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STATE OF MAINE.
COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss:
Supreme Judicial Court, October Term, A. D. 1888.

Addie A. Morrison, Libl't, vs. Independence Morrison.

And now on suggestion to the Court that Independence Morrison, Libellee, was not an inhabitant of this State, and had no tenant, agent or Attorney within the same; and that he has had no notice of said libel:

It is Ordered, that notice of the pendency of this suit be given to the said Defendant, by publishing an attested copy of this order, together with an abstract of the Plaintiff's Writ, and Libel, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris in said County, the last publication to be not less than thirty days before the next term of said Court, to be holden at Paris, in and for said County, on the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1889, that said Libellee may then and there appear and answer to said suit, if he shall see cause.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.

Attest:—

(Abstract of Plaintiff's Writ, and Libel.)

Plea of Libel for Divorce inserted in writ of attachment.

Date of Writ, August 25th, 1888.

Returnable October Term, 1888.

Ad damnum, $100.

Addie A. Morrison of Sumner, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, wife of the aforesaid Independence Morrison, who respectfully libels and gives this Honorable Court to be informed, that she was lawfully married to the said Independence Morrison at Sumner aforesaid, on the thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1872, and has resided in said Sumner in good faith since said marriage, except about one year soon after her said marriage, and has had by him two children, viz: Lenna M. born September, 21st, A. D. 1874, and E. Alton Morrison, born January 2, A. D. 1878, that your libellant since their intermarriage has always behaved herself as a faithful, chaste and affectionate wife towards the said Independence Morrison, but that said Independence Morrison, being of sufficient ability, grossly and cruelly refused and neglected to provide suitable maintenance for her and her said children. Also for that the said Independence Morrison on the thirteenth day of August, A. D. 1878, deserted your libellant, and has continued said desertion till the present time.

Your libellant further avers that the present residence of the said Independence Morrison is not known to her and that she has used reasonable diligence to ascertain the same, and that she believes he resides out side of the State of Maine. Wherefore she said libellant prays right and justice and that she may be divorced from the bonds of matrimony between her and her said husband and that the custody and education of her aforesaid children may be decreed to her and as in duty bound will ever pray.

ADDIE A. MORRISON.

STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, ss: August 25th, A. D. 1888.

Then personally appeared the above named Addie A. Morrison and made oath that the above statements by her made relating to the residence of the said Independence Morrison are true. Before me,

GEORGE D. BISBEE,
Justice of the Peace.

A true copy of order of Court, with abstract of the Writ and Libel.

Attest:— ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.
GEORGE D. BISBEE, Esq., Buckfield, Attorney for Libellant.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov. A. D. 1888.

On the petition of BETSEY JORDAN et al. in said County, praying that George F. Cheeley of Paris, be appointed Administrator on the estate of Hannah Cheeley, late of Oxford, in said County, deceased:

Ordered, that said petitioner 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 Court of Probate to be held at Paris in said County, on the third Tuesday of Dec. next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have, why the same should not be granted.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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 Nov. A. D. 1888.

DANIEL C. SWETT, guardian of Benjamin W. Bean et als, minor children and heirs of Benjamin W., and Sarah S. Bean, late of Milton Plantation, in said County, 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 Dec. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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NOTICE.
I hereby give notice that I have sold my stand in Dixfield, to Dr. W. H. Harris, and would recommend him to my friends and the public as a physician worthy of their confidence.
DR. P. B. WING.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to AGRICULTURAL EDITOR, OXFORD DEMOCRAT, PARIS, ME.

The National Grange.

SUCCESSFUL AND HARMONIOUS SESSION AT TOPEKA, KANSAS—NATIONAL MASTER DRAPER'S REPORT—REMARKS OF WORTHY MASTER ROBIE OF MAINE STATE GRANGE.

The National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has just closed a most successful session, the twenty-first, at Topeka, Kansas. Thirty four States were represented. The meeting was held in the Representative Hall at the State House. The members of the Grange were received with marked consideration by the citizens of Topeka and other places.

The year has been one of success for the grange movement. Hon. James Draper, acting Master, reported that there had been 193 subordinate granges instituted during the past year. The greatest increase in membership has been made in North Carolina, while the New England States show a continual increase, both in membership and new granges. Colorado has developed marked activity and progress and is represented again this year in the councils of this body. The speaker urged a need of improvement in the order's methods of procedure in obtaining legislation favorable to agricultural industries.

He thought that the order should have some one at Washington all the time while Congress was in session with authority to act for the National Grange. He urged further efforts for the enlargement of the powers of the agricultural department. The question of trusts and the necessity for suppressing them was noted. Mr. Draper also alluded to what had been done in the way of preventing the adulteration of foods, and pointed out what remained to be done. He urged united effort in having national legislation in favor of the interests of farmers.

A public reception was tendered the Grange at the State House. Gen. John A. Martin gave the address of welcome, and ex Gov. Frederick Robie, Master of Maine State Grange, was selected to respond. Gov. Robie's address was in his usual happy vein and was received with great satisfaction by the audience. Gov. Robie said he had the honor to represent the most northern State in the Union. We are in a high northern latitude and we carry the grange banner high.

Maine was first settled by the white man nearly three centuries ago, fifteen years before the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. It was in Maine that the first clearing was made for agricultural pursuits. It was in Maine in 1607 that the first vessel, by name Virginia, was built and launched upon the Atlantic ocean. Agriculture and commerce for many years were the chief employments of the people of Maine. I have the honor to represent an agricultural, commercial and manufacturing State, and I bring with me as an offering the warm congratulations and sincere greetings of not only 16 000 Patrons of Husbandry, but the good will of all the farmers of the State and every industry, full of interest for the general prosperity of this wonderful nation.

Gov. Robie spoke of the importance of agricultural pursuits and quoted the words of Andrew Jackson: "Agriculture, commerce and manufactures should be equally favored (protected?) and perhaps the only exception to this rule should be the peculiar encouragement of any product, if either, that may be found necessary for our independence." I am quite sure, said the speaker, that these words represent the sentiment of nearly all, if not all, of the Patrons of Husbandry of the United States. With our vast and increasing population, and our varied natural resources, we scorn the idea of being a dependent nation, but independent in its broadest sense. Let us be independent in our agriculture, our commerce, our manufactures, which can be secured by the full enjoyment of our home markets, and may American farmers, sailors and mechanics, rule America, sustaining those statesmen and respecting those laws which protect our home and all the varied industrial interests of the nation with equality and justice.—Lewiston Journal.

A Dakota Farm.

The big Grandin wheat farm in Dakota comprises about 40,000 acres, of which 13,000 acres are under cultivation, 11,000 acres being sown to wheat. There are used on the farm 45 gang plows, two plows in gang, each plow cutting 14 to 15 inches. There are 45 gang harrows. These are six feet square but are arranged to gether side by side to work 24 feet wide. One long evener draws the four with a pair of mules near each end. One man drives both teams. The advantage of this system is worthy of notice by other farmers. It reduces the number of men usually required one half. There are 44 broadcast sowers, sowing eight feet each, but two of these are attached end to end with a span of mules before each, and one man drives both spans, another saving of half the man force. There are 75 self binding harvesters employed on the place. Modern improvements have so perfected these that only one expert is required for the whole, especially since the experienced workmen on the machine are kept from year to year, and they are able to attend to any little repairs. The harvesters are each drawn by three mules, and one and one half to two men are required to shock the bundles from each machine. The threshers, of which there are six, are quite extensive affairs compared with those of former times or with the flails or animals on the threshing floors of our boyhood. Each one of these machines, driven by steam power, threshes out from 1 900 to 2 000 bushels a day. They are set down in the center of a hundred acres of shocks, and when these are threshed are moved to the center of another hundred acres. The working force on a single thresher forms quite a little army. Thus, there is, first the general superintendent, eight bundle teams to haul the shocks, with eight drivers and eight other men, part in the field and part at the machine, as pitchers and loaders. At the machine two men are required simply to cut the bands. There are three feeders, two at work and an alternate. Then there are the engineer, the fireman, the waterman, the "straw tucker," who with two mules and a pole removes the straw accumulating before the machine, a barn man to care for the animals, and the cook and his assistant. The wheat is received into wooden tanks holding 100 bushels each, and four men with four wagons drawn by four mules each, one tank wagon at the machine and three on the road take the wheat to the elevators. This saves bags and bagging. It will thus be seen that there is a force of thirty men employed to run a single machine.—Milling World.

Most of the New York creameries are closed, and only a few of the Vermont companies intend to run during the winter. The bulk of the fresh supplies of butter will come from the West, and the cost there must control to a great extent the price here. The most of the Maine creameries will continue work through the winter, and thus get the advantage of the higher prices of butter prevailing at that season.—Maine Farmer.

Thirty-two bushels of corn to each inhabitant is the average given by the department of agriculture for the crop of the past season. The average yield per acre in the great corn growing States is as follows: Ohio, 35.2 bushels; Indiana, 35; Illinois, 36.2; Iowa, 37; Missouri, 31; Kansas, 27; and Nebraska, 36. These seven States produce 64 per cent. of the crop aggregate. The general average will fall somewhat under 27 bushels.—Maine Farmer.

Pork made from a considerable portion of apple diet is peculiarly sweet in flavor. Hogs will fatten more rapidly on sweet apples than sour, if apples are principally depended upon; but if grain is fed with apples the sour will do even better than the sweet, as the acid will assist in the digestion of the grain. It would be better to feed corn for a few weeks before killing, to harden the pork.—Mirror and Farmer.

From the report of the East Sangerville Farmer's Institute in the Piscataquis Observer we clip the following:

Mr. McKeen, member from Oxford county, was introduced to speak on the Corn Canning Industry. He said: "I will preface what I have to say by the remark that I have not had any experience in selling the canned product nor any connection with canning establishments otherwise than as book-keeper. The sweet corn crop is not more subject to failure than other farm crops—not more liable to be cut off by frost than yellow or Indian corn, as the experience of the season just passed proves, the sweet corn suffering no more from the unfavorable weather than the yellow corn. Planted on suitable lands and given suitable cultivation, it proves reliable with us.

"In discussing this subject, we should consider our surroundings, and the conditions and the needs of our farms. I believe every farmer under solemn compact not to rob the soil of its fertility, so that when called to yield it up to posterity it may not be impoverished.

Some might question whether the business was in danger of suffering from overproduction. I do not apprehend any danger from over production. The call for the goods is constantly increasing, and the quality of Maine corn exceeds that raised elsewhere. The nearer we approach the northern limit of the corn-growing belt the sweeter the product. At an extensive examination of canned goods at N. Y., the Maine product proved the best. The variety of seed recommended is the Early Crosby, one adantage this corn possesses over other varieties being the smallness of the kernel—buyers demanding the small kernel.

"The stover of sweet corn is excellent for ensilage or for feeding in a green or dry state. It is estimated that 40 per cent. of value remains in the stover of yellow corn, and that of sweet corn is still more valuable, as the corn is picked for canning before it has ripened. The fact that if sweet corn is cut at the time the ears are fit for canning and the ears allowed to remain on the stalks, the corn will ripen, shows that a large per cent. of value must remain when the corn is removed in an unripe condition. And when the waste at the factory is all returned, it will be readily seen that but little of the value has been removed from the farm. With sweet corn as a first crop, followed by cereals, and that by several years of grass, every acre of our farms may be producing feed for stock. The result of such a course will be general prosperity."

Somerset County Sheep Farmers.

Somerset is the largest wool growing county in Maine, and its farmers have on their splendid fruit farms some of the best and finest blooded sheep of all classes including Atwood Merinos, Spanish Merinos, Shropshires, Leicesters, Cotswold, Oxford Downs and their grades. The farmers of this great wool growing county have the reputation of growing some of the finest and most desirable wools produced in this country. Anson is the banner sheep raising town of the county, on many of its large and splendid farms there being flocks of fine blooded thoroughbreds.

In the halcyon days, say in '65 when wool was bringing $1 a pound, the farmers of the town of Anson alone kept as high as 30,000 sheep on their farms and averaged to shear about 210,000 pounds of wool annually. To-day nearly all the farmers are growing wool but not to such a large extent.

They never let their sheep go in this county, and say that their sheep pay them as well as any stock kept on the farm, except an occasional fancy bred trotting colt. No doubt there are from thirteen to fifteen thousand sheep owned by the farmers of the town of Anson to-day. Wools have been sold here this year from 18 to 21 cents a pound, and Anson wool is pretty well sold up, except a few of the largest lots of fine wool. A few of the largest lots yet unsold are Brown & Hilton, W. W. Pearl, Columbus Hilton, John M. Hilton, Stephen Hilton, B. F. Hilton, G. A. Hilton, J. R. Hilton. About 20,000 pounds of finest grade wool yet remain in the hands of the growers. From conversation with several of the leading wool growers of North Anson, it is learned that many of the wool men in this section anticipate better prices for their wool soon.—Maine Farmer.

