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THE subscriber hereby gives Public Notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of
ORIN L. HAMMOND, late of Peru, 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
March 19, 1889. EDWIN BABB.

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JAMES F. PENLEY, late of Paris, 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
Feb. 19, 1889. EDWARD W. PENLEY.

THE Subscriber hereby gives public notice that he has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrator of the estate of
EBENEZER McINTIRE, late of Denmark, 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
March 19, 1889. GEO. W. GRAY.

STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, ss. —Probate Court, March Term A. D. 1889.
Whereas, a petition has been duly filed, praying that the balance remaining in the hands of Charles E. Whitney, administrator of the estate of Elias Wakefield, late of Brownfield deceased, on settlement of his final account of administration, be decreed to be paid to Persis Wakefield, widow of said deceased, and the heirs of said deceased, and the share of each determined. Ordered that notice thereof be given to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, prior to the third Tuesday of April A. D. 1889, that they may appear at a Probate Court, then to be held at Paris, within and for said County, 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 March, A. D. 1889.
On the petition of Wesley A. Howe, administrator of the estate of Albion K. Knapp, late of Hanover in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate situated in Hanover, in said county described in his petition, on file in the Probate office, 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 April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any have, why the same should not be granted.
GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
On the petition of HILTON McALLISTER, Administrator of the estate of Abagail R. Shirley late of Stoneham, in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey the whole of the real estate described in his petition on file at public or private sale as a sale of a part of said estate would depreciate the value of the remainder.
ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing an abstract of his petition, with this order thereon, to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, a newspaper printed at Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.
GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
CATHARINE S. HOWE, Executrix on the estate of Nancy M. Howe late of Hanford in said County, deceased, having presented her account of administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:
Ordered, that said Executrix give public notice thereof to all persons interested therein, by publishing a copy of this order three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at nine 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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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
JOHN M. PHILLBROOK, Executor on the estate of Wilson Heywood, late of Bethel, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of Administration of the Estate of said deceased for allowance:
Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at 9 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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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
RUFUS PRINCE, Administrator on the estate of Nancy W. Donaldson, late of Buckfield, in said County deceased, having presented his account of Administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:
ORDERED, That 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 Court of Probate, to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be granted.
GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.
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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
RUFUS PRINCE, Administrator on the estate of John C. Hodgs late of Denmark, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the est ate of said deceased for allowance:
ORDERED, That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested in the estate, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the OXFORD DEMOCRAT, printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at nine 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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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
WALDO PETTENGILL, administrator of the estate of A. C. WELCH, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:
Ordered, that the said Admin'r give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said county on the third Tuesday of April next, at 9 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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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.
LEWIS C. PATE, named Executor in a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Phineas B. Warner late of Paris in said County, deceased, having presented the same for Probate:
Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published 3 weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County on the third Tuesday of April next, at 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.
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AMONG THE FARMERS.

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Penobscot Farmers' Club.

Penobscot Farmer's Club met according to vote of previous meeting. The weather was favorable, the traveling fair. A large number was present, and the meeting was very interesting. At the appointed hour the meeting was called to order by President C. H. Dole, who opened the meeting by appropriate remarks. Topic for discussion, "The Oats in Farming," was opened by the Secretary with a paper giving some of the oats in farming, followed with remarks by J. Wyman Phillips. I have no question in my own mind that many of the oats in farming are through ignorance. Then again I think many of us are indolent; the mechanic is required to labor ten hours for a day, but the practical farmer works more than ten hours; then come in the dull days, and I find they work but little if at all. I call this one of the oats, for if we do not work we meet with a loss. The wastes on a farm can hardly be enumerated. One of the great wastes is in the use of manure and fertilizers, for many of us do not know how to apply them so as to receive the most benefit from them. I think many lose from ten to fifteen per cent of their value, but in many cases it cannot be avoided.

Rev. S. S. Lewis—There are many moments in the farmer's life that he lets slip by that might be improved to advantage to gain information on many subjects. Now let him take a book or paper every time he has a few spare moments, and the more he reads the better he becomes posted in regard to his business and the affairs of the country.

Mr. Brown—I am not smart enough to keep up the fertility of my farm but I think we live too fast, for I consider our style of living an out; but we must educate our children so that they may be qualified to fill any position in life, or take their place with the ignorant emigrant. Instead of buying fertilizers, save the barn draining; plow and harrow more in the summer and fall, instead of waiting until spring as many do. On motion, voted to adjourn an hour and a half for dinner.

Afternoon session called to order by President, opened with singing by the choir; discussion continued by J. W. Given.

