping, fishing and gunning at the Five Islands at the mouth of the Kennebec River. They never arrived at their destination, nor has anything been seen of their boat or equipments, and their fate or whereabouts is a mystery.

A fifteen-year-old boy named George A. Harrington has been arrested in Brockton, Mass., for burning the buildings of Oak Grove Seminary. He made a complete confession, describing the details of his setting both fires. He did it, he says, because Mr. Jones would not let him study book-keeping and commercial law. He made his confession in a cool, brazen manner, and seemed to have no conception of the enormity of the offence. He has since stated that he had an accomplice.

THE WEST OXFORD FAIR.

The 37th annual exhibition of the West Oxford Agricultural Society was held at Fryeburg, Oct. 4th, 5th and 6th, and was the most successful ever given by the Society. Tuesday was rather rainy, but the other two days were as good as could be expected. There was a larger crowd than ever before on the grounds, and a larger number of horses and cattle. The following officers were chosen at the meeting of the Society:

President, A. O. Pike; Vice-President, C. D. Vessenden; Secretary, B. Walker McKeen; Treasurer, W. R. Tarbox; Trustees: Fryeburg, C. H. Walker and M. M. Stuart; Denmark, C. E. Smith; Sweden, Ardon Jones; Lovell, J. E. Hutchins; Brownfield, W. Boynton; Porter, L. H. Cook; Hiram, A. Young.

Following are the summaries of the races:

FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS.—PURSE $25.00.

Hannah L., bl m, Wilson Webb,	1	1
Gray Stranger, g m, E. G. McLucas,	2	2
Dr. Fox, bl s, J. S. Ames,	3	3
George R., g s, Addie Rogers,	4	4

Time, 3:32, 3:34.

2:40 CLASS.—PURSE $65.00.

Frank A., b g, F. P. Fox,	1	1	1
Rob Roy, bl g, G. L. Martin,	2	2	2
Nellie B., r m, B. A. Swasey,	3	3	3
Ned Allen, ch g, Enoch Adams,	4	4	4
Harry Morrill, b g, W. H. Abbott,	5	5	dr

Time, 2:48, 2:44, 2:40.

3:00 CLASS.—PURSE $45.00.

Mac, b g, C. H. Walker,	1	1	1
Artie Raymond, ch g, W. H. Abbott,	2	2	2
Kitty B., bl m, James Pledge,	4	3	4
Rocket, bl g, M. S. Eastman,	3	4	3

Time, 2:59 1-4, 3:00, 3:00.

2:37 CLASS.—PURSE $65.00.

Frank A., b g, F. P. Fox,	1	1	1
Nellie B., r m, B. A. Swasey,	2	2	2
Rob Roy, bl g, G. L. Martin,	3	3	3

Time, 2:41 1-2, 2:51, 2:48 1-2.

2:30 CLASS.—PURSE $65.00.

Rob Roy, bl g, G. L. Martin,	3	1	2	1	1
Mac, b g, C. H. Walker,	1	2	4	3	2
Foggy Dew, ch m, N. J. Foss,	4	3	1	2	3
Harry Morrill, b g, W. H. Abbott,	2	4	3	4	4
Alice E., b m, R. G. Knight,	5	5	5	5	5

Time, 2:30, 2:47, 2:31, 2:31, 2:30.

FREE-FOR-ALL.—PURSE $150.00.

Frank A., b g, F. P. Fox,	2	0	1	1	1
Nellie B., r m, B. A. Swasey,	1	0	2	2	2
Rocket, bl g, M. S. Eastman,	3	0	3	3	3

Time, 2:46, 2:36, 2:36, 2:32, 2:31.

O. C. M. A.—The 12th annual session of the Oxford County Musical Association will be held at Bethel, Tuesday to Friday, Nov. 1—4. Herman Kotschmar, Director. Harvey Murray, pianist. Mrs. Alice Tewksbury, organist. Half fare on railroads. Tuition, ladies, $1, gentlemen, $2.

We are willing to bear personal testimony to the efficacy and value of Hood's Sarsaparilla, which we have been advertising some years in our paper, having used it for blood impurities with great success. It is a preparation of standard merit, made of perfectly pure ingredients, and thoroughly effective in cleansing and purifying the system. For eruptions, boils, etc., it can be relied upon every time. Our own experience with it has been most gratifying, and we are glad to give it this endorsement.—*Athol (Mass.) Transcript.*

THE POSTAL CARD BRIGADE

RUMFORD POINT.

Wednesday morning a deaf and dumb tramp was discovered under H. E. Hutchins' barn. He was warming himself by a fire which he had made around a post, and it was burned most off In a short time it would have burned the barn, as the fire wasn't far from the hay mow. Such persons ought to have a home.

Dr. W. L. Elliott, from Attleboro, Mass., is visiting at his father's.

Mina Howe is teaching school on the east side of Ellis river.

Charles Keniston has moved on to C. A. Kimball's farm near Hanover.

NORTH PARIS.

Mrs. Rose Packard has sold her stand to Mrs. Robins, of South Woodstock.

Geo. Ellingwood has sold his stand to Burney Fields, of Waterford, who will move here and work in the chair factory.

Charles Aldrich met with a severe accident last week while shoeing a colt The colt reared and threw him in such a way as to break or crack one of the bones of the forearm.

P. B. Warner's health is quite poor.

Henry Hayden has moved back to this place from Norway, where he has been at work in the shoe shop.

Hiram Chase and wife have gone to Mass. and Conn., on a visit to friends. Mr. Chase has a sister living in Hartford, Conn., and a brother seven miles out of the city.

WEST BETHEL.