Oil Fields Used Up.

PENNSYLVANIA'S SUPPLIES OF PETROLEUM GIVING OUT.

The great oil fields of Pensylvania are being rapidly exhausted, writes a St. Louis Globe correspondent from Bradford, Pa. This fact is now very apparent to practical oil operators, and extraordinary efforts are being made to find new fields, but the best informed men engaged in the industry are not hopeful of the results. At the present time 500 wells are being drilled in the effort to find a new prolific field. These wells are being drilled in Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia, and in many instances the territory has already been partially tested, and the chances of opening up a really new field are regarded as exceedingly remote.

The great petroleum basin seems to be going as did the rich Comstock lode. The daily production of the Pennsylvania and New York fields has fallen from 100,000 barrels a day, the maximum, to 43,000 barrels. In these figures the Ohio field is not considered, as Ohio oil is now regarded only as fuel oil, and therefore does not come into competition with the Pensylvania product. In Pennsylvania and New York 60,000 wells have been drilled. Of this number about 40 000 were productive and the rest dry. These wells have exhausted hundreds of thousands of acres of territory. The wonderful Bradford field, that produced 140 000,000 barrels of oil, is now practically drained.

Wells are no longer drilled in this field, and the only production here is from old wells which seldom yield over one barrel a day. Thousands of wells in the Bradford region have been abandoned entirely, the tubbing and casing pulled out of them and the wells plugged. The bonanza fields along Oil Creek, that once astonished the world, are dry or nearly so. Where wells were found that produced thousands of barrels a day, a well that will yield five barrels a day is now considered a good one, while thousands of acres of this old territory is absolutely worthless for oil purposes, and is being slowly reclaimed for agricultural purposes. Clarion county is now considered exhausted except the limited pool at the county seat which is now yielding about 1,000 barrels a day.

Butler and Armstrong counties have produced in the neighborhood of 80 000,000 barrels of oil, and the drill can find but little more. The probabilities of finding another oil field have been greatly lessened by the universal explorations that have been made for natural gas. There are few important towns in the West that have not drilled from one to four wells, in the hope of finding gas, and each of these wells, whether it found gas or not, has condemned the territory for oil. If none of the 500 wells now drilling find a rich spot, it will then become a serious question with oil drillers where they shall turn to find the product so much sought after as an illuminant.

Parsnips, salsify and horseradish can remain in the rows where grown, as freezing does not injure them. If they are covered with litter, however, it will prevent sudden thawing around them in the spring. It is too much warmth that does injury in winter to such crops rather than cold. A few warm days in winter may be more detrimental than beneficial.

Men talk about skilled labor. A good farmer is a specimen of skill in labor. Every good farmer has served a large apprenticeship at his trade, and no man who did not so serve ever was a good farmer. It requires about three years to learn the "art and mystery" of a mechanical trade, but no man ever equipped himself in three years for successful farming.

The majority of house cellars are entirely too warm to store apples in for long keeping. Those intended for late keeping should be stored in places where they can be kept as near freezing as possible, and still avoid being frozen.

For the Oxford Democrat.

THE PLACE WHERE THE BOYS USED TO SWIM.

You know that big bridge down by Colonel White's?
Well, there I have laughed till I cried
At the pranks the boys played on each other for fun,
As they bathed in Nezinscot's tide.
And oft as I sat on the gray wooden pier,
In the shadows fast growing dim,
My thoughts flew back to a band of merry youths,
At the place where the boys used to swim.

In a fair Eastern village one of them dwells,
And is now a young rising M. D.
There's a tall manly youth in a Western land,
Both wealth and position has he.
Two are farmers, and get in the good old way
Earthly needs such as food and clothes,
And would make a desert, their neighbors say,
To bud and to bloom like the rose.
One of them died in a far Western clime,

One of the brightest and best;
His bones lie to-day in that land far away,
Far away from the old home nest.
And a tear from my eyes on the snowy page
Falls as I write of him;
No more will he see the old home in B.,
Or the place where the boys used to swim.

Oh, roll on, thou smooth gliding river!
Down toward life's dark billowy sea
Thou art bearing forever and ever
My childhood years from me.
Should now the companions of boyhood
Revisit thy green banks once more,
They would see older faces in the dear old places
Along fair Nezinscot's shore.

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Music and Dancing.

DEDICATION OF MUSIC HALL, HARLOW BLOCK, DIXFIELD.—A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT AND A FINE TIME.

One of the finest audiences that ever came together in Oxford County assembled under the glaring lights of the big chandalier in Music Hall, Harlow Block, Dixfield, on Thanksgiving evening. The occasion was the dedication of the new hall and as a matter of course everybody in and around Dixfield was present and notwithstanding the muddy and almost impassable state of the roads and the threatening clouds people came from all the surrounding towns far and near and helped to swell the happy company.

"One thing is certain," said Manager F. S. Harlow, "if the weather and traveling had been good, our hall couldn't have begun to hold them," and he was right.

When the inspiring strains of the Dixfield Full Orchestra, eight pieces, under the lead of W. K. Chase, announced that the dedication concert had begun, there was not an empty seat in the large hall and other seats had to be brought in and placed up near the very front of the stage to accommodate the late comers.

The programme presented by the management was made up of local talent, and a duplicate of it would have done credit and honor to any town in New England.

The opening and closing overtures were rendered in an admirable manner by the Dixfield Orchestra, eight pieces. This band has had several years' experience and previously earned a reputation for furnishing good music, but upon this occasion, as the popular saying is, "they outdid themselves." It would have been difficult to have brought together the same number of players anywhere outside the cities who would have produced better music.

The Dixfield Quartette, Mrs. Frank S. Harlow, soprano; Miss Nellie L. Stanley, alto; Mr. William F. Putnam, tenor; Mr. William G. Harlow, bass; gave a fine rendering of two selections, "The Roll of the Lively Drum" and "Now Tramp o'er Moss and Fell."

The bass solo, "King and the Miller," by Mr. William G. Harlow, and the soprano solo, "Heart Sorrow," by Mrs. Frank S. Harlow, were admirably rendered and received by rounds of applause.

Perhaps the leading features of the programme were the recitations of Mrs. Lelia Fay Staples and the cornet playing of Master George Dana Holt. Mrs. Staples, nee Miss Lelia Fay Ripley, is a graduate of the Blish School of Oratory, Boston, and is a reader of great natural ability to which has been added the advantage of experience and culture. Her rendering of the pathetic selection, "Sister and I", was fine, but the nature of the selection itself was not so well calculated to "bring down the house" as the more popular one, "Christmas Night at the Quarters", and the latter did not fail to accomplish that result, being greeted by great applause and encores.

Master George Dana Holt, the wonderful musical prodigy is described by the Lewiston Journal as "hardly bigger than his cornet yet his tones are man's size and never fail to please." Prof. H. C. Brown, the cornetist and teacher says of him: "In all my experience of more than twenty years as a teacher of the cornet, I never had a pupil whom I could begin to compare with him." Upon this occasion he proved beyond a doubt that all the complimentary notices given him by the press and public are well merited. It is simply a marvel how so young and small a child could possibly have attained the wonderful skill that he displays in the handling of so difficult an instrument as the cornet, and is in itself an argument which the doubters of the theory of born talent cannot answer. Master Holt's playing was followed by round after round of applause and he generously responded to two encores.

The work of Miss Georgie Towle, of Canton, as accompanist, added greatly to the pleasure of the entertainment and was highly appreciated.

THE BALL.

After the concert came the dedication ball, and here again the skill and musical ability of Chase's Dixfield Orchestra manifested itself in a marked degree and received many compliments from those who danced to its inspiring strains.

It was a brilliant scene, when ninety couples joined in the grand march and the fine new hall became alive with orchestral music and tripping feet. Many of the leading citizens of Dixfield and the neighboring towns participated. The absence of any sign of intoxicants and the perfect civility of the occasion was noticeable and frequently remarked about. The order of dances was a long one and kept the dancers busy until an "early" hour.

THE SUPPER.

"Intermission and supper" was an item of interest in the programme and attracted the attention of a large number of people, who seemed to enjoy it. The large dining room in Harlow Block was twice filled and the turkey supper gotten up by Mrs. B. A. Swasey, formerly of Hotel Swasey, Canton, with a number of assistants was praised and appreciated. In short it is compliment enough for the supper to say that Dr. B. A. Swasey, Frank Stanley, and the DEMOCRAT representative were three of the best feeders present and succeeded in "lowering the record" and a large amount of the food.

THE HALL.

Prior to his death, which occurred October 23d, 1883, the late Hon. E. G. Harlow, of Dixfield, constructed the handsome large brick block at the corner of Main and Weld Streets, which is an ornament to the beautiful village in which it stands and a monument to one of the most enterprising and able men that ever honored Old Oxford. At the time of Mr. Harlow's death the structure was complete but the interior above the first floor was not entirely finished. The completed parts at that time were the ground floor, embracing offices, parlors, kitchen, and dining rooms designed for a hotel (Hotel Stanley, Mr. Harlow named it, in honor of his wife who was a daughter of the late Hon. I. N. Stanley of Dixfield,) also a store, now occupied by his son, William G. Harlow, and rooms for a bank, now occupied as a law office by his sons John S. and Frank S. Harlow. On the second floor suits of rooms connected by folding doors were finished on the front of the block, and on the third floor a nice hall was finished for the Odd Fellows Lodge which they have ever since occupied. Recently the remaining parts of the interior have been finished, including Music Hall, which occupies a large part of the third story of the block and is one of the finest public halls to be found in Maine outside of the cities. The finish and floor are entirely of hard native woods, the finish being of brown ash and the floor of oak. A stage and ante-room occupy one corner and the seating capacity, which is about five hundred, consists of movable chairs. Its dedication Thanksgiving evening was a most successful affair in every respect and opens one of the most popular places for public amusement in the county.

OXFORD HORSE TALK.

Communications for this department should be addressed to A. T. MAXIM, South Paris, Me.

In the last number of that valuable authority on horse matters, the Maine Horse Breeders' Monthly, its able editor, J. W. Thompson, a man whose ideas on the breeding question in Maine are generally sound, and are the result of years of thought and observation, states that he is amused to hear the amateur writers for some of the would-be sporting columns of some of his Maine exchanges, who attempt to teach breeders who raised trotters before they were born, and hence know it all, and advises these youthful writers to stop theorizing and simply record facts. Farther on he calls attention to the fact that Maine's addition to the 2:30 list for the year 1888 was less than it was in 1887, and also that every new addition, with one exception, was from the old Maine families, and then intimates that there may be a doubt whether these intelligent breeders are making any progress, and whether the new blood brought in from other States has improved the horse stock of Maine.

Now while we will not presume to dispute any of the direct statements of editor Thompson, yet we can not help having serious doubts about there being recorded facts enough to prove either that theory is not all right in its place, or that the horse stock of Maine is not steadily improving by reason of the infusion of new blood from some of the more successful breeding States. In fact, we believe Brother Thompson himself, who is a position to know, is satisfied of the necessity of introducing improved strains of blood, but spoke as he did so that breeders would be incited to greater efforts in the way of producing trotters. As to theory, we believe with Observer, a noted writer on horses, that it is necessary for the breeder to understand the theory of breeding in order to arrive at the best practical results. Of course we would not accept theory when opposed to established fact; but the written ideas of different persons on any subject set people to thinking, and often lead up to the finding of important facts, even if they are amusing. So let the youthful amateur writers theorize all they want to, and they will be satisfied, considering their extreme youth, if for the present they can even amuse, and will rejoice in the hope that, as they advance along life's rugged pathway, and increase in wisdom and mental power, they may be able, by the time they have reached the sere and yellow leaf, not only to theorize and amuse, but to record facts and instruct as well.

That for the past year Maine has not made any progress over the previous year in producing 2:30 trotters, is a fact that admits of no contradiction; but it seems to us that in order to estimate correctly our rate of progression, we should take into consideration not only the number of 2:30 trotters produced within the past four or five years with those produced during the same number of years previous to that time, but should also consider the rate of speed attained and the number of record breakers among the colts as well. For a few sensational trotters that perform low down in the twenties, like Pilot Knox, 2:19¼, Glenarm, 2:23¼, Jack Spratt, 2:23½, Lawrence, 2:25½, and such colt performers as Nelson, 2:26¾ as a three-year-old, Harebell, 2:45½ as a two-year-old, Diana, 2:42 at same age, Elmbrook, 2:42 as a two-year-old, and 2:37 as a three-year-old, Westland, 2:38 as a three-year-old, and Palm, 3:12½ as a yearling, do more to help the reputation of the State for raising trotters, than would a much larger number of aged horses that are just able to squeeze into the '30 list and nothing more.