There are many outs in farming, but the one I would refer to more particularly is the out in keeping poor stock, for I know that a majority of farmers are not aware of the loss realized from keeping poor stock. Then to improve their scrub stock they should patronize thoroughbred stock and breed for some special object, either milk for market, butter or beef. If the specialty was butter, the cows in the country could in a few years be made to produce one hundred pounds more to a cow than they do now, which would give a large profit over the present income.

Rev. S. W. Chapin—I know but little about farming; but I think one of the great outs in farming is in their not keeping any account with their farm. Those engaged in all other kinds of business keep accounts, and from time to time take account of stock, so as to know where they stand.

C. Comins—Have farmed several years in Maine. There has been some talk about commercial fertilizers. I have used them as largely as any farmer in this section, and intend to use them in the future, for I never used them but once that they did not pay well for the money invested.

Ira Dole—Have been a farmer all my life; and we may do away with some of the outs by plowing and manuring well, then keep the weeds out, for it does not pay to grow them, for they are a great out to any farmer who grows them. Then harvest the crops as soon as they are in proper condition. Another out is not cutting the low land hay earlier. Another is in feeding our stock, in not giving them all they will eat. Another is in raising calves; if you give them skim milk, keep them in the barn and give them all the good hay they will eat, you will have salable stock.

Dr. Chas. Copeland—One great out is in putting crops on the market that are not wanted, or those that are not in the best condition, which if in demand are only second quality and sell at a forced sale, hardly enough to pay for raising.

Messrs. Crawford, Pierce, French, Hart and others took part in the discussion.—Maine Farmer.

Cost of Keeping a Horse.

The cost of keeping a horse by the most of persons is mere guesswork instead of careful figures. If one purchases a good horse, four years of age, for $150, it is a good bargain. A top buggy will cost $125; cutter, $25; harness, $20; robe, $10; blankets, $3; comb and brush $2, whip $2; amounting to $337. Now if we take all into consideration, these will last on an average ten years. Perhaps the wagon might last longer but it would need repairing in that time. On the whole ten years is a long average, as the horse might be worthless in five years. If it costs $337 for ten years, it would be at the rate of $33 70 a year, and the interest on the whole outlay at six per cent would be $20 22. Add to this at least four tons of hay, which has averaged in the past ten years $12 a ton, $48; one ton of straw for bedding, $7; 90 bushels of oats at 35 cents a bushel, $31 50; shoeing, $5, and it would be a cheap job to care for a horse, wash wagons, etc., for $1 a week, which would bring the price to $52 a year, or the sum total of $197 42 for the year at moderate figures. And yet we find thousands who keep a horse and have no real business for it, and do not keep a cow when the cost of keeping a horse will keep two cows, and yet they do not see how they can keep a cow.—Cor. Rural Home.

Farm Economics.

A mixture of kerosene and lamphlack is a good application to keep steel surfaces bright.

If the whiffletree breaks, don't throw it into a corner. Remove the irons. They can be fitted to new wood.

The farther you are from market the greater is your need of condensing products by feeding grain and stover to animals.

By keeping the cattle off the pasture one day longer in the spring you may keep them upon it two days longer in the Fall.

A handy thing to have is a box containing an assortment of bolts, nuts, rivets, nails, and a hammer, pinchers and cold-chisel.

The paint brush that proved to be a bargain was cleaned in turpentine each time its work was done, dried and hung up by the handle.

Keep a few panes of window glass and a paper of tacks or some putty on hand. When the window pane is broken, don't makeshift; replace it.—American Agriculturist.

Editor Maine Farmer: Will you please publish in your next issue a good receipe for grafting wax, and oblige
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For making grafting wax we give the following recipe, which has been thoroughly tested: One pound rosin, one-half pound beeswax, and two ounces of linseed oil. Melt and pour into water, and work till it becomes tough and strong. If not exactly of the right "temper," add a little more oil. Old receipes gave tallow instead of the oil but a vegetable oil is now preferred.

An English writer of great experience, and a close observer, in writing of a tour of inspection of the agricultural interests of the United States, says: "If American stockmen used more roots and less corn they would have to pay fewer visits to Europe for breeding animals."

The successful farmer must raise good stock, and he should know the history and merits of the various improved breeds of stock; but how many farmers make the mistake of their lives by blindly raising common stock, saying and believing that fine stock is no better?

Maine Corn Packing.

The managers of the Portland Packing Company, who have control of a large number of packing factories in this State have decided to operate all of their old factories and at least four of the factories recently purchased of the James company. These four are located in Fairfield, Oakland, Buckfield and Canton. Possibly others may be operated but only these have thus far been decided upon.

One reason why the company does not choose to start up all the factories comprised in its new purchase may be traced to the dullness of the corn market at the present time. The outlook for the year is not very flattering, the market being overstocked, and there will probably be a decreased pack this season, the decrease taking place chiefly in Maryland and New York.