A. S. Bean is paying 25 cents per dozen for eggs. He has a full store, and is doing a large amount of business.

Mrs. I. H. Ellingwood, of Poland, visited friends here last week.

S. J. Walker is now driving a span of large horses, recently purchased by A. S. Bean.

Samuel O. Grover and Leon H. Tyler, of Mason, are threshing the grain in this vicinity.

Amos K. Scribner will attend court at Paris next week as juror.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

The chief attraction this week is the Fair at Fryeburg. Wednesday a large part of our people attended. Mrs. Jeannie Kezar was the chief contributor in the fancy work department from here.

Mr. E. P. Morton, of Webster, Mass., is spending a few days here with his old friends.

Dr. Getchell still continues too ill to practice and the services of out-of-town physicians are required, in addition to what Mrs. Getchell, who has not quite completed her medical course, can do.

Mr. Deveraux continues quite sick. He is attended by Dr. Deveraux, of Kezar Falls.

Dr. Shedd, of Fryeburg, was called this week to attend one of the school children, who had a narrow escape by falling from a wall.

GREENWOOD.

Sarah Morgan is still failing, and there is but little prospect of her recovery. She is in A. N. Hicks's family, and confined to her bed.

Edwin Moore, from Portland or vicinity, has bought a lot of land in Shadigee district, containing a small house, into which he has moved.

We had supposed that the haying season was about over for this year, but learn there are two men, Sullivan Whitman and Joseph Paine, who are still at it, when the weather will permit. We noticed also, Sunday, that there were two meadows at Bryant's Pond, still uncut.

We attended a husking at Daniel Bryant's Monday night, represented by both sexes and all ages, working like busy bees till 9 o'clock, when all repaired to the house and sat down to one of Mrs. Bryant's first-class, No. 1 suppers. Excellent music, vocal and from the organ, was furnished by Abner, Annie and Gracie Bryant.

The weather for some time past has been a sort of Indian dog-days. Yesterday, while cutting wood on a hill side, with our shirt sleeves rolled up, a thunder shower passed off to the south, and the mosquitoes presented their bills with almost as much familiarity as in August, although we could not remember of owing them anything.

Two weeks ago, we were absent on vacation attending association; but now home again, and if you will give us a little more than our four inches of column, we will give you just a glance of the places we visited, and what we saw while there.

Monday forenoon, we started for South Paris to attend the meeting, call on old friends, etc. Monday we took dinner with Rev. J. C. Andrews, of West Paris, and after resting an hour, resumed our journey, and after making several calls, reached the village and put up for the night with J. Mellen Cummings. As the meeting did not begin till 2 o'clock, we went over to Norway, and soon found ourself in the *Advertiser* office. The editor received us very cordially, and after giving an introduction to his wife and pointing out his new "devil," took us into the basement to see his new 10 horse boiler, steam and water pipes, together with various other objects of interest, below and above. Mr. Sanborn possesses the true yankee enterprise, as well as the facilities for turning out first class work, and he knows how to improve them.

The next hour was spent in the office of your Norway correspondent, who, together with Abner Chase, caused that brief space of time to pass off very agreeably. Alden Chase will remember Abner, as being in the legislature years ago, at the same time with himself.

The time had now arrived when it became necessary to wend our way back to the meeting, where we listened to a very interesting sermon by Rev. Mr. Harden, of Hebron. The church is a fine piece of architecture, everything being done that money and labor could do, to make it both commodious and beautiful. Our home during the session, was in the family of Leonard Whitman, and a more pleasant one we never found, outside of our own precincts. But they have seen trouble, in common with the rest of us. About two years ago they buried their only daughter, Mrs. Cole, leaving an infant son, whom they are bringing up as their own.

Mr. Whitman has a pair of April calves, a mixture of Hereford and Durham, which measure four feet and a half, into the fraction of an inch, and look near enough alike to be twins. We think they are hard to beat.

UPTON.

The fairs in all directions are so attractive that we are more quiet than usual. About twenty-five went from here to Andover to-day, (Wednesday) and others will go to-morrow if the weather is favorable.

Philbrook & Stearns are in town ready to start a large drove of cattle in the morning.

David York, who went to New Mexico last year, writes to his friends that he likes in that territory very well. The temperature is more even than in Maine. The people are now cutting their hay and the flowers are all in bloom as they are here in July.

Alva and Chester Coolidge are in the lumber region of Aitkin, Minnesota.

Dana Brooks has been repairing LaForest Bragg's house.

HIRAM.

Mrs. Mary A., wife of Jordan F. Moulton, died at Stockton, Cal., Sept 25th, of typhoid fever, aged 54 years. The family lived in Hiram some twenty-five years, but went to Cal. some two years ago. She was a good neighbor and a most estimable lady in all the duties and relations of life.

Elsie, daughter of John B. Osgood, is seriously ill of cerebro-spinal-meningitis.

Mrs. James Wadsworth has renewed her health and returned to Hiram.

James Clemons is recovering from his illness.

OXFORD.

Rev. Mr. Greeley left for Harvard last week.

Rev. Mr. Baffum has moved into Orin Jones' rent.

A Sabbath school concert was held at the Cong'l church Sunday afternoon.

The Shepard family gave a concert on Thursday eve, at the M. E. vestry.

Mr. Welxler, of Worcester, Mass., is at Mr. F. C. Richards'.

The thunder shower on Sunday evening was very severe, the lightning striking the wire fence in Mr. Jones's field, also a tree in a pasture near by.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Minnesota, visited Mrs. Fanny Andrews last week.

Mr. James Faunce, of Mechanic Falls, was in town Wednesday.

The first dance of the season was held at Central Hall Saturday eve.

NORWAY LAKE.