Again, if we would determine as to whether we have made any improvements by introducing new blood into the State, the only fair way would be to consider the amount of speed shown by animals foaled since the new families have had anything like a fair show in numbers as compared with the older families,—which has not been until within seven or eight years.

Most of the horses which have entered the 2:30 list during the past five years have been over eight years old, so why need we be disheartened if representatives of our new families fail to get there at an earlier age? Of the horses entering the list this year, Mollie Mitchell is seven years old, Flossie R. is eight or nine, Kate is eleven, Maud R. nine, and Dirigo Maid fifteen. The ages of Gen. Stark and U. N. O. we don't know, but they are not spring chickens by any means. Mamie W. is but six, and she is the only one that is not from the old families, she tracing to Gideon. The great majority of the highly bred stallions now standing in Maine have either been introduced or foaled within the last ten years, and we ought not to expect their get to enter the 2:30 list this year. Previous to that we had Constellation, Daniel Boone, Gen. Withers, Young Rolfe, Black Pilot, Gideon and one or two others, perhaps Hambletonian Chief, for one—but a handful, as it were. But had these stallions never set foot in Maine, our prestige as a speed-producing State would have been much less than it is now. The blood of these stallions courses in the veins of Pilot Knox, Glenarm, Nelson, Aubine, Susie Owen, Nellie M., Echo, George O., Ezra L., Independence, Mamie W., and many others of renown, while stallions bred or purchased since then have helped to produce such colts as Harebell and Diana, by Harbinger, Elmbrook, by Hambletonian Chief, Palm, by Messenger Wilkes, Haroldson, about 2:45 as a three-year-old, by Prescott, Prince Artemus, half in 1:41 as a yearling, by Artemus, Jr., Westland, 2:38, by Colonel West, Lamont, Grover Cleveland, 2:37½ at four years old, by Redwood, Bloodmont, 2:32, by Olympus; and others whose names we do not now recall have added not a little to Maine's reputation as a breeding State.

We are not saying all this to convince Brother Thompson, for he already knows all about it, nor to underrate our old families of horses, the blood of which in many cases helped to produce the trotters mentioned above, but to prove what some are prone to deny—that the trotting-bred stallions brought into Maine to improve the horse stock, have succeded in doing so, and that without their help we should not have made what gain we have within the past few years.

That we are way behind Kentucky, New York and California, in the matter of breeding trotters of extreme speed, is plainly apparent, but is not at all to be wondered at, when we take into consideration all the conditions necessary to producing them with uniformity. The old saying that money makes the mare go, seems to be true in a literal sense in regard to producing phenomenal trotters. The history of the grand circuit winners reveals the fact that a majority of them are raised by wealthy men who are able to breed mares of the best producing strains to tried stallions that have already proved their ability to get trotters, and then they are able and willing to command the best talent to train and educate their colts, which few do in Maine. They also have the advantage of a more favorable climate for developing speed at an early age, which partly accounts for their wonderful baby trotters. We think that in Maine, where, as Bill Nye says, we have nine months winter and three months late in the fall, it will be useless ever to think of competing successfully with them in the matter of colt trotters. But when we have introduced enough of their best strains of blood into Maine, and tried it long enough to ascertain what stallions are the most successful speed producers, and when we will breed to these tested stallions mares of approved producing strains, backed up with thoroughbreds as theirs are, and when we are willing to educate all of the produce of such unions with skill and patience, then, and not till then, shall we breed horses that when matured will trot as fast and as far as those raised by breeders in Kentucky and California.

A few Maine breeders like Nelson, who have bred fast and well bred mares to fast and well bred stallions, have by their success proved the truth of what we have stated; but when we consider that only a small portion of the get of the Kentucky stallions owned in Maine are out of really first-class brood mares, and fewer still have ever been properly trained, we surely ought not to find fault with them for not producing as fast colts as their relatives in Kentucky who were favored with every advantage. But through the influence of Thompson's Monthly and his exchanges, the breeders of Maine are being rapidly educated up to this idea of breeding better brood mares to the best stallions, and training the produce; and a few years hence we shall witness the fruits of such action by the breeders of the old Pine Tree State.

Next week we shall give the full pedigree of some of the fastest trotters in Maine and out, together with something of the way they were brought up.

Barrett Bros., of Fair View Farm, West Sumner, recently purchased of Chauncy Osgood of Hartford a four-months-old colt, Artemus Chief, by Artemus, Jr., and have since sold him to Edward Fletcher of Portland for $250. He is described as a likely colt.

We know of several parties who have colts, mares, etc., for sale. Any one wishing to buy should address the writer at South Paris. We can sell a good family mare at a great bargain.

A. T. MAXIM.

Foundlings and Their Parents.

An orphan cannot be committed without something being known of its parents or their circumstances, and without formal papers of transfer. This routine exposes many frauds and leads managers to reject thousands of applicants for admission. Managers like to boast of the cases they have rejected. With foundlings, nothing of the sort occurs. The girl whose yieldings to temptation have made her a mother, be she in high life or in low, the intemperate who prefer to use their means for drink to rearing their own offspring, the society people who have boasted that there will be no children in their families—one and all—have but to leave their offspring as naked as little Moses was when deposited at the Nile, either in a vacant lot or upon some handy door step. Under cover of darkness all is secret. Either a policeman, or the irate citizen whose door step has been invaded, quickly and safely transfers the waif to an asylum. The reminders of sin and folly, as well as the burdens of the parents, have thus been put far away

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News of the Week.

SATURDAY: The public debt was increased $11,190,817 during November.——The total amount of bonds purchased to date under the circular of April 17 is $97,101,550, of which $11,394,200 were 4 per cents and $85,707,350 were 4½ per cents.——The investigation of the defective work on the Washington aqueduct is still in progress.——President Diaz of Mexico entered upon his third term as head of State affairs.——Congressman Randall is in Washington. He is not expected to attend the sessions of the House, except on special occasions. His work as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations will for the most part be done at his home.

MONDAY: The Democratic cry for an investigation of the methods employed in the recent election is regarded in Washington as mere Buncombe. The Republicans would not be averse to participating in such an inquiry, if the Democrats start it.——McKinley of Ohio, Reed of Maine, and Cannon of Illinois are candidates for the Speakership of the next House.——The Dakota people are beginning again to agitate the question of admission to the Union.——The past year has been an unusually prosperous one for New Hampshire banks.——The closing session of the present Congress opened.——Many statements in the President's message considered unpatriotic and illogical.

TUESDAY: A joint resolution was introduced in the House proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of President and Vice President by a direct vote of the people.——The prosecution of the sugar trust in behalf of the People of New York began before Judge Barrett.

WEDNESDAY: A locomotive collided with a street car in Detroit, injuring ten persons five fatally.——Two young Chelsea people were killed while walking on the Boston and Maine Railroad tracks near Everett.——The Republican County Committee of New York has expelled O'Brien from its ranks.

THURSDAY: The trial of John H. Bauereisen, the alleged chief of the dynamiters who destroyed property on the line of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway during the strike, begins at Geneva, Ill.——Gendarmes discovered that the rails were loosened near Grunsbach, Austria, just in time to stop a mail train on which were 250 passengers from Vienna to Prague. The miscreants escaped, leaving several tools behind.——No new cases of yellow fever and no deaths at Jacksonville. Up to date there have been 4704 cases and 471 deaths in the city.——The sale of Corn to Russians in Dunstabad, Persia, has been stopped. It is believed that Southern Persia, is now in the hands of England.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

THE Governor has nominated Howard D. Smith of Norway, for Notary Public, and George H. Brown of Mason, Justice of the Peace.

A SUBSCRIBER to the DEMOCRAT writing from East Weymouth, Mass., says:

I reverently and earnestly thank God that I have lived to see my native town, Dixfield, so far politically redeemed as to be able to throw more votes for Harrison and Morton than for their political opponents.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's repetition in his message of the statement that the rejected fisheries treaty afforded a satisfactory and fair basis for the settlement of the fisheries troubles, causes some of the Dominion papers to wonder why, if he has always held that opinion, he asked for more retaliatory power in a special message!

THE message of President Cleveland is not, like the preceding one, confined to a single topic, though that topic is made the important part of the message. The President dwells in a gloomy way upon the condition of the country, which he sees overrun with trusts, combinations and monopolies which are oppressing the people. The present tariff system he holds responsible for this, and sees the remedy to be in a revision of the tariff. The President reaffirms his faith in the rejected fisheries treaty as a fair and satisfactory basis of settlement, and refers in a non-committal way to the retaliation message. The Sackville affair is briefly related and various other minor matters are treated at greater or less length. The surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, is shown to be in round numbers, $119,000,000. The surplus for the next year is estimated at a little over $100,000,000. Bonds have been purchased to the value of about $94,000,000, about $17,000,000 of this amount being premium. Surplus in the treasury November 30, about $52,000,000.

WHEN the framers of our constitution placed in it the provision that the President shall from time to time, give the Congress information of the state of the Union, it is much to be doubted if any one of them anticipated that the message in which that information was contained would ever, in time of peace, present such a gloomy picture as is set forth in the introduction of President Cleveland's message. The President calls attention to the fact that at the close of the present session of Congress, we shall have completed the first century of our constitutional existence as a nation. He does not find in this any occasion even to glance at the progress of the nation during its first century, but is rather admonished "to soberly inquire whether in the past we have always closed within the course of safety, and whether we have before us a way plain and clear which leads to happiness and prosperity."—an inquiry which is in itself highly suitable and proper. He then reviews the condition of the country as he sees it, in the style of the anti-monopoly speaker, the following extracts being specimens:

The gulf between employers and the employed is constantly widening, and classes are rapidly forming; one comprising the very rich and powerful, while in another are found the toiling poor. As we view the achievements of aggregated capital we discover the existence of trusts, combinations and monopolies, while the citizen is struggling far in the rear, or is trampled to death beneath an iron heel.

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Devotion to American citizenship for its own sake and for what it should accomplish as a motive to our nation's advancement and the happiness of all our people is displaced by the assumption that the government, instead of being the embodiment of equality, is but an instrumentality through which especial and individual advantages are to be gained.

There is considerable of it, but it is all in the same style—the rich growing richer and the poor poorer, American citizenship decaying, etc. No socialistic agitator ever portrayed a more deplorable state of affairs than the President sees in this land at the present day; Jonah could have prophesied no more woe for the wicked city of Nineveh than the President sees in store for this country. In a hot headed, partisan stump speech, the style and words of the President might not seem out of place. In an important state paper, they are ridiculous.

SOUTH PARIS.

Among the special prizes offered at the Maine State Fair was one of $10 by Barrett Bros., Fair View farm, for the best colt by Artemus Jr. Awarded to W. A. Frothingham.

In spite of bad travelling and threatening skies the patrons and matrons came from far and near to attend the Pomona Grange which met here last Tuesday. There is a large membership in this degree. Many of the pioneers of the order were present The officers elected for the next year are:

W. W. Andrews, Master; H. E. Chase, Overseer; Mrs. G. W. Ryerson, Sec.; W. K. Greene, Treas.; A. E. Morse, Chaplain; J. A. Bradbury, Lecturer; H. R. Bonney, Steward; C. H. George, Asst. Steward; A. A. Bird, Gate Keeper; Mrs. W. W. Andrews, Pomona; Mrs. H. E. Chase, Flora; Mrs. S. S. Smith, Ceres; Miss L. M. Ryerson, Lady Assistant Steward; W. R. Bradford, C. H. George, E. H. Brown, J. F. King and B. W. Marston, Executive Committee.

Miss Mary Stone closes her school in the Tubbs neighborhood this week.

We want some pleasant weather, please.

There will be skating at the New Hall this winter. Fred Briggs has purchased the skates and equipments.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chute, of Bolster's Mills, attended the Pomona Grange and were the guests of Mrs. Howard.

The selectmen met Tuesday to listen to the petition for a new street. The petition was granted and the road laid out. It will open up some desirable house lots. Who will name the street? The man who builds the first house? We would suggest Harrison Avenue.

Andrews House stable has been improved by the building of a flue addition.

Lewis B. Mathews, of Minnesota, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. J. Wheeler. It has been nearly thirty years since he was here.

We learn that there is a prospect of two new houses being built on the Norway road.

J. H. Martin has been making improvements on his house.

Our blacksmiths report a lively business in horseshoeing.

Mellen Durgin has been suffering badly with neuralgia the past week.

Mrs. H. P. Lowell, of Augusta, has spent the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Andrews.

C. N. Porter and wife left Tuesday for Chicago. They will spend two days in Boston. They have two sons who are druggists in the former city.

The Kings daughters are meeting with good success. Their order is growing.

Election of officers at the next Post meeting.