In Maine where the company is chiefly interested, the great firms of Burnham and Morrill and the Portland Packing Company will probably do their usual amount of business in addition to that mentioned above. And the amount of business done, the amount of money distributed by these two firms is a good deal of an item in the communities where they exist.

The Portland Packing Company pay out for corn and help an average of about one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars during the season, and this money is distributed among the farmers largely, for it does not include the cost of machinery, tin or its manufacture into cans. In many localities the young people look to the corn packing season as the time when the spending money for the year is to be earned, and it stands to them in much the same relation that the ice business does to people living in the vicinity of the great ice cutting interests of our State.

In many of the 13 factories there will be about 250 employes, and this large sum paid out during the season, which lasts only about a fortnight, goes directly into the hands of the farmers. In some of the factories also apples and lima beans are packed, bringing an additional income, though of course a smaller sum, into the pockets of the people.

The chief competition which the Maine packers have to contend with comes from the West and South. In the West many of the packers have large tracts of land planted to corn, do all the work by machinery and horse power, and pack their own corn. Of course their corn can be sold at a cheaper price than canned corn which pays for the amount of labor taken to grow it in this State. In the South labor can be employed very much cheaper than it can here, but the quality of Southern corn is not equal to that grown in Maine.

The growth of the industry of corn packing makes an interesting study. Not many years ago all the labor from the husking to the labelling was performed by hand, now the greater part of the work is performed by machinery. The corn is cut from the cob by the Barker cutters, relieving the product of the suspicion once entertained among consumers that they were liable at any moment to find the end of a finger in their dinner. The rude and unsightly press is superseded by an automatic machine. Cooking, instead of being done in boiling water, is now done in retorts and under pressure of steam. It would be interesting, did space allow, to note the changes in their order in the wonderful growth of this great industry. So that the prospect for corn canning at the present time is a little blue.—Maine Farmer.

State Valuation Commission

This commission was organized for work at the State House, in this city, Tuesday, by electing Hiram Knowlton of Cumberland, as chairman. W. J. Smith of Litchfield, was elected clerk and messenger of the commission. The meetings are to be held daily, beginning at 9 A. M., no member to absent himself without leave. The first work of the commission will be to proceed to the classification of the returns from the several cities and towns, with a view to their tabulation into such forms as may be necessary and convenient for the information and use of the members of the commission. Hearings will be arranged for assessors, selectmen and all all others interested, as shall best accommodate all parties and facilitate the business of the commission. Except for the purpose of public hearings, the sessions are to be private. The following standing committees, consisting of three members each, were appointed by the chairman, subject to confirmation by the commission: On Rules, Clerical Labor, Navigation, Manufactures, Banks, Insurance Companies, Railroad and Telegraph Companies, Mining Lands, Wild and Timber Lands, Farming Lands, and other real estate, Live Stock, on Pay Roll and Leave of Absence, and on Returns and Hearings.—Maine Farmer.

SOW AND PIGS.—Many methods have been suggested for preventing sows from eating their pigs when first born, but the best remedy must be applied before the time comes, and that is to get the sow tame and accustomed to your presence in the pen. Give her a comfortable and properly arranged pen and have everything done so she can get acquainted and feel at home before the time comes. Get into the pen and handle her so there will be nothing new about your presence in the pen when you want to care for the pigs. When a sow is nervous and alarmed she will try to keep the pigs quiet and out of sight and often injures them in that way.—Mirror.

The advantage of even a professional man knowing something of the common things around us is illustrated in the case of a clergyman who, having learned much of the care and treatment of the horse in his earlier years while working on the farm, in later life while driving on the road was able to replace in a proper manner a shoe cast by his horse. A blacksmith hearing of the fact, hired a pew in his church saying that "he wanted to hear a man preach who knew something."—Maine Farmer.

A tax bill is now before the New York legislature designed to exempt farmers and other real estate holders from taxation to the amount of the mortgages on such real estate, and to require the mortgagee to pay it instead. Such a law would be a great relief to mortgaged farms and would carry only justice in its provisions. The committee on taxation at the State Grange has called attention to this matter several times, but such a report is without effect unless backed by effort. Does that body mean anything by its work?—Farmer.

John Boyd, who is a prominent breeder of Jerseys, said at a dairy convention at Mount Carroll, Ill.: "One hundred quarts of Jersey cream will make just the same number of pounds of butter as one hundred quarts of cream from Holstein milk, provided it is raised under the same conditions." According to Mr. Boyd, then, the cream of the little channel islanders is no richer than the cream from Holsteins or any other breed, but their virtue lies in the fact that they give more cream than other breeds.—Maine Farmer.