C. A. Stephens has gone back to Boston.

Jacob Frost, wife and daughter, of Lynn, Mass., paid a short visit to his sister, Mrs. S. A. Stephens, last week.

Frank Gibson and family started by a roundabout way for their home in California last Monday. George Gibson, wife and one son are to go with them.

Mrs. Ellen French, of Mass, is visiting at C. A. Stephens's.

Miss Hortense Colby, who has been staying at Deacon Osgood Perry's for a week or two, has returned to Mass.

Mrs. Henry Dana, of Mass., has been visiting at Emerson Kilgore's.

EAST BETHEL.

Mr. A. W. Roper, assistant editor of the *Chelsea Reporter*, is spending a short vacation at Z. C. Perry's.

Mr. Ephraim C. Bartlett, from Colorado Springs, after an absence of ten years, is now visiting at the home of his childhood.

William R. Swan, who works in Lynn, Mass., is now attending to his farm affairs in this place. He will soon return to Mass., accompanied by his family.

Mrs. E. Bean and children, from Mass., are visiting at her father's, Z. C. Perry's.

F. E. Shorey and wife, of Gorham, N. H., are visiting relatives in this place.

Miss Helen Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H., to do dressmaking for a few weeks.

The Ladies' Fair last week was a success. A nice tidy was voted to Mrs. H. P. Bartlett for being the handsomest lady in the hall. Miss Flora Bartlett was the recipient of a nice shoulder cape, for which she returns many thanks to H. P. Bartlett. George H. Hastings received the sofa pillow, and Fred C. Bean the toilet cushion. Receipts for the eve, $22.00.

Sewing Society met Oct. 6th with Mrs. Aggie Howe. About forty present and a good time enjoyed by all.

DIXFIELD CENTRE.

The new road, from Willis Towle's to Andrew Child's, is at last completed, and is said to be in nice shape. Several tons of corn were hauled over this road to the Dixfield factory, also several tons of milk to the Centre cheese factory. If this increase of corn and cheese is any benefit to any one, they can give the credit to the new road, for neither factory would have received an ounce of corn or milk, had it not been for the road.

The new streets recently laid out in the village have been nicely straightened out and leveled off the past week with the road machine.

George S. Holman has raised the W. S. Chase store three feet, and further improvements are now under way.

The Dixfield Centre cheese factory made about seven tons of cheese, requiring ten pounds of milk per pound of cheese. Cost of making—1 1-2 cents.

M. H.

WEST PERU.

Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock P. M., fire was discovered on the roof of Thomas Burgess's dwelling, but by the timely warning of our neighbor, Harrison B., and the help of the base ball boys, who were near by, the fire was extinguished with but slight damage, which was made good the next day by the help of the club. Boys will be boys, they say. In this case men could do no better.

Bos

NORTH FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Woodward Markland and Mrs. Sophia Markland, of Lowell, and Mrs. Selden Colburn, of Dracut were guests of G. P. Haley last week.

Messrs. Frank and Rowland Harriman, of Maynard, Mass., have been visiting Sylvanus Knox and T. J. Haley.

Mrs. Electra Whiting Wedington, from Colorado, has returned to her home in Stow for a time. Her mother returns with her as far as Waltham, Massachusetts.

Rev. Mr. Alvord has been attending the Sunday School Convention at Augusta.

Mrs. Hosea Haseltine has been at Elden Shirley's.

EAST WATERFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Godwin and daughter, Mrs. Julia Russell, of Lewiston, are visiting at Edward C. Hilton's.

Amos S. Chadbourne is at his father's for a few days.

Mrs. L. M. Sanderson and two children are spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Abbie Shaw.

A young horse belonging to Chas. L. Kilgore was taken sick at noon after working in a threshing machine and died in a few hours.

Lizzie M. Cummings went to Portland Wednesday, to visit a few weeks.

A town fair will be held at Waterford Flat, Friday, the 14th.

Edward Hilton's sister, of Limerick, has been visiting him.

Lyman Nevens and Mark Perry, of Sweden, are hauling corn boxes from Bennett's mill in Sweden to So. Paris, stopping at this place nights.

Minnie Saunders, of Sweden, is working at L. M. Sanderson's.

ROXBURY.

A bear hunt came off Saturday. S. M. Locke went to his traps and found one of them gone. The bear went a few rods and got caught upon a small tree and there ate the clog nearly all up and the tree all into shreds so that she cleared herself and went on. After this Mr. L. found it very hard to follow; the ground was very dry, there was but little clog to drag, and the new leaves had fallen over the trail. Mr. L. finally gave up and went home for his bear dog. A friend had called and he went back with Mr. L. The trail was so old that the dog could not get the scent but he knew what was up and would beat the ground ahead and come back and strike out anew. At last he went and did not come back. With the help of his friend Mr. L. was working the trail onward very slowly, and listening for the dog. At last it came, the distant barking of the dog, they rushed ahead and after a long run came to the bear and dog, the dog was furious he would snap the bear in the side of the head. The bear had but one fore foot and that was in the trap so that she could not tear the dog with her claws. Mr. L. cleared the chain of the trap and let the bear go with the trap, thinking that a bear with no fore feet could not go much, but was astonished to see the bear go as fast as a man could run, there was a mixture of bear, leaves and dog going like a wheel. The dog would stop her but in an instant she would start on again. The friend thought Mr. L. better shoot the bear if he could do so and not hit the dog, fearing the bear would break away. Mr. L. got his rifle ready and run on, soon the bear fell into a hollow on her back, and on the instant the rifle sent a bullet clear through her tearing one lung. She up and off as though nothing had happened, but soon began to falter and after three blows were given in the head with an axe, she fell and was killed with Mr. L.'s big knife. She was raising her cubs on Mr. L.'s sheep and lambs. He has lost seven and one badly wounded.