George Woodbury, formerly of this place, is proprietor of the restaurants at Brunswick, Bangor, and the one in the union depot, Portland. This is one of the finest in New England.

Mrs. Robert Gray, eighty-five years old, showed her interest in the County Grange last Tuesday by walking over half a mile to attend.

R N Hall has invented a bracket which bids fair to be indispensable to every carpenter. Mr. Hall has struck a good thing.

If your eyes are bothering you call on S. Richards and let him fit glasses to them.

S. K. Estes who was talking of moving here from Bethel has come to Snow's Falls. Paris gets a first class brick mason by the change.

Paris Grange held an all day session Saturday. After conferring degrees the following officers were elected:

W. S. Starbird, Master; Harrison Farrar, Overseer; Frank Bennett, Lecturer; Mrs. Mary Cummings, Sec.; Hiram Cummings, Treas.; Chandler Swift, Steward; Herbert M. Tucker, Asst. Steward; Leonard Whitman, Gate Keeper; Mrs. W. S. Starbird, Pomona; Mrs. Jeffery C. Hardy, Flora; Mrs. A. S. Thayer, Ceres; Mrs. Carrie Briggs, Lady Asst. Steward; A. E. Morse, Chaplain.

The hall has been neatly furnished with furniture made by Paris Manufacturing Co. Mr. Chase who declined re-election, has served in the position of Master three years, which have been prosperous ones for the order. We know of no organization that is better attended.

Judge Wilson attended Probate Court at Fryeburg last Tuesday.

Alice Merrill is on the gain.

Dr. J. W. Davis said at his last visit to Gorham, N. H., it was good sleighing.

Mrs. George B. Pulsifer is very sick with the measles.

Gov. Perham was in the village Tuesday. He was looking finely.

W. W. Hardy in No. 1, has been in very poor health for several weeks.

A. C. Jones and wife spent Sunday in Portland.

It is rumored that the Grange trade has made such an increase the past year that it is desirable to have the store open three instead of two days in a week.

Henry Gary brought in a fine reynard last week. It was of his own shooting.

The friends of J. R. Stuart remembered him by a donation Saturday evening.

Invest your money in an ulster if you are going to face the storm. Plummer has the best.

Buy the most useful Christmas presents. You can find these at the leading shoe store, Kenney and Swett.

STATE NEWS.

Col. S. H. Allen has entered upon his duties as warden of the State prison.

Thin ice has claimed two victims. Fred Berry of East Livermore and Walter Stevens of Saccarappa were drowned while skating last week.

A powder mill at Gambo, South Windham, exploded Monday, Dec. 4th. One workman was killed.

Hon. Fred E Richards has resigned his position as bank examiner, and the Governor has nominated Hon. Hiram Knowlton, of Portland, to fill the vacancy.

The official vote of Maine is as follows: Harrison, 73,734; Cleveland, 50,481; Fisk, 2,691; Streeter, 1,344; scattering 16. Total vote, 128,266; Harrison's plurality, 23,253.

There are three candidates for Department Commander of the G. A. R.: John D. Anderson, Augusta; Franklin M. Drew, Lewiston; Samuel L. Miller, Waldoboro.

Some excitement has been caused in Augusta by the alleged discovery of evidence that there was foul play in connection with the death of Jacob Britt, whose body was found on the railroad track one day last June. The coroner, who thoroughly investigated the matter at the time, pronounces the new evidence a hoax, and ridicules the idea of foul play.

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In West Bethel, Dec. 7th, Geo. W. Grover, aged 87 years, 5 months.

In Minneapolis, Minn., Mildred F., only child of Alber. C. and G. M. Swift, formerly of South Paris.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS Mary A. Goddard, late of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, by her Mortgage deed dated the ninth day of June, A. D. 1886, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book 192 page 483, conveyed to Gilbert Chapman, late of said Bethel a certain tract or parcel of real estate in said Bethel, being the homestead farm of the late Mary A. Goddard deceased, with the mill privilege and mill thereon, known as the Chapman mill stand. Also about fifteen acres of intervale land and pine land on the Androscoggin River, bounded as follows, viz:—on the north by the county road leading from the toll-bridge to Gilead; on the east by land formerly occupied by Mr. Willey; on the south by the Androscoggin River; on the west by land of the late Vincent G. Chapman, deceased, and by land of the late A. W. Valentine, deceased. Being the same premises deeded to the said Mary A. Goddard by Charles F. Penley, by his deed dated January 1, 1882 and recorded in Oxford Registry, book 149, page 216. And whereas the said Gilbert Chapman has died since the date of said mortgage and I have been duly appointed executor of his estate and have assumed said trust, and whereas, the condition of said Mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

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JOHN BARKER, Executor.

For Men Chiefly.

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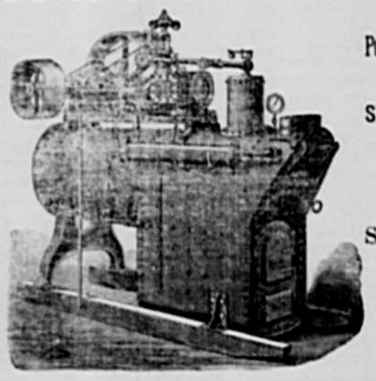

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A. C. DRESSER,
Standish, Maine.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, next to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford and State of Maine, on the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1889.

Respectfully libels Margaret A. Huntress of Hiram, in said County, that she was duly married to George Huntress at said Hiram, on the twenty-fifth day of December, A. D. 1871, by Albert Cole, an ordained Minister of the Gospel, and that they lived together as husband and wife until July 9th, A. D. 1883, when without cause or justification, he utterly deserted her; that he has continued to utterly desert her to this date, being a period of more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing of this libel, of utter desertion by him without cause or justification, and without collusion between them to to procure a divorce. She further alleges that the residence of said George Huntress is unknown to her and that she has used due and reasonable diligence to ascertain it, and cannot ascertain it, but is wholly unable so to do. She therefore prays that a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, now subsisting between them, may be decreed by said Court.

Dated at said Hiram, this sixteenth day of Nov. A. D. 1888.

MARGARET A. HUNTRESS.

STATE OF MAINE
COUNTY OF OXFORD, November 20, A. D. 1888.

Then personally appeared the above named Margaret A. Huntress and made oath to the truth of the foregoing libel and the statements therein made relating to the residence of said George Huntress, and her inability to ascertain the same. Before me,
JAMES EVANS,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF MAINE.
COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss:
Supreme Judicial Court, in vacation, Dec. 3, A. D. 1888.

Upon the foregoing libel, Ordered, That the Libellant give notice to the said George Huntress to appear before the Justice of our Supreme Judicial Court, to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of February, A. D. 1889, by publishing an attested copy of said libel, and this order thereon, three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in Paris, in our County of Oxford, the last publication to be thirty days at least prior to said second Tuesday of February, aforesaid, that he may there and then in our said Court appear and show cause, if any he have, why the prayer of said Libellant should not be granted.

Wm. WIRT VIRGIN,
Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

A true copy of the libel and order of court thereon.
Attest:—ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.
A. H. WALKER, Esq.
Attorney for libl't, Bridgton, Me.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons and corporations whose rights may be thereby affected that the undersigned will present to the next Legislature for the State of Maine, a petition for legislation of which the following is a true copy.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature, assembled at Augusta in and for the State of Maine.

The undersigned citizens of Bethel in the County of Oxford, and living within the territory hereinafter named, respectfully request that the territory included in school districts numbered fifteen and thirty, as last constituted and existing in said Bethel together with the inhabitants there is, be incorporated with charter containing provisions for raising money for police and school purposes, for procuring the appliances to protect property from fire and for maintaining a fire department, for procuring a water supply and for improving the parks and streets in said territory and making other village improvements.

Nov. 26th, 1888.

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S. D. PHILBROOK.
ENOCH FOSTER.
A. E. HERRICK.
S. R. TWITCHELL.
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SETH WALKER.
CEYLON ROWE.
C. D. HILL.

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To the Senate and House of Representatives assembled at Augusta, in and for the State of Maine.

The undersigned would respectfully apply for a charter containing suitable and proper legislation granting to him, the present owner of the so-called Tyler Mills, on Sheppard's River, in Brownfield, in the County of Oxford, in said State, and the dam and privileges thereto belonging, his associates, successors and assigns, the right to keep and maintain, rebuild, and repair said mill and dam in the same manner, form and way as now constructed, so as to secure a full, constant and undisturbed use of river and its water at said mills and dam, as said mill and dam have possessed for the past eighty years, and now possess, and as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at Brownfield, this twentieth day of Nov. A. D. 1888.

ELI B. BEAN.

To Whom it may Concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers with others will petition to the next Legislature of Maine, for an act of incorporation of the village of West Paris to be known as the West Paris village corporation for the better protection against fires, and to embrace all property within a distance of one half mile from the Post office each way with all the powers, duties and obligation of similar corporations.

West Paris, Dec. 1st, 1888.

E. D. ANDREWS.
A. J. CURTIS.
O. K. YATES, M. D.
A. H. BUCKNAM.
ELLINGWOOD & RIDLON.
J. C. AND EWS.
D. A. COFFIN.
I. F. EMMONS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

PURSUANT to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the county of Oxford I shall sell at public auction, on Saturday, the fifth (5th) day of January, A. D. 1889 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the late homestead of Frederick N. Horr in Waterford, all the right, title and interest which the said Frederick N. Horr, late of said Waterford, in said county, deceased, had in and to the following described real estate, viz: The homestead farm, in said Waterford, where said Horr resided, also an undivided half part of certain meadow land known as the Hawk meadow in said waterford.

Dated this 30, day of Nov. A. D. 1888
HERBERT L. WHITCOMB, Admr.

Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss:—Nov 22, A. D. 1888.

THIS is to give notice, that on the 22 day of Nov. A. D. 1888, a warrant in insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of James C. Perry, of Paris, in said County adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 22 day of Nov. A. D. 1888, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; that the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said debtor, to prove their debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency to be holden at the Probate court room, in Paris in said County of Oxford, on the 19th day of Dec., A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.
JAMES L. PARKER, Deputy Sheriff,
as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

Messenger's Notice.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF OXFORD COUNTY
STATE OF MAINE.

OXFORD, ss:—Dec. 1st. A. D 1888.

THIS is to give Notice, that on the 1st day of Dec. A. D. 1888, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of George W. Russell, of Norway in said County, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of his creditors which petition was filed on the 27th day of Nov. A. D. 1888, to which last named date interest on claims is to be computed; That the payment of any debts and the delivery and transfer of any property belonging to said debtor, to him or for his use, and the delivery and transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; That a meeting of the Creditors of said Debtor, to prove their Debts and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Insolvency, to be holden at Probate Court Room in Paris, in said County, on the 19th day of Dec. A. D. 1888, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written
JAMES L. PARKER, Deputy Sheriff,
as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov. A. D. 1888.

On the petition of EDWARD C. WALKER, Administrator of the estate of Benjamin Heald, late of Lovell, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey all the real estate of said deceased, situated in said Lovell, at public or private sale for the payment of debts and charges,

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

GEORGE A. WILSON, Judge.

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

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Or to get a FINE WATCH REPAIRED OR ADJUSTED to heat, cold and position, and warranted for a reasonable price, is at the old establishment of
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Nearly opposite Methodist Church,
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FALL 1888.
READ-PONDER-AND-REMEMBER,
—THAT A—
COLD WINTER
Is fast approaching us. And that very soon we shall need EXTRA BED COVERINGS in order that we may rest nice and warm and Sleep Sweetly in our
"LITTLE BEDS."
And when you feel and realize this need, call At Once at the Store of H. N. BOLSTER, Market Square, South Paris, and "INTERVIEW" his pile of Bed Blankets, and heavy "Puffs." Price of Blankets ranging from $1.00 to $3.00 per pair.
"BARGAINS"
All of them, Puffs, made from Rep Goods and Satteens lined with Turkey Red,—heavily wadded,—prices from $1.00 up. These goods were bought of one of the Largest
"BOSTON HOUSES,"
—: AT :—
"BOTTOM PRICES"
And we invite a careful examination of the quality of the goods and also the prices placed upon them, and then, after having bought your Supply of Bed Covering in order that you may be kept comfortable during the night,—REMEMBER AGAIN,—that the days in the part of the country are not always
"RED HOT."
During the winter months and so inquire for UNDERWEAR, we have got a
LARGE LINE
of this class of goods suitable for old, middle aged or young, male or female, at various prices and different qualities. We simply ask you to inspect them, the different qualities, and pass your judgment as to quality and price, especially inquire for our Camel's Hair Pants and Vests for ladies, price 50 cts. each, this is a killer, and takes the cake every time, we have a large stock of them, so buy all you may need. Now to make a short story of it, we wish to say, that we have a LARGE STOCK of shelf goods, suitable for the season, and we believe we can offer prices that will tempt buyers to invest their money. We also have our usual heavy stock of general merchandise and can quote low prices We have a good stock of our
Town Talk Flour
And this sells and suits, the best of any flour that we ever sold.
Call in and see us and talk trade and we will give you your money's worth and more too, and do you lots of good and send you home happy.
Very Truly Yours to Serve.
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The Oxford Democrat.