If the careless, indifferent farmer entertains the idea for a moment that in order to secure better results with his stock he has only to exchange them for the better breeds, he is wildly mistaken. It is only through better care and closer attention that better results are secured with any stock whatever. Where that better care is given improved stock will do far better for the owner. If however, neglect must prevail, then scrub stock is just as good to lose money on as anything. Good care with good stock is what is wanted.—Farmer.

The New York Mercantile Exchange has requested the Senate and Assembly of the State to appropriate for the maintenance of the dairy commission $100 000, to enable the law against the fraudulent sale of oleomargarine and adulterated milk to be properly enforced.

If you dissolve bones by boiling them in a strong potash lye, and then use dry earth or leached ashes as an absorbent, you get a fertilizer or compost rich in both phosphoric acid and potash. It will contain also most of the nitrogen which was in the bones.—Farm and Home.

THE GREAT WAR SYNDICATE.

BY FRANK R. STOCKTON,

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"RUDDER GRANGE;" "AMOS KILBRIGHT—HIS ADSICITITIOUS EXPERIENCES;" "THE BEE-MAN OF ORN;" "THE CHRISTMAS WRECK;" "THE LADY OR THE TIGER;" "THE LATE MRS. NULL;" "THE HUNDREDTH MAN;" "THE CASTING AWAY OF MRS. LECKS AND MRS. ALESHINE;" "THE DUSANTES;" ETC., ETC.

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SECTION II.

As soon as three of the spring armored vessels and five "crabs" were completed, the syndicate felt itself ready to begin operations. It was indeed time. The seas had been covered with American and British merchantmen hastening homeward, or to friendly ports, before the actual commencement of hostilities. But all had not been fortunate enough to reach safety within the limits of time allowed, and several American merchantmen had been already captured by fast British cruisers.

The members of the syndicate well understood that if a war was to be carried on as they desired, they must strike the first real blow. Comparatively speaking, a very short time had elapsed since the declaration of war, and the opportunity to take the initiative was still open.

It was in order to take this initiative that, in the early hours of a July morning, two of the syndicate's armored vessels, each accompanied by a crab, steamed out of a New England port, and headed for the point on the Canadian coast where it had been decided to open the campaign.

The vessels of the syndicate had no individual names. The spring armored ships were termed "repellers," and were numbered, and the crabs were known by the letters of the alphabet. Each repeller was in charge of a director of naval operations; and the whole naval force of the syndicate was under the command of a director-in-chief. On this momentous occasion this officer was on board of Repeller No. 1, and commanded the little fleet.

The repellers had never been vessels of great speed, and their present armor of steel strips, the lower portion of which was frequently under water, considerably retarded their progress, but each of them was taken in tow by one of the swift and powerful crabs, and with this assistance they made very good time, reaching their destination on the morning of the second day.

It was on a breezy day, with a cloudy sky, and the sea moderately smooth, that the little fleet of the syndicate lay to off the harbor of one of the principal Canadian seaports. About five miles away the headlands on either side of the mouth of the harbor could plainly be seen. It had been decided that Repeller No. 1 should begin operations. Accordingly, that vessel steamed about a mile nearer the harbor, accompanied by Crab A. The other repeller and crab remained in their first position, ready to act in case they should be needed.

The approach of two vessels, evidently men-of-war, and carrying the American flag, was perceived from the forts and redoubts at the mouth of the harbor, and the news quickly spread to the city and to the vessels in port. Intense excitement ensued on land and water, among the citizens of the place as well as its defenders. Every man who had a post of duty was instantly at it; and in less than half an hour the British man-of-war Scarabæus, which had been lying at anchor a short distance outside the harbor, came steaming out to meet the enemy. There were other naval vessels in port, but they required more time to be put in readiness for action.

As soon as the approach of Scarabæus was perceived by Repeller No. 1, a boat bearing a white flag was lowered from that vessel and was rapidly rowed toward the British ship. When the latter saw the boat coming she lay to, and waited its arrival. A note was delivered to the captain of the Scarabæus, in which it was stated that the syndicate, which had undertaken on the part of the United States the conduct of the war between that country and Great Britain, was now prepared to demand the surrender of this city, with its forts and defenses, and all vessels within its harbor; and, as a first step, the immediate surrender of the vessel to the commander of which this note was delivered.

The overwhelming effrontery of this demand caused the commander of the Scarabæus to doubt whether he had to deal with a raving lunatic or a blustering fool; but he informed the person in charge of the flag of truce boat that he would give him fifteen minutes in which to get back to his vessel, and that he would then open fire upon that craft.