ALBANY.

We are having fine weather for farmers to do their fall work. It rains almost every night but clears off warm and bright in the daytime.

Master Herbert I. Bean and brother started out to get a load of wood one morning last week and Herbert took his gun in hopes of killing a crow, but instead brought in a pair of mountain eagles each measuring four feet from tip to tip of wings. One he shot from a tree and the other he took on the wing as he passed over him, (Herb says I done the shooting) and we think it well done for a lad of his age.

Your correspondent, (J. H. L.,) is gaining slowly from his sickness but he is still unable to leave his room.

We are glad to see Franklin Cross, Esq., putting his house in order. It will add much to the looks at the corner and make him a nice home in his old age.

E. H. Foster is still at Newry after those bears.

D. A. Cummings has hired A. H. Barker Jr., to work at blacksmithing in his shop.

SCRIBBLER

NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Knapp and their daughter, Mrs. John Danforth and child started Monday morning en route for Camp Caribou, Lake Parmachenee. Mr. Danforth was expected to meet them at some point on the Magalloway river and escort them to his home in the wilderness.

I am glad to be able to note that the sick ones at Charles Walker's are improving. This has been a summer of hardship for them, four having had the typhoid fever in one of its worst forms.

Walter Foster and Freeborn Smith of this town are at Augusta attending the Business College.

WILSON'S MILLS.

The nice weather still continues, making it very pleasant for tourists and sportsmen of which there is still quite a number coming and going.

Mr. and Mrs. John Emery have been up

Mr. William Bates and family are guests at F. A. Flint's.

Horace Dryden and a Mr. Sherman, of Mansfield, are up on a sporting trip. They go up the Dismond. Peter Bennett guides.

Mr. Davis and wife are in town.

Z. F. Durkee is about the same; there is no improvement in his condition.

Rev. C. V. Hanson is up to Parmacheenee on a vacation.

SOUTH ROXBURY.

There has been a potato crop raised in South Roxbury that I think worthy of particular mention this season. Mr. O. J. Lovejoy raised just 115 bushels of sound potatoes on just 60 square rods of land, or at the rate of 306 2-3 bushels to the acre. Mr. Lovejoy is clearing some new land in the Horse Shoe Valley. The land on which the potato crop was raised is a rocky, braky knoll which Mr. L. has set to apple trees. He transplants apple trees successfully after they have commenced to bear. Has a nursery of many hundreds of apple trees grafted at the root, of which he is taking excellent care. Mr. L. does his own grafting like many yankee farmers.

HARRIS.

BIRD HILL (BETHEL.)

The crop of apples is small in this vicinity.

Clara Jordan, who has been visiting her sister at Locke's Mills, is at home attending school.

George C. Bryant has finished up the work on his father's farm, also on J. Georges'.

There is talk of a new road being made from here to Locke's Mills and there is need of it.

Mattie Jordan, who has been sick with fever for a long time, is now able to attend school.

Charles Jordan is at work for R. D. Cummings.

The teacher and scholars took a trip a few days ago up to Lookoff Mountain and found some fine specimens of rock and placed them in the school room.

Mr. P. Clark and family, from Portland, have been visiting at Mrs. M. E. Jordan's.

F. B. Estes, who has been visiting at his wife's father's, has returned to New Brunswick.

One of our school committee, Mr. Valentine, visited the school a few days since and we were much pleased with the good words spoken to the scholars.

Mr. George is visiting his son Josiah and is repairing his barn.

Messrs. Charles and Llewellyn Buck have finished threshing in this neighborhood. The crop of grain is light.

E. F. K

DENMARK.

Denmark was deserted during the three days of the West Oxford fair at Fryeburg.

Augustus Wentworth, of Deering, is visiting relatives and friends in town.

Sidney Orcutt is making extensive repairs on his house.

Mark Jordan and family, of National City, Cal., start for home Saturday, Oct. 8th.

Charles P. Goldthwait, who has been at work at Haverhill, Massachusetts, has returned home.

BROWNFIELD.

Brownfield was well represented at the fair at Fryeburg.

There is a great deal of sickness in town.

The C. L. S. C. will meet with Miss Della Spring October 8th.

Sherman Morrison and Ernest Frink are attending the Sunday School convention at Augusta.

PORTER.

We have been having some cold and frosty nights.

The potato crop is nearer a total failure than for many years. The heavy rains spoiled the late planted ones and those that were dug early are rotting in the cellars.

The crop of sweet corn was not large. Mr. Flint who owns the factories at Baldwin and Kezar Falls will not get near enough to fill his contracts.

The grand jury of York county now in session at Alfred have found an indictment against Hiram Evans for supposed complicity in the Osgood forgery case. Wednesday last was set as his day for trial.

Freedom (N. H.) band furnishes the music at the skating rink at Kezar Falls.

BRYANT'S POND.

The Universalist circle, of this place, will hold their first meeting of the series for the coming winter at the Glen Mountain House Hall on Thursday, Oct. 13th. The exercises to begin promptly at 7 P. M. Music by Bacon's orchestra. A good time is expected. Come all.

M.

DICKVALE.

F. A. Perkins is teaching a term of free High School in this District.

Report says that J. C. Wyman has contracted with the Dixfield Spool Company to furnish 100,000 of spool lumber at $14 50 per 1000.

The birch lumber sawed at Franklin Pl. is now being hauled to Bretton's Mills for G. T. Piper.

E. H. Lovejoy has finished picking his apples. We understand that he will get about 100 barrels.

ABE.