"ON THE HILL."

DIRECTORY.

First Baptist Church: Preaching Service every Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Sabbath Evening Service at 6:30 p. m. Prayer Meetings, Thursday Evenings at 7 p. m.

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

Hon. Henry B. Cleaves of Portland was in town last week.

There is a rumor that the Paris Hill stage line is about to change hands.

Mrs. A. D. Crocker and Mrs. Snow have gone to Dansville, N. Y., for the winter.

Ex-Gov. Perham and family leave for Washington this week. Mr. and Mrs. Perham started Monday morning, and will spend a few days in Portland, Hallowell and Augusta, the Misses Perham going later in the week.

Roll of Honor being the names of those scholars in the Primary school who have not been absent or tardy for the week ending December 7th:

Louis Hammond, Harold Thayer, Allie Cutting, Walter Hammond, Arenie Cole, Eddie Ryerson, Frank Andrews, Charlie Wing, Charlie Shaw, Angie Andrews, Helen Hammond, Susie French.

SADIE B. EATON, Teacher.

"Pretty smart young folks" was the remark of a visitor at the presentation of the "Sleeping Beauty" Friday evening. The young people certainly did very well, as they have the reputation of doing, and the elaborate costumes and stage settings added much to the effect. Following the play was a well rendered duet by Misses Caro Thayer and Eva Austin, in Highland costume. The promenade was a success in numbers and enjoyment. Something must have been realized from the affair by the young ladies of the Trio Club.

To cure Colds use B. I. R.

THE BEAR BRIGADE.

Bryant's Pond.

The Universalist circle held their first meeting at the Town Hall, Dec. 6th.

Irvin L. Bowker has returned home from Boston.

William Dunham, of North Paris, is making an effort to start a singing school here.

Charles A. Brooks is teaching in Greenwood.

Mrs. Etta Day is giving music lessons.

The Ladies' Relief Corps will give an entertainment at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th.

The opening ball given by Landlord Morton, Nov. 29th, was a grand success. Forty couples from several of the surrounding towns were present.

Miss Dollie Frost gave a party Saturday evening, Dec. 1st, at the residence of John M. Gallison.

H. A. Bradeen is again on the road travelling through the upper districts.

R. C. Davis has charge of the North Woodstock village school.

Charles Ricker and family of Aroostook County, are visiting at Thomas Ricker's.

F. M. Bartlett finds sale for a large amount of clothing.

Mrs. E. A. Jacobs has so far recovered from her recent illness as to be able to sit up a part of the time.

Arrangements will soon be completed for a Christmas festival here.

Great opening of Holiday Goods at Noyes' Drug Store, Norway. See advertisement.

Upton.

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East Brownfield.

The convention was held as announced, a report of it will appear next week.

School commenced in this district on the third, taught by Thomas Walker of Merrill's Corner.

Mrs. Given, an old lady over eighty years of age has gone to Massachusetts to visit her friends, also Misses Florence and Cora Gatchell.

Irving Hodgden and wife have returned from Jay and are at Mrs. Hodgden's home, H. Quint's.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley, Spring from Cambridge have been visiting at J. E. and W. H. Beckenbridge's.

East Bethel.

After a vacation of two weeks, school commences Monday Monday Dec. 10, under the instruction of George Rich of Bethel a student of the State College, Orono, Me.

Mrs. E. S. Bartlett has returned from Berlin, N. H.

F. E. Carpenter has sold his store now occupied by A. H. Stevens, to D. B. Grant, Locke's Mills. W. W. Wakeman from the Theological College, Newton, Mass., recently called on friends in this place.

F. D. Bartlett from Berlin, N. H., spent a few days looking after his farm affairs in this place.

David Adamson has moved into F. B. Howe's house on Kimball Hill.

Auction sale at A. H. Steven's.

Charles Swan has returned from Mass.

Annual election of Alder River Grange, Saturday, December 16.

Died December 5, Mr. Aaron Darling, aged 61 years, funeral services were held at the church Dec. 7, Rev G. B. Hannaford officiating.

Dixfield.

The ladies have formed an aid Society, they held their first meeting Thursday evening. A large number were present.

It has been as good crossing the river at the upper ferry for the past few days as at any time this season.

Dr. Wing left this place Wednesday the 5th, having sold out on account of his health. He was obliged to leave this state for one where the winters are not so severe. We regret to loose the Dr. very much but hope he will be greatly benefited by the change.

Frank Stanley has a crew cutting birch on Webb river.

W. E. Putnam is away for a vacation.

Dr. Sturtevant is well settled in his new house on Weld Street.

Wilder Chase is giving a course of dances at Music Hall, in Harlow Block.

Andover.

Andover is to have a free toboggan slide the gift of J. P. Whitney the wealthy proprietor of Camp Whitney. The slide is now being built near the old sand mill by William G. Cushman and H. H. Abbott. A toboggan club is to be organized to have charge of the slide and keep it in order.

The M. E. Ladies' circle met at Union Hall Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Silvanus Poor, who has been failing for a long time, died Sunday morning. Funeral services were held at her home, Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Rice. Mrs. Poore was widely known and leaves a wide circle of relatives and friends to cherish her memory.

The ladies of the Congregational society will hold a fair and sale of fancy articles at the hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 12.

The subject of a road from Andover to Newry through Puzzle Notch has been considerably agitated here of late. Thursday a party of 10 went over the proposed route. The elevation is considerable and opinion is divided as to the feasibility of the project.

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Denmark.

A. F. Bradbury, G. W. Gray and C. C. Pendexter have sold the machinery formerly used by the Denmark Clothes Pin Co. to S. E. Tolman a former member of the company who is to move the machinery out of town and engage in the manufacture of clothes pins.

Mr. Bartlett of the Brackett House spent a part of the week in Portland.

Ezra Davis has commenced logging at West Denmark for the heirs of the late A. O. Pike.

Miss Yates delivered a temperance lecture Wednesday evening at the Universalist church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

E. W. Hodge, formerly of this town, is here. He is engaged to teach school in the Fosscenden district.

Fryeburg.

J. P. Hubbard has left the Record office and has a position in a job office at Woodstock, Vt.

Mr. M. P. Fogg has removed from the place on account of the closing of the corn shop here.

Mrs. H. W. Stark has been quite sick and just escaped pneumonia. She is at her rooms at Mrs. S. W. Heald's.

Mr. F. Shirley is clerking for S. A. Page during the rush of business at this season.

Mrs. Clara Walker is in quite feeble health.

Mr. Richardson and family left on Thursday. Mrs. R. and children will stop for the present at her father's in Harrison.

Horace Ballard is at home having spent the summer in Vermont.

J. C. Gerry has a very attractive stock of goods ready for holiday presents.

Several street lamps have been established at the corners, which are duly appreciated.

The Congregational Circle had a very pleasant meeting at F. L. Marsh's on Thursday evening with a large attendance.

Mr. Marsh's mother, from Portland, is with him at present.

Miss Yates is to be here on Sunday to speak on Missions, at the Methodist church in the afternoon, and will address the Temperance Association in the evening.

From the numerous applicants for the vacant position at the Academy the trustees have selected Mr. John E Dinsmore, A. M., a graduate of Bowdoin, class of '83. Mr. D. has been for several years associate principal of the Hallowell Classical School and comes highly recommended. The term will begin Wednesday, Dec. 12th.

North Albany.

The measles have visited a few families in this vicinity, but in a mild form.

It is not good sleighing, although we saw Clifford Wheeler and Rundall Cummings with their families passing in sleighs to take Thanksgiving dinner with their aged mother, Mrs. Nancy Cummings, who we regret to say is in feeble health, but is ready and waiting for the Master's call.

A. S. Bean is getting along finely in changing his steam mill to water power, and we may well expect the next change will be to Ericsson's "Sun Motor." Mr. Bean is alive every day in the week. The early fall frosts did not bite him. No matter who is President or how much hard times are heralded his money is in circulation giving work to willing hands. We only wish there were more such thriving, hardy men.

School in the Morrill District is being taught by Isaac Crooker and in District No. 4, by J. P. Kimball.

Beef cattle are very cheap and plenty.

ANON.

Albany.

Thanksgiving Day was observed here by quite a good number of family gatherings and reunions. There was quite a large family gathering at Henry O. Wilber's. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Cummings, lives with him and had the pleasure of meeting all of her children and their companions, thirty-two grand children and two great grand children. The company numbered forty-nine.

Mr. Llewellyn of the Salvation Army is holding meetings in this vicinity and they are quite well attended.

The singing school at the Town House is prospering quite well.

Mr. Knight, of North Waterford, had his sheep pastured on the Cole farm at Hunt's Corner, and some six or seven of them are missing. It is a mystery what has become of them.

Isaac Crooker has purchased of T. L. Kellber his steam mill and fixtures for sawing short lumber, situated on Sunday River and is preparing to put up some new buildings and will put in a team for hauling lumber.

John F. Lord, whose house was burned a short time ago, is fixing up a small building for a temporary residence. Daniel Clark is doing the work.

Several teams are in the woods yarding timber. They will soon be glad to see snow that will stick.

The school house at the Corner will soon be ready for occupation. Warren Beckler is engaged to teach there. L.

Great opening of Holiday Goods at Noyes' Drug Store, Norway. See advertisement.

South Roxbury.

J. H. Jenne and W. I. Easter have started a gum factory in this place with twenty-three hundred pounds of gum on hand for a beginning.

The school in District No. 7 closed Wednesday, the 28th. It was taught by Miss Annie Martin, of Rumford.

The roads are in very bad condition with neither good wheeling nor sleighing.

Bad colds and sore throat are very prevalent.

Emma Ladd is keeping house for O. I. Lovejoy. RUBY.

Newry.

Three young cattle that strayed from Chase Hill pasture last summer were found in the woods north of Puzzle Mountain in this town last Sunday. They belonged to Gus Carter, of Bethel.

Eli Stearns has built a slaughter house and an ice house. He is butchering and sending beef to Berlin, N. H.

A. W. Powers has had an addition to his family; a little daughter born Dec. 4th.

Quite a number of Parlin's crew on Sunday River are sick so I hear.

Good men to work in the woods are wanted in these parts, wages are high.

Irving Stearns and family, of Berlin, N. H., spent Thanksgiving week in town.

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Mason.

The traveling on our main roads is good. Ground frozen but quite smooth.

In the fields and woods there is two inches of snow and ice; a good time to parade small timber and get up wood.

I want to know if L. D. has paid his election bet yet? No squealing, friend D., walk right up and pay. I hope my old friend Chase will invite in his friends and have a good time.

Our people are preparing for a Christmas festival at the chapel in Mason.

Mrs. Daniel, of North Albany, has the measles. It looks now as though they will make a clean sweep.

F. I. Bean has gone to Norway to work for R. K. Morrill.

A. S. Bean has a crew in the woods cutting birch. He intends to get in a big lot to his mill in Mason.

H. N. Bean has gone to Milan to cook in the woods this winter.

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Greenwood.

Moses Swan has sold his farm to Calvin Cole and bought Lawson Cole's stand at Bryant's Pond.

Herbert Emmons has bought the Judson Fifield farm and moved on to it. His wife Annie, is the oldest daughter of Adoniram C. Swan. They have two children. Lillie, a twin daughter of Mr. Swan was married on the 24th inst. to Wesley Ring.

Moderate weather thus far this week, and but little snow on the ground. Some who are ready to use it would like to see more.

We took a walk down on to the bog today, and picked a pocketful of cranberries for sauce, and they are just splendid now for that purpose. Finding a muskrat's house near the margin of the brook, and having an ax in hand, we studied natural history a few minutes by demolishing the domicile and examining the architecture and contents. The house was more than two feet wide and high, oval at the top and built of grass, leaves and moss and very compact. There was a communication with the stream, the room and nest being just above the water level. The door opened beneath the surface so that the animal could leave home and return without being seen. Lily root was the only provision there seemed be in the house of which there was quite a quantity for future use. Altogether the muskrat possesses no small share of that kind of knowledge which in the lower animals we call instinct.

Thursday morning, two more snow storms since our last, and no sleighing yet. Possibly the storms may be of larger magnitude before March.

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Hartford.

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Bethel.

A. M. Carter found his cattle which left his pasture in Newry last September, on the north side of Puzzle Mountain in Andover last Sunday. They were very foot sore and thin in flesh. The snow was about one foot in depth and hard enough to bear a man.