The men who rowed the little boat were not men-of-war's men, and were unaccustomed to duties of this kind. In eight minutes they had reached their vessel and were safe on board.

Just seven minutes afterward the first shot came from the Scarabæus. It passed over Repeller No. 1, and that vessel, instead of replying, immediately steamed nearer her adversary. The director-in-chief desired to determine the effect of an active cannonade upon the new armor, and therefore ordered the vessel placed in such a position that the Englishman might have the best opportunity for using it as a target.

The Scarabæus lost no time in availing herself of the facilities offered. She was a large and powerful ship, with a heavy armament; and, soon getting the range of the syndicate's vessel, she hurled ball after ball upon her striped side. Repeller No. 1 made no reply, but quietly submitted to the terrible bombardment. Some of the great shot jarred her from bow to stern, but not one of them broke a steel spring, nor penetrated the heavy inside plates.

After half an hour of this work the director-in-chief became satisfied that the new armor had well acquitted itself in the severe trial to which it had been subjected. Some of the air buffers had been disabled, probably on account of faults in their construction, but these could readily be replaced, and no further injury had been done the vessel. It was not necessary, therefore, to continue the experiment any longer, and besides there was danger that the Englishman perceiving that his antagonist did not appear to be affected by his fire, would approach closer and endeavor to ram her. This was to be avoided, for the Scarabæus was a much larger vessel than Repeller No. 1, and able to run into the latter and sink her by mere preponderance of weight.

It was, therefore, decided to now test the powers of the crabs. Signals were made from Repeller No. 1 to Crab A, which had been lying with the larger vessel between it and the enemy. These signals were made by jets of dense black smoke, which were ejected from a small pipe on the repeller. These slender columns of smoke preserved their cylindrical forms for some moments, and were visible at a great distance by day or night, being illuminated in the latter case by electric light. The length and frequency of these jets were regulated by an instrument in the director's room. Thus, by means of long and short puffs, with the proper use of intervals, a message could be projected into the air as a telegraphic instrument would mark it upon paper.

In this manner Crab A was ordered to immediately proceed to the attack of the Scarabæus. The almost submerged vessel steamed rapidly from behind her consort, and made for the British man-of-war.

When the latter vessel perceived the approach of this turtle backed object, squirting little jets of black smoke as she replied to the orders from the repeller, there was great amazement on board. The crab had not been seen before, but as it came rapidly on there was no time for curiosity or discussion, and several heavy guns were brought to bear upon it. It was difficult to hit a rapidly moving flat object scarcely above the surface of the water; and although several shot struck the crab, they glanced off without in the least interfering with its progress.

Crab A soon came so near the Scarabæus that it was impossible to depress the guns of the latter so as to strike her. The great vessel was, therefore headed toward its assailant, and under a full head of steam dashed directly at it to run it down. But the crab could turn as upon a pivot, and shooting to one side allowed the surging man-of-war to pass it.

Perceiving instantly that it would be difficult to strike this nimble and almost submerged adversary, the commander of the Scarabæus thought it well to let it alone for the present, and to bear down with all speed upon the repeller. But it was easier to hit the crab than to leave it behind. It was capable of great speed, and, following the British vessel, it quickly came up with her.

The course of the Scarabæus was instantly changed, and every effort was made to get the vessel into a position to run down the crab. But this was not easy for so large a ship, and Crab A seemed to have no difficulty in keeping close to her stern.

Several machine guns especially adapted for firing at torpedo boats, or any hostile craft which might be discovered close to a vessel, were now brought to bear upon the crab, and ball after ball was hurled at her. Some of these struck, but glanced off, without penetrating her tough armor.

These maneuvers had not continued long when the crew of the crab was ready to bring into action the peculiar apparatus of that peculiar craft. An enormous pair of iron forceps, each massive limb of which measured twelve feet or more in length, was run out in front of the crab at a depth of six or eight feet below the surface. These forceps were acted upon by an electric engine of immense power, by which they could be shut, opened, projected, withdrawn or turned and twisted.

The crab darted forward, and in the next instant the great teeth of her pincers were fastened with a tremendous grip upon the rudder and rudder post of the Scarabæus.

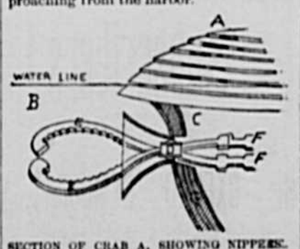
Then followed a sudden twist, which sent a thrill through both vessels, a crash, a backward jerk, the snapping of a chain, and in a moment the great rudder, with half of the rudder port attached, was torn from the vessel, and as the forceps opened it dropped to leeward and hung dangling by one chain.