PERU.

Mr. Gordon, from Pa., is visiting at Rev. W. H. S. Ventres.

Elmer Brown and Fred Bartlett are doing the threshing in this section. Grain is turning out rather light.

J. E. Conant dug 60 bushels of sound potatoes from 3-4 of an acre. That is a very good yield for this year.

Some farmers are hauling their pumpkins to Canton to the corn factory to be canned. They get three dollars per ton.

M. Hall has sold his oxen for $135 to George Roe.

N. Hall has filled a silo with his sweet corn fodder.

FRYEBURG.

W. F. Ward and Mrs. Cutts left Saturday, Oct. 1st.

Miss Alice Hastings is in Boston for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson returned from their trip to Denver, Oct. 1.

Mary Glines, wife of Frank E. Howe, died Sept. 30th, after a lingering illness of several months.

W. F. Livingston, who had supplied the Cong'l pulpit two Sundays, left on Monday to attend the meetings of the American Board. It is hoped he may decide to return as a permanent supply.

Rev. John Collins preached at the Methodist church Oct. 2nd.

Mr. Calvin Austin, of Boston, was in town one night last week.

Mrs. Caroline Wilmot, of Ashland, Wis., daughter of Abial Whitney, who once resided here, has, with her daughter, been visiting relatives here, after an absence of thirty-two years.

Col. Dow's family have returned to Portland.

Miss Valeria Page has gone home to Malden.

Mrs. Abby Brown has been called to Portland on business, leaving her place vacant at F. Shirley's.

The Misses Foss from the Checkley House, Prout's Neck, are at Miss A. N. Page's.

The W. O. Agricultural Society has held its exhibition and horse-trots for three days the past week, with great financial success.

Dr. S. C. Gordon, of Portland, has been in town for a day or two; also Miss Lizzie Shirley, who returns to Portland on Saturday.

Mrs. Jere Lord, of Steep Falls, was at her brother's, T. L. Eastman's.

Will Morgan and Harry Frost found the Fair more attractive than Dartmouth College.

Sam Stark, agent for D. Appleton, in Portland, was in town Thursday and Friday.

HARTFORD.

Frank Rawson is the boss road builder. He has just completed a road in South Hartford and made a paying job. Some folks thought Frank would get stuck on the job. Frank knows his business and has the tools to do it with.

Mrs. Zery Doten has arrived home from Massachusetts, where she has been visiting her friends.

Your correspondent has dug his potatoes and after a careful estimation finds that there will be one potato apiece daily for a family of five until the fourth of July 1888, and 1-9 bushel left to plant. W. C.

BUCKFIELD

"That Comical Brown" gave one of his original and unique entertainments at this place last Saturday evening.

Thomas S. Bridgham, Esq., and wife, of Portland, have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Henry Nutty in this village.

The Winslow Packing Company are canning apples and pumpkins at the Buckfield factory.

The champion hen's egg is on exhibition at the "Arcade." Circumference the largest way, 8 1 4 inches, around the middle, 6 1 4 inches, and weighs 4 1-2 ounces. The fruit of the "gray old hen with yellow legs," belonging to H. D. Waldron.

The failure of Thos. G. Burdin, manufacturer of hubs, of Chases Mills, affects the Buckfield creditors to the amount of $1400 or $1500 At a meeting of the creditors Thursday at Lewiston, he was petitioned into insolvency. Liabilities about $15,000; assets nominally $5,000 to $7,000.

The remains of the late Mrs. Rolon Foster were brought here from Massachusetts for interment. Mrs. Foster was a native of Buckfield, and daughter of Caleb Cushman, Sen. She was 82 years of age. Also the remains of the late Mrs. James Waldron were brought here from Massachusetts for burial during the week. Aged 78 years.

The ladies of Buckfield Reform Club gave a "box supper" at Reform Hall, Wednesday evening, which was a financial success.

K. N. Prince and wife returned to New York Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Forster and daughter Annie have gone to Boston to remain several weeks.

Rumford Falls & Buckfield R. R. Co have been making some improvements on the passenger station. The extra Saturday afternoon train has been discontinued.

Dean & Morrill are beginning to buy up a drove of cattle.

The Winslow Packing Co. have put up 378,000 cans of sweet corn at their factory here. They are now canning apples, pumpkins and squash. About 100 tons of pumpkins will be used.

BETHEL.

More than 200 tickets were sold at the Bethel station for the County Fair, and numbers went with their own teams.

Benjamin R. Bryant and G. A. Burbank are building a new bridge over Alder River near its mouth. They have one of the abutments completed, and the other well started. It will take about one week to complete the work so as to open the road to travel.

William R. Godwin and wife leave for California next week.

Matthew Benson, of Portland, has sold his Newry lands and is closing up his coal business in Bethel.

Large quantities of pulp wood are being loaded on the cars at Bethel station.

The sales of the D. Warren property at North Waterford, Thursday, by E. W. Woodbury, executor, amounted to about $12,000.

Mrs. L. E Adams and her two sons, who have been stopping at the Alpine House, left Monday for home.

Mr. Reuben Paine, on 1-3 acre, raised 8 cart loads of pumpkins, 8 bushels of beans, and twenty bushels of shelled corn. Who can beat that? Trot out ye big crops.

William Laufin left last week for Ubet, Montana.

Miss Kate Locke has gone out west to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Woodsom Mason, with several other families from Norway and Harrison, will leave about October 20th for California, where they intend to make their home. We wish them much success.

Another worthy citizen and respected friend, Dr. C. W. Gordan has left and gone to his eternal home. He died last Friday after several months sickness and was buried last Sabbath. Funeral at his residence on Church street conducted by Rev. Mr. Sylvester and Mr. Hardy. He left a wife, a son and one daughter to mourn his loss and a large circle of friends.