Charles Demerritt has bought the Heyward house on Main Street of J. M. Philbrook, executor.

E. S. Kilborn has bought of S. D. Philbrook and S. B. Twitchell a pine lot on the west side of the Androscoggin River.

John S. Chapman, of Baton Rouge, La., while on a visit to his friends in Bethel, last August died and was buried here. His wife, a sister of S. D. and John Philbrook, died in Baton Rouge about two years ago, and last week the brothers had her remains brought to Bethel and buried beside her husband.

A Frenchman in Ramsey's camp, Riley Plantation, died last week of typhoid pneumonia.

There are five men from Parlin's camp, in Riley Plantation, under the doctor's care at the boarding house of E. B. Goddard, Bethel.

The Messrs. Whitney are putting in a large stock of marble and granite and are excellent workmen and are full or orders.

Rumford.

All is quiet.

The election passed, the occasion duly celebrated and the town painted so thoroughly that it took two nights.

The travelling around this region is good for wagon or sleigh. Take either and you will wish you had the other.

The steamer has gone into winter quarters, her last services being to open her throttle for the victorious candidates.

F. J. Rolfe has lost another horse making three within one year beside losing an ox, hog and colt. He thinks it about time for luck to change.

The river is again clear of anchor ice and ferrying good.

Norway Lake.

Mrs. M. E. Woolcott has been visiting at Island Pond, but has returned to her house at this place. Mrs. Powers is staying with her.

C. A. Stephens came home for Thanksgiving.

The young people have been having a fine time skating, and a few evenings ago Charles Brett, Tucker's milk man, fell and cut the back of his head quite severely, but he was improving at the latest news.

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Canton.

S. C. Hodge sold his goods at auction last Wednesday. He is soon to move to Massachusetts where he has a position in a car house.

N. Reynolds went to Boston last week looking after Christmas goods. J. C. Swasey and J. K. Forhan also visited the Hub.

M. F. Ricker, of Auburn, and P. G. Dingley, of the Lewiston Journal, were in town last week.

The village schools began Monday of last week with about ninety pupils in attendance. The Grammar Department is under charge of Mr. and Mrs. Masterman, of Weld, while Miss Webber has charge of the Primary.

E. Thompson has moved to Monmouth. Mr. T. has a good position in a store there.

The repairs on the Baptist church have been completed. It is expected that Rev. J. M. Long will be ordained pastor on Wednesday next. A. K. P. Small, D. D., of Portland will preach the ordination sermon.

The Free Baptist church has secured the following as choir for the coming winter: Miss Dora Thompson, Mrs. E. R. Stevens, F. A. Parsons and E. W. Allen; Mrs. F. A. Parsons, organist.

Fred Glover is visiting in Strong.

John S. Dunn and E. Everett Terry, of Rockland, Mass., are visiting relatives in town. Mr. Terry is looking after horses.

Peru.

Mrs. Ida Hezleton stuck a needle in her foot and broke it off while dressing a short time ago. She had to go to Dr. Coolidge to get it removed. She is doing well.

Mrs. Mary Conant, an old lady 70 years old, fell while dressing and dislocated her shoulder. Dr. Coolidge set it. She is doing well now.

Seth Babb is sick with pleurisy.

School commenced in District No. 2 on the third. Miss Hortense Torrey, teacher.

They have resumed work in the coat shop.

Wilson Stillman has gone to the lakes to get a job logging.

West Paris.

F. F. Kendall, our boss carpenter, is putting the finish on the inside of the George Farnum house.

Frank Barrett has been loading potatoes this past week and will load some more Monday. He is paying 40 cents per bushel.

Mr. Horisee and his son, who have been sick with fever, are out again.

Mr. Samuel Edgerley, of Greenwood, who has for a number of years been our miller in the grist mill, is very low with a cancer.

The I. O. G. T. entertainment Friday evening was a good one, and the pie, cake, and coffee showed that we have some good cooks at West Paris. All present spent an enjoyable evening. Much credit is due the committee.

Mrs. Bertha Lowell, of Augusta, made her uncle, Mr. E. D. Andrews, a short visit on Wednesday, Dec. 5th.

James P. Curtis is building quite a large sap house back of his buildings.

The singing school numbered 53 Monday evening. H.

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Byron.

Mrs. Irene Shaw, wife of the late John Shaw, is very sick. Dr. Proctor, of Weld, is attending her. Her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Knapp, of East Dixfield, has been stopping with her the past two weeks but has returned home now to care for her family.

I. S. Ford was in town last week and stopped a few days with J. E. Shaw.

Staples' cook looked pretty sour the other morning when he arose to get breakfast for his crew of 25 men and found his pot of beans had been cooking in a hole of water all night. Guess they were not very hot and but few eaten.

School begins in District No. 4 under the instruction of Miss Annie I. Knapp, who has just finished a very successful term in John Houghton's district. P. E. G.

West Bethel.

Rev. Mr. Winsor, a student at Bates Theological School, closed his labors for the season at this place, Sunday, the 25th ult. For several reasons it is not practicable to try to hold meetings here through the winter season. Although Mr. Winsor's stay with us has been brief, he gained the esteem and good will of all with whom he associated.

Village school commenced the 3d and the one on the Flat will begin on the 10th inst.

Miss Laura Hall of Bethel, a first class teacher of instrumental music, has a class of pupils in this place.

E. P. Grover is teaching a singing school at Albany town house.

John Rollins has moved from E. J. Mains' farm into the house of C. L. Abbott Jr., on the Flat.

George W. Grover of this place died last Friday. He has been stricken with paralysis since the 22d of July last.

D. O. Holt is now confined to the house.

W. A. Farwell and L. E. Allen are now on the sick list.

Grafton.

C. S. Jordan of Raymond is teaching school in district No. 1 in Grafton. Report says they are having a fine school.

The present time is a very busy time for every man in Grafton. Lumbermen are doing their best as they have just snow enough to make it good doing in the woods. The farmers are pressing hay and hauling their wood. No time to be idle now.

Quite a lot of stock yet unsold with no one to buy.

Good men could find plenty of chances to work in the woods. Good men are scarce.

Roxbury.

N. C. Locke shot a young doe, perhaps two years old.

The reporter, Mr. Dingley, caught the hunting spirit during his short stay in Roxbury. He never fired a gun before, but a red squirrel came so invitingly near that Mr. Dingley ventured to shoot him. Then he sallied forth into the woods and shot a partridge.

Hebron.

Apple buyers have made their appearance this week but people generally seem in no hurry to sell.

Charles Dodge began his school in the Center district on Monday, Dec. 3d.

Frank Glover is still making alterations and improvements in his store.

The ell of the new parsonage is nearly ready to plaster and it will probably be done this week as the sand is being hauled. The weather is very favorable for such work just now.

Prof. Moody made his mother a short visit last week.

The new road around the Dr. Carr Hill is not yet done although it was contracted to be finished by Dec. 1st. Frank Rawson of Mechanic Falls is doing the work.

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East Waterford.

Asa Herser has been quite sick.

John W. Keene is working for A. S. Hapgood this winter.

C. H. Pride has bought a horse of Massachusetts parties.

We noticed in the Advertiser that a certain district in Norway contains thirty horses, the largest number they thought, within a circle of some miles. We believe this district has forty-four.

L. M. Sanderson was thrown down by the tongue of a threshing machine which he was guiding out of the barn, and lamed his foot.

A young woman in the place shot a hawk Wednesday which measured about forty inches from tip to tip. He was lunching off a hen in the barn-yard.

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Rumford Centre.

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Brownfield.

Mr. I. H. Beherell and wife have closed their house and gone to Boston to spend the winter.

Mrs. Wallace Merrill who has for the last few weeks been taking care of her mother, Mrs. Mary Morrison, who has been very sick, has returned to her home at Bridgton, Mrs. Elma Spring taking her place.

Miss Carrie Brown who went to Kansas a few weeks ago hoping to regain her health, found that the climate did not agree with her and has returned home.

Mr. Daniel Wentworth of Michigan is visiting his sisters, the Misses Wentworth.

Miss Rose Chapman of Kezar Falls visits Miss Addie Allard.

Temperence lecture at the Congregational church Thursday evening by Miss Yates.

Hiram.

On Dec. 4th Miss Yates delivered a fine lecture on temperance under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

Fulton and Augustine H. Greene are at home on a vacation from Kent's Hill Seminary.

Mrs. Hannah Mabry of East Hiram, has gone to North Fryeburg to spend the winter with her grandson, Dr. Irving Mabry. She is some over 82 years of age. The good wishes of our community follow her to her new home. She is the mother of Rev. M. K. Mabry, of Buckfield, and her earnest courage and cheerful and active nature would do credit to a girl of sixteen.

Mrs. Bradley Allen is recovering from a fever.

Mrs. Jane Johnson, daughter of Dea. Royal and Caroline McLucas, died Dec. 3d, of consumption, aged 30 years.

Mrs Annie Jewett of Brownfield is attending her sister, Mrs. Bartlett Clemons, at Llewellyn A. Wadsworth's.

Jesse S. Clemons has removed a stable from the red mill to his residence.

South Buckfield.

Abel Irish and assistants are packing apples in the immediate vicinity.

How soon shall we capitulate?

We will in a future number of the Democrat speak of some of the get of the stallion, George Logan. It is safe to say that this stallion has few if any superiors in Oxford county as a successful sire.

Arthur has moved from South Hill to Aurelian Allen's at East Hebron.

Neighbor Conant has arranged a trough of running water in front of his cows' mangers thus allowing them to gratify their thirst at pleasure.

When a boy in the army I became very much attached to a young comrade, young W., from Eastern Maine. One day a reconnoitering party was sent out from the First Maine and young W. was one of the party. He never returned to the company being killed or fatally wounded in the reconnoissance. I mourned him as a brother. Quite recently I met my former comrade in dreamland. The same fair face, the winning smile, the charm of manner, the carmine glow of youth, all as of yore. Many events and experiences of army life some of which had long lain dormant in the memory, were rehearsed and in parting he said half in earnest half playful: "Never mind present troubles, we shall meet again." Half in sadness we ask was it all a dream?

A "spoony" lover at the city wrote to his girl in Buckfield that unless she ceased doting upon a certain young man he should kill himself. She says that suicide has no terrors for her.

Hiram thinks he has added a new jewel to his crown.

We abstain from referring to the weather as it proves sure to rouse it.

If we are to believe reports the rum fiend is again abroad in the land.

Sumner.

Great opening of Holiday Goods at Noyes' Drug Store, Norway. See advertisement.

Wilson's Mills.

It is now fair sleighing but no crossing the river on ice, as the warm days the last of the week made it unsafe.

Our annual Thanksgiving passed as usual with home gatherings for the favored few. The young folks indulged in a dance at Linnell Hall to prevent an attack of indigestion.

F. A. Flint has returned from Boston with four horses for the woods. Several pairs of oxen have gone up the past week.

Hobbs goes into the Spring Hill camp this season.

Oxford.

School in district No. 1 commenced last week, Miss Della Wyman teacher.

Lottie Walker is at home from Portland.

Miss Bertha Pendexter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Durell.

T. J. Dawes has gone to New Hampshire.

Charles Bumpus has been quite sick.

Arvida Poland has moved to the Simonds place.

George Jones has gone to Boston.

George Robinson of Cambridge, Mass., lately visited his father at East Oxford.

J. K. Chase is prepared to do copying of all kinds at reduced rates.

Dry hard wood is selling for $5 per cord.

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Gilead.

Good comfortable loafing weather, neither wheeling nor sleighing and still a little of both.

Burnham and Wight will begin their winter's logging this week.

John Wight is yarding his poplar that he peeled last summer.

Mrs. C. H. Gilbert and son are spending a few days with George Burnham.

William Chapman is clearing up a sheep pasture, putting the lumber into spool and pulp wood.

Roxbury Pond.

Thanks to the "Prince of Gum Corner" nearly every one has heard of the spruce gum business carried on in this region. It is still growing and likely to grow. Here, about ten miles from Gum Corner, J. H. Jenne and Walter Easter have just put a gum refinery with a capacity of about 500 pounds of refined gum per day. They have started a large force of men into the woods, and if their business increases this season as fast as it did last, they will handle over 75 tons of the "rough gum" as the pickers bring it out of the woods.

I hear Mrs. M A Blossom has sold her farm to our representative elect, Frank P. Thomas of Andover.

Jacob Hodsdon is getting along well with his logging job, considering the unfavorable character of the season so far. He was to put in 1,500,000 feet of spruce for the Androscoggin Water Power Co. from their land in Byron; it is to be landed on the pond that it may be driven in the whole the whole tree.

Buckfield.