Again the forceps opened wide; again there was a rush, and this time the huge jaws closed upon the rapidly revolving screw propeller. There was a tremendous crash, and the small but massive crab turned over so far that for an instant one of its sides was plainly visible above the water. The blades of the propeller were crushed and shivered; those parts of the steamer's engines connecting with the propeller shaft were snapped and rent apart, while the propeller shaft itself was broken by the violent stoppage.

The crab, which had quickly righted, now backed, still holding the crushed propeller in its iron grasp, and as it moved away from the Scarabæus, it extracted about forty feet of its propeller shaft; then, opening its massive jaws, it allowed the useless mass of iron to drop to the bottom of the sea.

Every man on board the Scarabæus was wild with amazement and excitement. Few could comprehend what had happened, but this very quickly became evident. So far as motive power was concerned, the Scarabæus was totally disabled. She could not direct her course, for her rudder was gone; her propeller was gone; her engines were useless, and she could do no more than float as wind or tide might move her. Moreover, there was a jagged hole in her stern where the shaft had been, and through this the water was pouring into the vessel. As a man-of-war the Scarabæus was worthless.

Orders now came fast from Repeller No. 1, which had moved nearer to the scene of conflict. It was to be supposed that the disabled ship was properly furnished with bulkheads, so that the water would penetrate no farther than the stern compartment, and that, therefore, she was in no danger of sinking. Crab A was ordered to make fast to the bow of the Scarabæus, and tow her toward two men-of-war who were rapidly approaching from the harbor.



SECTION OF CRAB A, SHOWING NIPPERS.

A, bomb proof roof; B, water line; C, interior of crab; D, joint of nippers; E, arms of nippers; FF, rods of nippers connecting with electric engine; G, teak lining to crab.

This proceeding astonished the commander and officers of the Scarabæus almost as much as the extraordinary attack which had been made upon their ship. They had expected a demand to surrender and haul down their flag, but the director-in-chief on board Repeller No. 1 was of the opinion that with her propeller extracted it mattered little what flag she flew. His work with the Scarabæus was over; for it had been ordered by the syndicate that its vessels should not encumber themselves with prizes.

Towed by the powerful crab, which apparently had no fear that its disabled adversary might fire upon it, the Scarabæus moved toward the harbor, and when it had come within a quarter of a mile of the foremost British vessel, Crab A cast off and steamed back to Repeller No. 1.

The other English vessels soon came up, and each lay to and sent a boat to the Scarabæus. After half an hour's consultation, in which the amazement of those on board the damaged vessel was communicated to the officers and crews of her two consorts, it was determined that the smaller of these should tow the disabled ship into port, while the other one, in company with a man-of-war just coming out of the harbor, should make attack upon Repeller No. 1.

It had been plainly proved that ordinary shot and shell had no effect upon this craft, but it had not been proved that she could withstand the rams of powerful ironclads. If this vessel, that apparently carried no guns, or at least, had used none, could be crushed, capsized, sunk, or in any way put out of the fight, it was probable that the dangerous submerged nautical machine would not care to remain in these waters. If it remained it must be destroyed by torpedoes.

Signals were exchanged between the two English vessels, and in a very short time they were steaming toward the repeller. It was a dangerous thing for two vessels of their size to come close enough together for both to ram an enemy at the same time; but it was determined to take the risks and do this, if possible; for the destruction of the repeller was obviously the first duty in hand.

As the two men-of-war rapidly approached Repeller No. 1, they kept up a steady fire upon her, for if in this way they could damage her, the easier would be their task. With a firm reliance upon the efficacy of the steel spring armor, the director-in-chief felt no fear of the enemy's shot and shell, but he was not at all willing that his vessel should be rammed, for the consequences would probably be disastrous. Accordingly he did not wait for the approach of the two vessels, but steering seaward, he signaled for the other crab.

When Crab B made its appearance, puffing its little black jets of smoke as it answered the signals of the director-in-chief, the commanders of the two British vessels were surprised. They had imagined that there was only one of these strange and terrible enemies, and had supposed that she would be afraid to make her peculiar attack upon one of them, because while doing so she would expose herself to the danger of being run down by the other. But the presence of two of these almost submerged engines of destruction entirely changed the situation.

But the commanders of the British ships were brave men. They had started to run down the strangely armored American craft, and run her down they would, if they could. They put on more steam and went ahead at greater speed. In such a furious onslaught the crabs might not dare to attack them.

But they did not understand the nature nor the powers of these enemies. In less than twenty minutes Crab A had laid hold of one of the men-of-war, and Crab B of the other. The rudders of both were shattered and torn away; and while the blades of one propeller were crushed to pieces, the other, with nearly half its shaft, was drawn out and dropped into the ocean. Helplessly the two men-of-war rose and fell upon the waves.