HEBRON.

Rev. Mr. Harden went to Bangor, Monday, (Oct. 3d) to attend the convention.

Miss Winnie Harden is spending a few days with Mrs. Mayo at Paris.

Prof. J. F. Moody, of Auburn, was at his mother's last week.

Mr. J. C. Whitney with his wife and son of Auburn, and Mr. Farmer and wife with Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, of Temple, spent Sunday at J. D. Sturtevant's.

Miss Edie Packard is home from the Intervale House this week. Miss Sturtevant will stay awhile longer.

Mrs. Levi Maxim is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. John Garney is very low if living.

Very fine weather now and it looks like Indian summer.

C.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Judge Wilson, of South Paris, on Monday evening. The subject was "Shams." With much originality the speaker made deceiving and lying appear contemptible, by giving very amusing illustrations, and throughout the discourse clothed the truth in its utmost beauty. Prof. Sargent made excellent remarks to close the evening.

At the State Convention at Bangor, one thousand and five dollars was raised for Hebron Academy. Mrs. Mary Whitman's quilt, given during Rev. C. M. Emery's visit, aided in raising the money, and one gentleman gave five hundred dollars. The rest was given by different individuals.

The Good Templars met Friday evening, and are making a renewed effort to sustain their meetings.

The band are progressing as well as can be expected, and music will be furnished by them for the lodge within a short time.

All regret the severe sickness of Charles H. George, Esq. He is very much missed everywhere in the community.

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WEST PARIS.

There is a probability now of having a course of lectures here this winter under the auspices of the Order of Good Templars. This order is in a flourishing condition.

Our chair factory is lighted by electricity and heated by steam.

J. Wayland Kimball is stopping here for the present, getting up new sample chairs for his next spring and summer trade.

Our enterprising merchant, L. B. Andrews, has added to his large stock of goods a full line of fashionable cloaks and undergarments for ladies, and misses' wear.

A new barber is reported here, but where is the barber pole?

S. B. Locke, Esq., has charge of the corn and flour mill again.

Much sickness prevails here at present, and our doctors are busy.

Dr. Packard has commenced putting in the cellar and underpinning for his new house to be built next spring.

Our business men all report a good fall business. The business outlook for our place for the next year is very flattering.

We are having a very fine term of school. Let our agent be wise to the interest of the district and engage Miss Fobes for the winter term.

Mr. Eugene H. Judkins, Manager of Maine Book Agency, is visiting his folks and friends here for a few days. He has several urgent calls to take the editorship of a Boston weekly of wide circulation, which he is considering, and may accept if he can do so in connection with his present office work in Portland.

ANDOVER.

The fair last week was a complete success.

The Good Templars entertainment last Friday evening was pleasant and a successful affair.

Mr. Melcher, of the firm of Melcher & Bailey, has moved into the house lately occupied by M. F. Corson.

R. A. Grover has taken Mrs. Newhall's rent at the village.

The potato crop is the lightest for years. The yield being from nothing to 150 bushels per acre.

G. P. Thomas brood mare and two colts wore home the blue ribbon from the Canton fair.

MASON.

News scarce.

Cabbage worms, English sparrows and sapsuckers plenty, is about the size of my report this week.

S. O. Grover has got a squash show of his own this year. He has five that weigh over four hundred pounds. The largest of which tips the beam at 105 lbs.

Our people that attended the county fair returned well pleased with the exhibit at the grounds.

Mrs. Cyrene J. Bean left for Lancaster, Mass., Monday. She enjoyed her vacation very much.

S. O. Grover and A. G. Lovejoy have had old fashioned huskings the past week.

NORWAY.

Large entry of cases for the October term of the Norway Municipal Court B. Thurston & Co. vs E. C. Libby. Judgment for plaintiff, E. F. Smith for plaintiff, C. E. Holt for defendant. The case of O. N. Bradbury vs. Harriet Ripley, judgment for defendant, A. S. Kimball for plaintiff, J. P. Swasey for defendant.

The annual election of officers of Oxford Lodge F. and A. M. took place at the last meeting with the following result:

W. M., S. R. Knowland; S. W., G. W. Holmes; J. W., C. F. Lord; Sec., H. D. Smith; Treas., C. S. Tucker.

The dues have been raised from $1.00 to $2.00 per year. It was decided to have private installion of officers.

The eighty horse power boiler lately purchased by C. B. Cummings recently arrived at the depot Tuesday and was placed in the new mill Wednesday afternoon. It is a large one weighing about eight tons. It was moved with four oxen.

Fred Cummings went to Camp Ketchum Thursday to act as cook for a party for a few days.

J. A. Brown, of Peabody, Massachusetts, formerly a resident of this place, was in town last week.

Mrs. George Merrill will spend the winter in Portland with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Crocker have moved into the house lately purchased by J. F. Allen of J. A. Bolster on Whitman street.

Nathan Denison started for Boston Wednesday, where he expects to fill a position as book-keeper.

Gorton's New Orleans Minstrels gave a first class entertainment at Norway Hall Tuesday evening, Oct. 4th. The attendance was good.

We understand a Chautauqua Literary circle was organized at the residence of Dr. George W. Hazelton, on Cottage street, Monday evening. Officers chosen were:

G. W. Hazelton, M. D., President; Rev. Corey Vice President; Mrs. Hazelton, Secretary.

Next meeting Oct. 11th. All interested are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gibson started for California Thursday on the ten o'clock train. They intend to join their sons' family in Boston who will accompany them on their journey. Mr. Gibson is one of the selectmen of the town of Norway.