Wm. Burt's truck horse ran away down the rail road the other day. But little damage was done. Burt's horses have a penchant for that kind of exercise.

Charles H. Bessey got severely injured in jumping from the train while in motion near the Packard road.

Mrs. Nancy W. Spaulding, wife of J. Greenleaf Spaulding of U. S. Coast Survey, died at the residence of H. D. Irish, Monday, December 3d, of consumption, aged 50 years. Mrs. Spaulding was the daughter of Hiram Hines, Esq., of Lewiston, formerly of Hartford and later of this town. In May, 1859, she with her sister, Mrs. Irish, became interested in their personal Salvation and were baptised by Rev. Edward W. Pray, uniting with the Baptist church in this place, maintaining during all these years a devoted and consistent christian walk, quiet in her demeanor yet firm in her convictions, always identifying herself in active christian work especially in Sunday Schools, where she was an efficient teacher for many years, both in Buckfield and at North Haven, where she resided several years. The funeral services were held at the church Thursday, Rev. J. H. Barrows officiating.

John Buck is quite ill of pneumonia and the chances at this writing are against his recovery.

Mrs. Fisk, of Ellsworth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Rawson.

Fred H. Atwood has moved from the Barrett stand to the new annex on the dwelling of C. B. Atwood.

R. C. Bradford and wife, of Portland, were in town last week.

The Ladies' Circle will hold a fair and oyster supper with cake, coffee etc., at Reform Hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th.

Misses Ellie and Helen Morrill have gone to Massachusetts for a short visit.

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Lovell.

The school began at the Centre on Monday, taught by Henry C. Stearns. Also singing school on Tuesday night, by C. K. Chapman.

Walter Eastman is at work for E. T. Stearns.

Mrs. Lottie E. Eastman has returned from Portland very much improved in health.

Cyrus Andrews is drawing oak to the mill of Fox & Son. If the winter is favorable there will be a large amount of timber drawn in this town, both pine and hard wood.

North Fryeburg.

Rev. Mr. Alvord has gone to Pennsylvania for a visit of some weeks.

Mrs. Frank Bemis is suffering from an attack of diphtheria.

John Weston's teams are in the woods hauling timber from the Charles lot.

NORWAY.

The Allard Brothers are making one hundred pairs of pants per day. This firm came to our village but a short time ago, but by strict attention to business have prospered and are now doing well.

By vote of the town at its last regular March meeting the collector, C. F. Lord, was authorized to add interest to all unpaid taxes after December 1st of the present year. The vote of the town is being carried into effect.

S. A. Stevens has cut through the brick wall at the shoe factory for doors. W. C. Leavitt lined the doors with tin. They are supposed to be fire proof.

Mrs. Amos F. Noyes is still under the constant care of the physician but her condition is steadily improving.

The winter term of the village schools commenced Monday. Same teachers as last term. Attendance in the different departments as follows: High School, 75; Grammar, 34; Intermediate, 45; Upper Primary, 41; Middle Primary, 56; Lower Primary, 31.

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There is some talk of holding a series of temperance meetings in this village. We trust a temperance move will be started at once.

C. B. Cummings & Sons' shook shop is up and nearly finished.

Monday Stephen H. Cummings was thrown from a carriage and considerably bruised but not seriously injured.

At the last annual meeting of the Universalist parish held Sunday the following were elected officers of the society:

Moderator, Horace Cole; Clerk, E. W. Howe; Treasurer and Collector, M. Alice Oxnard; Parish Committee, C. S. Tucker, F. A. Danforth, Samuel Favor; Committee on Music, Addie Danforth, Lizzie Beal and Stella B. Prince.

Dean Walker is proprietor of the Norway laundry.

Miss Minnie Harding, of Bethel, is visiting at her uncle's, S. F. Stearns'.

C. E. Rines has opened his confectionery store and manufactory of candies.

P. C. Crawford, of North Paris, has leased the bakery at the lower end of the village.

There is on exhibition in the windows of S. B. and Z. S. Prince's store an oil painting, the work of Mrs. William R. Danforth, of North Stratford, N. H. Mrs. Danforth has presented the paining to the Universalist society and it will be sold at the fair next week.

Saturday morning in the Municipal Court at Farmington Judge Chandler rendered his decision in the case of George W. Russell, charged with forgery. He found cause to hold him to appear at the March term of the Supreme Judicial Court. Bail was placed at $2000, which his friends are trying to get.

The Universalist fair will take place Thursday and Friday Dec. 13th and 14th. Much time has been spent by the ladies of the society in preparing for the fair and it will without doubt be an excellent affair throughout.

The Odd Fellows are making preparations for a grand ball to be given in the near future.

Mary J. Greenleaf has gone to New York, where she will pass the winter with relatives.

A. D. True will ship about the middle of the month 1200 barrels of apples to parties in England. About two thirds of the lot are baldwins. They will go to Liverpool and London.

C. B. Cummings was in Boston this week buying stock.

Henry Kilgore is shingling his house on Beal Street.

George C. Norseworthy, foreman in the stitching department at the shoe factory is unable to attend to his duties at the factory on account of sickness.

C. E. Holt, Esq, is on the sick list this week.

Saturday, Deputy Sheriff A. P. Bassett sold at public auction at the Crown Laundry rooms all the goods and effects of Mr. Auguste Norway, who went to Portland recently and forgot to return.

The register of the intentions of marriage at the clerk's office of this town, reveals the fact that one of our young and enterprising merchants will soon change his condition for better or worse. We trust for the better.

Don't fail to call at Kenney & Swett's when you visit Norway, and examine their large stock of boots, shoes and rubbers. They sell for cash therefore at bottom prices.

There are large quantities of dry wood marketed in this village of late.

Farmers' Institutes.

A series of farmers' institutes for Oxford County is now being arranged by the member for this county. They will probably be held at Norway and Peru in connection with the Granges in each place. The subjects for discussion are not definitely arranged, but will probably be "Dairying, orcharding, the silo and the fertilizer question." Full particulars will be given as soon as the plans are all made.

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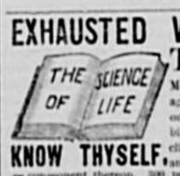

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Per order of County Commissioners.

ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov. A. D., 1888.

CHARLES F. WHITNEY, Admr. on the estate of Eliza Wakefield, late of Brownfield 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, in said County, on the third Tues. of Dec. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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South Paris, Maine.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Nov. A. D. 1888.

S. F. STETSON, Administrator on the estate of Carrie M. Marston, late of Hartford, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the est te of said deceased for allowance:

ORDERED. That the said Admr. 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 Court of Probate, to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of Dec. 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 Nov. A. D. 1888.

MARTHA HAMMONS, named Executrix in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of David Hammons, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

A true copy—Attest: H. C. Davis, Register.

NOTICE!

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Paris, Nov. 26, 1888. S. U. HAWKES.

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

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

I.—BIBLICAL ENIGMA.

Composed of 63 letters.

My 6, 20, 32, 44, 49, 53, 39, 10 was a companion of Paul.

My 2, 60, 16, 9, 63, 46, 31 we are commanded to do "in the beauty of holiness."

My 59, 34, 16, 1, 33, 25 was a prophetess.

My 17, 43, 32, 42, 49, 27 was a woman who made garments for the poor.

My 6, 13, 62, 12, 39, 47, 52 was the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

My 41, 15, 2, 51, 58 is what Christ says is in heart.

My 57, 15, 61, 56, 45, 54, 6, 18, 21 is a mountain in Palestine.

My 42, 20, 40, 14 is what Christ does to us all.

My 11, 49 5, 36, 56, 23 is given us all.

My 42, 28, 55, 4, 17, 32, 26, 56 God calls us if we love him and keep his commandments.

My 38, 48, 57, 6, 22, 8 and contrite in heart we should be.

My 30, 33, 24, 44, 19, 35 are around the throne of God.

My 7, 3, 44, 62, 54, 50, 37 was where the blood was sprinkled to show the destroying angel he was to pass by.

My 10, 29, 47 God cannot look upon with the least degree of allowance.

The whole is a song of praise by the Psalmist.

MARY BROWN.

II.—HALF SQUARE.

1

An awkward, long-limbed wading bird;
Its name I'm sure you've often heard.

2.

This was a happy, happy place,
Till sin brought sorrow and disgrace.

3

And now I bring before your sight
A festive color, warm and bright.

4.

A little word we use each day,
A preposition, grammars say.

5

A letter greets us, 'tis the last,
Among the consonants 'tis classed

BENNIE BEE.

III.—A FRUIT

Did you see my sister Tamar in Detroit?

IV.—PHONETIC CHARADE

My sister Charlotte teased my *first*
This morning for a check;
She wants to buy a new silk dress
Her queenly form to deck.

Last night her lover called on her
A chap well read in books,
But wearing such a showy *next*,
I didn't like his looks.

He'll take her to the *whole* next week,
A dressy time, I guess,
And that is why my sister Lot
Desires a new silk dress.

ROSA D.

V.—A DOG AND A BIRD

Cut off a dog's head,
And you'll see before long,
You have a large bird
Ferocious and strong.

LITTLE MAY.

VI.—DIAMOND.

1. A consonant.
2. A word much used in playing cards.
3. To entertain in a pleasant, agreeable way.
4. A hole cut through the floor, or through the ceiling.
5. To cause to stop or discontinue.
6. The cry of a dog beheaded, not the cry of a beheaded dog.
7. A vowel.

OZRO.

VII.—WORD SQUARE

1. Part of the body.
2. A grain.
3. Human beings.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK

1.—And.

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3.—Poplar.

4.—Blizzard.

5.—

PATCH
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6.—Pansy.

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A HAPPY THOUGHT.—Paper representations of bandannas were a sort of a drug during the campaign just closed, and when election came one Albany notion dealer found that he had a great stock on hand. He was about throwing them one side as clear loss when his clerk suggested, "Why not put these in mourning envelopes and sell them to be sent to Democrats?" The thought was a happy one. The bandannas were neat'y folded and tucked into envelopes having a wide mourning band about them. Then a ticket for passage up Salt river was placed in with each. The conceit took well. The notion dealer sold out his entire stock of bandannas, and the demand became so great that he had to order more from New York, greatly to the astonishment of the New York house.

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The Hon. Oliver H. Smith relates that he was once travelling through a lonely part of Indiana in company with the Governor of the State. After riding all day they came after dark to the cabin where they meant to spend the night.

As we rode up and dismounted, the sound of a violin saluted us. Entering the cabin, we saw sitting before the fire a lame young man by the name of Amos Dille, with an old violin in his hand, scraping away, making anything but music. He laid the violin on the bed and started with our horses toward the stable.

As he closed the door, Governor Whitcomb took up the instrument, put it in tune, and when Amos returned was playing light and beautiful airs. Amos took the seat by me, seemingly entranced, and as Mr. Whitcomb struck up "Hail Columbia" he sprang to his feet.

"If I had fifty dollars," he exclaimed, "I'd give it every cent for that fiddle! I never heard such music in my life."

After playing several other tunes, Mr. Whitcomb put the violin back upon the bed. Amos seized it, carried it to the fire where he could see it, turned it over and over, examined every part of it again and again, and then called out:

"I say mister. I never saw two fiddles look so much alike as yours and mine!"

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

Christmas Notes.

It is none too early to begin in earnest to prepare for Christmas; in fact, many ladies employ their leisure during their sojourn at the seaside or in the country in fashioning pretty things as gifts to friends and loved ones.

Some of the pretty things being made now are glove and handkerchief-cases, perfume sachets, table scarfs, throws, crocheted shoulder capes, Tam o' Shanter caps, skirts, mittens, knitted and crocheted, embroidered napkins and tea cloths, and many other things too numerous to mention.

A beautiful glove-case may be made of plaited ribbon, one inch wide, and may be blue and pink, olive and coral, or golden brown and yellow. Five strips of the darkest shade, measuring thirteen inches in length, are placed side by side and securely fastened to a board; the lightest shade is cut into stripes seven inches long and passed in and out of the stripes on the board, and when done, fastened all around with a needle and thread. Now bind the edges with a piece of the darkest shade of ribbon.

Take a piece of quilted satin thirteen inches long and fourteen inches wide, and cover the other side with satin or fine sateen; turn in the edges, sew neatly together and fold exactly in half. Place the plaited ribbon on one side and fasten neatly in place and sew on a frill of pretty lace round the four sides. Finish with a bow of both shades of ribbon in one corner and ends in the front to tie the case together.

A very handsome photograph case was seen lately made of peacock blue plush, lined with old gold, quilted satin. It will require a piece of plush twenty-four inches long and nine inches wide; a piece of the lining the same size is neatly sewed to the plush. Take each end and fold it up eleven inches to form the pockets, tack together at the sides, finish with a blue and gold-colored cord all the way round the case and across the top of each pocket. Sew on ribbons of the two shades to tie in a bow when closed. The outside may be embroidered, painted, or a single peacock feather may be gummed and tacked into a graceful curve and the end concealed by a loosely tied bow of ribbon.