In obedience to orders from the repeller, each crab took hold of one of the disabled vessels and towed it near the mouth of the harbor, where it was left.

The city was now in a state of feverish excitement, which was intensified by the fact that a majority of the people did not understand what had happened, while those to whom this had been made plain could not comprehend why such a thing should have been allowed to happen. Three of her majesty's ships of war, equipped and ready for action, had sailed out of the harbor, and an apparently insignificant enemy, without firing a gun, had put them into such

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

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

News of the Week.

SATURDAY: The disaster at Samoa where six American and German men-of-war were wrecked seems to have been due to the inability of the vessels to get out of the dangerous harbor in time to escape the tornado. There is a regulation in the American navy forbidding vessels to keep up fires when at anchor, except in case of emergency.—The French Cabinet decides to prosecute General Boulanger.

SUNDAY: Terrible prairie fires in Dakota.

MONDAY: Secretary Noble has issued an order especially directed to Corporal Tanner, notifying bureau officers that they have not the power to remove men under them without the knowledge and order of the Secretary of the Interior.—The reduction of the public debt in March amounted to $15,805,651.

TUESDAY: The President pestered with office seekers.—An interesting letter from the intrepid explorer, Stanley, describes terrible suffering in going through forests, etc.

WEDNESDAY: The public will be greatly shocked to learn of Edwin Booth's illness. He was prevented by sudden illness from playing at Rochester, N. Y.—The cruiser Charleston is almost ready for sea. Members of the Examining Board are on the grounds, making preliminary examination. The propeller blades are in position, and the keel is being painted. All the larger machinery is in place.

THURSDAY: A gang of firebugs, who have been fleecing insurance companies, are under arrest in Jersey City and Brooklyn.—Two young girls, sisters, are under arrest at Summit, N. J., for arson. They confess their fiendish acts.—A diabolical attempt to wreck an express train on the Pennsylvania Road was fortunately discovered in time to foil the villains.—The destruction of property by the prairie fires in South Dakota and Minnesota is very great. At least five prosperous towns have been almost obliterated, while several small villages and hundreds of farmhouses have been swept away. The losses in South Dakota alone are estimated at two million dollars.—The British man-of-war Calliope had a narrow escape from destruction in the gale which wrecked the German and American vessels at Apia. Her anchor chains snapped, and by putting on a full head of steam she was taken out to sea.

FRIDAY: The squatters on the DesMoines River lands are vigorously resisting all attempts to evict them.—A Paris house, with a branch in New York city, has been detected in smuggling on an extensive scale.—A gang of New York incendiaries has been broken up by the arrest of six of its members.—A dispatch from Washington says that President Harrison's policy is to recognize the pretentionists of the South rather than the negro and so is merely because they are colored.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Boulanger the moment he touches French soil.—The scenes at the Democratic primaries in Cohoes, N. Y., were characteristic of the party.—The President Harrison has appointed an hour for devotional services to commemorate the Washington centennial on the 30th of April.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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An Able Editor.

The death of H. W. Richardson of the Portland Advertiser removes from the press of Maine one of the ablest and most scholarly members of the editorial fraternity. Though knowing nothing personally of Mr. Richardson, we have for some years had an intimate acquaintance with the paper upon which his strong individuality was stamped. The Advertiser is the only paper whose editorial column has been regularly read, every word of it, in this office,—not for confirmation of our opinions, for that was often lacking, but because that column not only contained matter of interest, but was a model in every respect. In it the topics of the day were treated, not at great length, but in clear, terse paragraphs that left no doubt in the mind of the reader as to their meaning. Dogmatic these utterances sometimes were, but always able. If the subject was one in regard to which the general public had not become fully informed, a clear explanatory statement of the facts in the case was made in a wonderfully few words, so that no one could fail to understand the situation.

The Advertiser has in general supported the Republican party, not because it was a party, but because the editor believed in its principles. He was, however, independent in all things, and had no hesitation in opposing the party or its leaders if it seemed right to him to do so.

The Advertiser, under Mr. Richardson's management, has never aimed to be an exponent of the prevalent sensational newspaper "enterprise" of the time; its news matter has been somewhat limited in amount, and select in quality. In its typographical, literary and editorial features, it has furnished a model which all papers would do well to copy.

That Outrageous Law.

During the session of the Legislature last winter, there was a warm discussion of the amendments to the tramp law, the country members generally contending that the proposed measure was necessary for the safety of the people, while the city members, who had had no practical experience with the tramp nuisance, pronounced the law inhuman and barbarous. The law as finally passed contained this clause:

Whoever goes about from town to town, or from place to place in any town, asking for food or shelter or begging or subsisting upon charity, shall be deemed a tramp, and imprisoned in the county jail for not less than sixty days, at hard labor for ten hours each day, Sundays excepted.