Mrs. C. S. Cummings and Mrs. C. B. Cummings and daughter Fannie will start for the West to pass the winter on Tuesday next.

Mrs. Henry Millett will shortly move to Auburn.

Charles R. Smith took pictures of the upper and lower Primary schools Thursday.

In the case of the State on complaint entered by Emma Fifield against Ma

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Gilead,	5:24	9:10	
W. Bethel,	5:46	9:22	*3:32
Bethel,	5:52	9:31	3:38
Locke's Mills,	6:03	9:41	*3:45
Bryant's Pond,	6:10	9:48	*3:52
West Paris,	6:20	10:02	4:02
So. Paris,	6:28	10:20	4:18
Norway, (leave)	6:30	10:30	4:19
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	10:53	
Mechanic Falls,	7:01	10:45	4:39
Lewiston Junction,	7:27	10:57	4:50
Lewiston, (arrive)	7:40	11:15	5:05
Portland,	8:25	12:00	5:45

PORTLAND TO MONTREAL.

	Pass. A. M.	Pass. P. M.	Mixed. P. M.
Portland,	9:30	1:30	5:27
Lewiston Junction,	10:03	2:47	6:35
Lewiston, (leave)	10:15	2:00	6:15
Mechanic Falls,	10:45	2:06	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)	11:10	3:40	7:10
Norway, (arrive)	11:15	3:45	7:15
West Paris,	11:22	4:03	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
W. Bethel,	11:56	4:50	7:58
Gilead,	12:08	5:07	8:09
Gorham,	12:20	5:25	8:20

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

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

I.—CHARADE

The ladies all abuse my *first*
Most shamefully, 'tis true;
The dancing ones surprise us not
But, oh! the Christians do.

A little bird high in the tree
Quite gaily does my *next*;
But should a crow attempt it, too,
I'm sure you would be vexed.

In hospitals the *whole* are seen
In very ample store,
The soldiers' many bleeding wounds
They're used to cover o'er.

S. E. D.

II.—ENIGMATIC ANIMALS

1. A chest of tools, and a number.
2. A relative, and the essential quality of the dude's linen.
3. Before, and to move with an easy trot.
4. A fence, and a domestic animal.
5. A Spanish nobleman, and a book of explanation.
6. A part of the body, a river, a kettle, an indefinite article, and a row, or riot.
7. Something that some people seem to enjoy telling, and a preposition.
8. A piece hewn off, and a man belonging to a certain religious order.

J. O. H. N.

III.—DIAMOND.

1. A consonant.
2. A very conceited man is said to have this in great abundance.
3. Envious people sometimes accuse other people of wearing this instead of diamonds.
4. This is a place where Eastern people keep their swine.
5. A vowel.

M. B. W.

IV.—A FAMOUS BREED OF POULTRY.

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JESSIE

V.—CONUNDRUM.

Tot's kitten followed her to church—
The day I well remember,
For 'twas a peaceful Sabbath morn
The first of last September.

She walked demurely up the aisle,
And curled up in the pew,
Then in Tot's lap she slept or purred
Till service was quite through.

Next day Tot's brother planned to go
To see a steeple-chase;
But tooth-ache kept the boy at home
With badly swollen face.

Now tell me what the difference is
'Twixt kit, who liked to roam,
And this young man whose tooth-ache bad,
Forced him to stay at home.

ETHYL

VI.—WORD SQUARE

1. A collection of people.
2. In flames.
3. To rise up (Transposed.)
4. Found in the forest.
5. Used in making bread.

TITMOUSE

VII.—ENIGMA

Composed of 20 letters.

My 10, 1, 8, 12 is to stop.
My 5, 13, 7, 9 is to fold.
My 15, 6, 11, 20 is to mete out.
My 4, 18, 3, 19 is to barter.
My 16, 11, 17 is used for cutting wood.
My 2, 6, 1, 14 is to be inclined.
The whole is from Shakespeare.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Post-office.

2.— CASH
ASIA
SIGN
HAND

3.—Hannah, Anne.

4.—Constitution.

5.—
"Forward the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns," he said.

6.— P
CAR
COLOR
PALACES
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S

7.—Bark, ark.

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REBUKED BY MRS. DONNELLY.—Ignatius Donnelly has a charming little wife, who is very much attached to him and who is brilliant in social life. Mrs. Donnelly was at a Northern lake resort during the summer, and a week or ten days ago two gentlemen came in and occupied the same table at breakfast. The Donnelly Shakespearean theory came up, and one of the gentlemen asked the other, "Who is this man Donnelly?" "Oh," returned the other, carelessly, "he's a crank by profession; he wrote 'Atlantis' and 'Ragnarok.'" The lady said nothing. That evening, however, in the parlor, the gentleman who made the remark was introduced to Mrs. Donnelly, but her name escaped his ear. As an excuse for finding out her name, he brought the conversation round so that the question could be put as to her husband's occupation. The little lady's eyes sparkled as she modestly answered, "He is a crank by profession; he wrote 'Atlantis' and 'Ragnarok.'" The gentleman recognized the expression, and his feelings may better be imagined than described. He did not prolong the conversation any longer than he could politely lead up to the remark, "Good evening."

THE HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

Much work can be saved by a little thought. It is not working fast that makes some women better housekeepers than others, but what they do with. For instance, take washing dishes. If plenty of hot water is ready, this is a short job. Use soap enough to make the water foamy and wash quickly, using mop or cloth as you prefer. Pour over hot water to rinse well and wipe at once. Evaporation from the hot surfaces will render but little wiping necessary, and the dishes will look nicer than if drained.

In serving meats and vegetables be sure and have the dishes hot.