A very pretty arrangement for perfume sachets is this: Take some large English walnuts, separate them carefully and scrape the inside out. Care should be taken not to crack the shells, which should be gilded. Take two pieces of ribbon of contrasting colors, each eight inches in length, fringe each end to the depth of nearly an inch. Sew the ribbons together to form little bags and fill with cotton batting, upon which sprinkle sachet powder. Draw the top together half an inch below the fringed ribbon, meal-bag style. In the lower part of each shell pierce a hole with a gimlet, insert Tom Thumb ribbons and tie in loops. Press the shells apart, and glue the bags between them, sewing ribbons on the bags before they are glued into place, which are tied in long loops and ends to suspend them by. These are plaited on draperies in pairs and are very pretty.

A thermometer case is made in the shape of a crescent. A form is cut from heavy cardboard and covered with mahogany plush, edged with a gilt cord and finished with bows and loops of ribbon. The thermometer is sewn in place, and a bow of narrow ribbon is at the top of thermometer. The crescent is suspended by a loop of ribbon.

Little rubber dolls may be purchased for from five to fifty cents, and are very prettily dressed by crocheting a dress of bright worsted.

A very handsome blanket for a baby can be made of cream colored camel's-hair cloth embroidered with yellow daisies strewn over the surface of the cloth. The blanket is picked out on the edges or bound with a ribbon to match the embroidery.

Recipes.

MERINGUE PUDDING.—Line a deep dish with slices of rich stale cake, put a layer of jam over it, pour a rich custard on top, and set in the stove until baked brown; ice the top and set in the stove to dry. Serve with sauce.

ORANGE PUDDING.—Strain through a coarse sieve the juice and pulp of eight oranges, add the juice and grated rind of two lemons. Dissolve one ounce of gelatine in a teacup of hot water, when cold add to the oranges with a pint of clarified sugar. Stir and pour in a mold; set on ice, when cold turn out and garnish with bon bons.

LEMON PUDDING.—Take the juice and rind of one lemon, a cupful of sugar, three eggs, four large tablespoonfuls of flour, and one pint of rich milk; mix all together. Line a deep pudding dish with sweet puff paste, pour in the mixture, and bake. Cover with meringue. Serve with cream sauce.

COCOANUT PUDDING.—Take half a pound of grated cocoanut, half a pound of butter and sugar each, the whites of four eggs and the juice of one lemon, and a teaspoonful of extract of vanilla. Bake and serve with sauce.

CHRISTMAS MINCE PIE.—Take four pounds of beef, two of suet, eight of chopped apples, two quarts of molasses, half a gallon of cider, three pounds of sugar, four pounds of raisins, five of currants, three of citron, six lemons, six oranges, a pound of candied preserved quinces, two ounces each of cloves, ginger, allspice, nutmeg, mace and cinnamon, with two teaspoonfuls of black pepper. The beef and suet must be put on the stove and allowed to simmer some time. The cider should be heated and the apples stewed in it, then all the ingredients mixed together and cooked tender. When cool the mince-meat may be put in jars and set away for use. It will keep any length of time. When ready to use make rich puff paste, fill and bake.

LEMON CREAM PIE.—Boil one pint of milk, add three spoonfuls of corn starch, when thick take off the fire, beat the yolks of four eggs, two tablespoonfuls of butter, a teacup of sugar and the juice of three lemons and add. Pour the mixture in puff paste and bake. Whip the whites of four eggs stiff, mix in a teacup of sugar, spread over and brown.

CHOCOLATE PIE.—Take four tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate, one pint of boiling water, the yolks of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch and six tablespoonfuls of sugar, mix together and boil until thick. Make a rich paste, bake it in pie pans and pour the chocolate in. Beat the whites of the eggs with powdered sugar, spread over the pies, and set in the oven. Eat cold.

COCOANUT PIE.—Beat half a pound of sugar, a quarter of a pound of butter, three eggs, and half a pound of grated cocoanut together. Bake in a rich puff paste.

ALMOND TARTS.—Beat to a cream the yolks of three eggs and a quarter of a pound of sugar; add half a pound of shelled almonds, pounded fine; put in tart pans lined with paste. Bake ten minutes.

CHARLOTTE RUSSE.—Split ten lady fingers, and lay in a mould. Put one-third of a box of gelatine in a pint of rich milk; set where the heat will dissolve it. Whip three pints of cream to a froth, beat the yolks of six eggs, and mix half a pound of sugar, then beat the whites and add, strain the gelatine on these, stir quickly, pour in the cream, flavor with vanilla and pour in the mould. Set on ice, ornament the top with whipped cream.

HOLIDAY CAKE.—Three pounds of brown sugar, three pounds of butter, beaten to a cream, three pounds of flour, six pounds of currants, six pounds of seeded raisins, one pound of sliced citron, twenty-eight eggs, beaten separately, one ounce each of cinnamon and nutmeg, half an ounce each of mace, cloves and allspice. Mix carefully and bake six hours.

SPONGE CAKE.—Twelve eggs, their weight in sugar, the weight of seven in flour, the juice of one lemon. Bake quickly.

PHILADELPHIA SPONGE CAKE.—Pour one gill of boiling water on three quarters of a pound of sugar; stir and and let stand. Beat the yolks of six eggs, add to them the grated rind of half a lemon, froth the whites and pour the yolks on them; beat and add the sirup, and beat again until thick; sift in half a pound of flour, mixing very gently, add the juice of a lemon. Bake half an hour.

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Bangor, Oct. 9th, 1888.

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

NANCY T. AMES, 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

Nov 20, 1888. EBEN E. RAND.

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

JOSEPH H. W. SPOFFORD, late of Milton Plantation,

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

Nov. 26, 1888. ALDEN CHASE.

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Mere Combativeness Not an Uncommon Nor an Exalted Quality—The Bulldog's Idiocy—Napoleon at Waterloo—Heroism of Every Day Life.

Courage, in any genuine sense, does not wantonly court danger. On the other hand, it does not shrink from or avoid danger, when there is any occasion to meet it. It has a worthy purpose and adheres to it unswervingly, not counting cost or consequences. More mental and moral than physical, it has nothing in common with display or bravado. It is so quiet and modest that it might be mistaken by surface seers for want of confidence, even for timidity. It runs no risk for the sake of risk; it wastes no ammunition to make noise and smoke; it burns powder only to speed the ball to its mark. The most courageous do not advertise themselves beforehand; they calmly await the test, willing that it should speak for them. They are seldom imagined to be what they are under ordinary circumstances. They keep their own secret, which they may not suspect themselves until requirement calls it forth. They are devoted to duty; where it commands they follow against fearful odds, leading forlorn hopes, charging in the face of death, sustained and stimulated by conviction of right.

Many peoples, Anglo-Saxons notably, attach undue importance to what they esteem to be bravery, meaning combativeness in general. In our own country we are continually hearing the expressions, "He will fight," "They are fighters," "They won't give it up without fighting," as if combativeness were the highest human endowment, as if its possession would compensate for the absence of any number of virtues. Combativeness is not an uncommon nor an exalted quality. It belongs as a rule to all savages, it is a physical trait of undevelopment. The tiger is neither noble nor intelligent, but in fighting powers he is not surpassed by any beast.

IDIOCY OF THE BULLDOG.

The bulldog is extremely repulsive in appearance, and so superlatively stupid that he is generally regarded as a canine idiot. But he has not an equal in the animal kingdom as to fighting propensity, being as destitute of fear as he is of brains. When he seizes anything with his teeth his jaws often cannot be pried apart. He has been known to suffer death without losing his hold. He actually has not intelligence enough to desist from what he is doing. His instinct is absorbed and exhausted by pugnacity. He has been praised for his readiness to attack any animal whatever its size and strength. The impelling agency is not boldness, but idiocy. By the common estimate he should be chosen king of beasts. Men who are perpetually prating of their pugnacity, and their joy in showing it, would be like the bulldog if they were not generally poltroons. They resemble him minus his ferocity.

Bravery—temperamental disdain of danger or death—may be, probably is, unusual, but courage belongs to nearly all educated men, to whole nations, even to races. Its absence is with them an astonishing exception. Instead of being heroic, it is really general. We must always judge of courage by its effect. Men who have appeared dauntless in a score of deperate battles have privately confessed that they were often timid. They doubtless told the exact truth. Courage is frequently, if not commonly, a matter of education of wonteiness. This is seen in the conduct of raw troops when first under fire. They almost always are unsteady, liable to be thrown into confusion. But after a certain amount of military experience they will charge a battery without wavering.

EVOLUTION OF COURAGE.

The soldier, at his virgin battle, is likely to think that every shot fired brings down a man. He alters his opinion when he learns that an amount of metal equal to the average human weight is required to produce a casualty. His whole military education concurs to increase his firmness. He who may play the poltroon at the outset of a campaign may be a hero at the close. Frederick II, the most eminent general of his time, and one of the most intrepid of men, ran away from his first battle. Mollintz was won, but the commander had fled. Napoleon, who had invincible faith in his star, who had changed the destiny of nations, who was the greatest of captains, lost spirit completely when he saw himself hopelessly defeated at Waterloo, and was found wandering aimlessly on the field, dazed and stunned. His prodigious courage had been driven out at last by an irretrievable reverse.

Courage varies with our mood and circumstances; but, backed by will and pride and faith in our cause, the outcome may be trusted. It is less demanded in war than in peace, which is incessant combat with unmartial weapons. Every day brings its trials, its temptations, its dangers, and to oppose them courage is indispensable. He who is deficient in it must go the rear or be drummed out of camp. The world will not keep those who skulk or fly. The survival of the fittest is but another phase, for the battle is to the strong. It is harder to live than to die; death is only a single pang; life is often a long series of woes. Reason and science have robbed death of its theological terrors; but modern civilization has made life so complex, wearing and arduous, that the exercise of steady courage alone can sustain it. Every man who lives out his natural life usefully and honorably, however obscure he may be, is a hero. Only he knows what he is compelled to be, to do, to suffer, and he achieves the end solely by the evolution of courage.—Junius Henri Browne in Globe-Democrat.

Wellington's Interview with Nelson.

"He could not know who I was," said the duke, "but he entered at once into conversation with me, if I can call in conversation; for it was almost all on his side and all about himself, and in really a style so vain and silly as to surprise and disgust me. I suppose that something that I happened to say may have made him guess that I was somebody, and he went out of the room for a moment—I have no doubt to ask the office keeper who I was, for when he came back he was altogether a different man, both in manner and matter.

"All that I had thought a charlatan style had vanished, and he talked of the state of this country and the aspect and probabilities of affairs on the continent with a good sense and a knowledge of subjects both at home and abroad that surprised me equally and more agreeably than the first part of our interview had done. In fact, he talked like an officer and a statesman. The secretary of state kept us long waiting, and certainly for the last half or three-quarters of an hour I don't know that I ever had a conversation that interested me more. Now, if the secretary of state had been punctual and admitted Lord Nelson in the first quarter of an hour I should have had the same impression of a light and trivial character that other people have had; but luckily I saw enough to be satisfied that he really was a very superior man, but certainly a more sudden and complete metamorphosis I never saw."—Croker.

The Railroad Brakeman's Risks.

The danger of sudden accidental death or maiming is constant and great, and the bare record of the numerous cases is acutely suggestive of inexpressible suffering; but, strange to say, it does not worry the average brakeman much. Though probably a thousand trainmen are killed in this country every year and four or five thousand injured by collisions and derailments, in coupling cars, falling off trains, striking low over head bridges, and from other causes, no one brakeman, from what he sees in his own experience, realizes the danger very vividly. As in other dangers which are constant but inevitable, familiarity breeds carelessness which is closely akin to contempt. Falling from trains is really a serious danger, because the most ceaseless caution—next to impossible for the average man to maintain—is necessary to avoid misteps. This will be practically abolished when the long wished for air brake comes into use, as that will obviate the necessity of riding on the tops of the cars.—B. B. Adams, Jr., in Scribner's Magazine.

Concerning Burials at Sea.

The Funeral Directors' association, whose members are among the undertakers of the United States and Canada, in their recent annual convention at Baltimore received a report from a committee on burials of those who die at sea, and Undertaker Laube, on the committee, in the discussion that followed said: "I want to call especial attention of the press to this. Steamship companies refuse to bring corpses to home ports for proper burial, alleging superstition of sailors as an objection. Against tearful protest of poor people their dead have been cast into the sea, but who ever heard of this disposition of the rich and prominent? At Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia steamship companies have refused to listen to us, and we want the common people to know bodies can be safely brought home."