HOW TO CURE A COUGH.

First of all, stop coughing. Three-fourths of the coughing is from sheer force of habit. There are thousands of people who spend an hour every morning of their lives in unnecessary coughing. A little irritation is felt in the throat. A cough is set up, and habit keeps it going until the irritation provoked by the cough produces a really serious disease. Coughs are sometimes contagious. Some old lady who has a pet cough which she has nursed for twenty years or more, sets the ball rolling in church just when the minister begins to read the hymn. Another auditor takes up the tune, another and another from all quarters of the house, until they fairly make the arches ring with chin music. The minister continually raises his voice in his effort to drown the noise, but he is no match for a hundred people, hemming and hawking and interjecting chest coughs and throat coughs, and chin coughs, and every variety of this sort of vocal exercise; for the higher he raises his voice, the louder grows the din. By and by he gives up the contest in sheer despair and stops reading. Now observe what a change,—a silence like the "stilly night" begins as soon as the last cougher has time to get breath and clear his throat. No sooner does the speaker open his mouth again than the coughers take up their dismal refrain. Is not this fact as good evidence as one needs?

CREAM PEACH PIE.—Line a pie plate with good pastry and fill with halved peaches, (pared and stewed) sprinkle thickly with sugar and lay over all an upper crust, buttering the edge where it will touch the lower layer of pastry. Bake quickly. While it is still hot lift the crust and pour a cream into it, made of a cup of milk, the whipped whites of two eggs, tablespoon of sugar, and small teaspoonful of corn-starch. This cream should have been cooked first, and allowed to get cold before it is poured into the pie.

MINCE OF HAM AND EGGS.—Chop the remnants of a ham which will no longer furnish slices for the table, put into a frying-pan a tablespoonful of butter rolled in brown flour, a teaspoonful of vinegar, a little pepper and a quarter teaspoonful of mustard. Let it boil and put in the minced ham. Stir until very hot, turn into a pie-dish, set in the oven and break on the surface five or six raw eggs. Shut up in the oven and bake for five minutes, just long enough to "set" the eggs. Serve in the pie-dish.

POTATO CROQUETTES.—Beat into hot, mashed potato a raw egg, a little butter, milk, nutmeg, pepper and salt to taste, also a very little grated lemon peel. Heat and stir three minutes in a saucepan, or until scalding hot. When perfectly cold make into croquettes, roll in flour, and fry in boiling lard or nice drippings. Drain off every drop of fat, and serve in a hot dish lined with a napkin.

MOUNT DESERT STEW.—One can of tomatoes, one tablespoonful of butter, salt, pepper, two tablespoonfuls bread crumbs, one-fourth of an onion, chopped fine. Stew for twenty minutes, stirring frequently. Add four well-beaten eggs and remove from the fire. Serve immediately.

"The tomato and onion are first put to stew together for twenty or thirty minutes. Use bread, or cracker crumbs if you have no bread, not sifted, but simply crumbled in the fingers. If you are cooking this for dinner add the eggs at the very latest minute possible before serving. If you like sugar in tomato it will not harm to add a trifle." This was a very delicately flavored dish of tomato, the onion being not at all noticeable. If not rich enough, use more than a tablespoonful of butter.

APPLE JOHNNY CAKE.—Pare, core and chop one pint of sweet apples, add to a pint and a half of rich, sweet milk a half teaspoon each of salt and saleratus, and Indian meal to make a batter that will level in the pan by shaking lightly. Bake in a moderately hot oven to a cinnamon brown. I think it will sweeten the disposition even of Growling Tom.

BAKED APPLES.—Core and pare sour apples. Put them in a shallow earthen dish, fill the cavities with sugar mixed with grated lemon rind; add water to cover the bottom of the dish. Bake in a very quick oven till soft, basting often with the sirup.

CABBAGE SLAW.—Shave fine, one small head of cabbage, season with salt, pepper and vinegar. Take one cup of milk, two eggs, a small piece of butter, boil and pour over the cabbage.

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Fifth row. Two treble crochet, two chain, miss two, repeat all round.

Sixth row. One double crochet between the treble crochet, five treble crochet in the space formed by two chain, work the arm-holes to correspond, and run a ribbon in holes at neck.

CHAIR CUSHIONS.

Perfectly plain chair cushions of plush are much in use. They may be finished around the edge with cord and at the corners with tassels, or may be without finish and tied to the chair at the corners with ribbon bows. Favorite colors in these cushions are dark or peacock blue, cardinal, maroon or gold. Crescent shaped cushions for head rests are somewhat of a novelty. They are swung behind the chair when not in use. Cashmere is quite a desirable material for cushions that receive much wear.

Very dainty chair backs may be made of dotted muslin or net. A muslin with large round spots far apart is chosen. Around the spots are worked the petals of a large daisy or marguerite in darning or crewel stitch and a stem is also added. When white muslin is used a lining of colored sateen or colored muslin is necessary to make the chair back effective.

A beautiful toilet-set may be made of bolting-cloth painted with various designs. Rich purple and bronze pansies are very effective on cream color. Sateen does nicely to line the set, and trim with cream-colored lace. A bow of purple satin on the corner of the toilet cushion, and tied around the neck of the perfume bottles, adds to the beauty of the set. A handkerchief case made of pale blue sateen covered with bolting-cloth on which a spray of wild roses has been painted is very pretty. For this is needed two squares of the sateen, one for lining and one for the outside next to the bolting-cloth, between these pieces put plenty of sachet powder. Sew the edges neatly, trim the bolting-cloth with lace. Fold the corners together in the center of the square, and tie with ribbons to match the lining or the color of the flowers.

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