The first conviction under this clause has taken place, and has been made by the city papers the text for quite extended comments upon the inhumanity and inexpediency of the new law. Three wood-choppers, who had imprudently spent their earnings and were "footing it" to Massachusetts in search of more work, applied at the Biddeford police station for a night's lodging. Recorder Cram of the Biddeford Municipal Court, who was presiding during the illness of the judge, decided that the men had thus laid themselves liable to the penalty, and City Marshal Tarbox agreed with him. The prisoners averred that they had not begged from house to house or solicited any charity, beyond applying for lodging at the station, but they were nevertheless sentenced to sixty days in jail. The interesting part of the trial was when Recorder Cram called upon Representative Chadbourne, who fought the law in the Legislature, to make some remarks. We are told that Mr. Chadbourne said he "looked upon the tramp law as an outrage, but failed to see how the three unfortunates before the court could escape the sentence."

Whether the men were liable under the clause quoted above, seems to us like a debatable question. The whole thing makes it evident that it is the intention of the opponents of the law to make it as obnoxious as possible. Enforcement to the letter is a natural and perfectly legitimate means of accomplishing this purpose. But the spectacle of a judge, while engaged in imposing sentence, calling upon a person having no connection with the court to denounce the very law under which the sentence is imposed, is something new in court procedure.

Plenty of Opportunity.

Judging from the number of States that are enacting secret ballot laws, there will be plenty of opportunity to learn by observation of the practical workings of the secret ballot before its adoption is again urged upon a Maine Legislature.

We Can't Accept.

The appintment of a Public Printer is said to give the President a good deal of trouble. He says that is a serious matter to appoint a man to the head of the largest printing establishment in the world.

Sorry to disappoint you, but it won't be so that we can accept Mr. President.

An Oxford County Woman.

The Colorado State Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps recently met at Greeley for their annual encampments. Mrs. C. G. Howard, who occasionally writes interesting letters to the Democrat, is president of the Greeley relief corps, and in that capacity delived an address of welcome to the visitors.

One Murder Not Enough.

Not satisfied with the murder of Col. Clayton to prevent the apprehension of the ballot box thieves, the Arkansas desperadoes have assassinated a colored man who gave important evidence concerning the murderers. While these murders may not, in a sense, be political, as it is asserted they are not, it is the generally demoralized condition of the political system which is responsible for them. The words of President Harrison's inaugural address are peculiarly applicable:

The community that by concert, open or secret, among its citizens, denies to a portion of its members their plain rights under the law, has severed the only safe bond of social order and prosperity.

Halstead's Rejection.

The Senate finally rejected the nomination of Murat Halstead, editor of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, as minister to Germany, not because of any question as to his fitness for the place, but on account of his editorial criticisms upon members of the Senate. The matter has a somewhat lengthy history, the original sources of trouble being Mr. Halstead's intemperance of expression, and the fact that some members of the United States Senate owe their seats in that body to the corrupt use of money. Even though Mr. Halstead may have been intemperate in his language, he was laboring in the interest of purity of our political system, and his rejection is, to say the least, easily construed as a blow at the freedom of the press.

STATE NEWS.

A new shoe factory at Waldoboro will be started this week.

An old lady in Riverdale was fatally burned while kindling a fire.

Two shoe manufacturing concerns are talking about moving to Saco—one now located in Massachusetts and the other in Maine.

The job of preparing the plans for the new State House wing has been awarded to Brigham and Spofford, architects, of Boston.

H. W. Richardson, editor and proprietor of the Portland Advertiser, died at the Maine General Hospital in Portland, of Bright's disease, last Wednesday.

Drs. Brickett of Augusta and Thayer of Waterville have been appointed on the Augusta board of surgeons for examining pension applicants in place of Drs. Lapham and Crosker.

As the result of a full examination of the matter, Gov. Burleigh has withdrawn the nomination of Mr. Fairbanks for State Liquor Commissioner, and Col. Howard continues in that position.

The constitutionality of the new issue of state bonds having been questioned, Governor Burleigh asked the opinion of the Supreme Court. The decision rendered is that the bonds are valid.

Chief Justice Peters has overruled the motions for a new trial in the Stain-Crommwell case. An appeal was taken to the full court, which is not obliged to render a decision before a year from next June. The indictments against Sellon, the postal car homicide, and Stevenson, who shot the tramp, were placed on file, and the bail discharged, thus setting the men free. Both were indicted for manslaughter, and their trials resulted in a disagreement.

Commencing on the 26th of June, the Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway will run a vestibule train once a week from Chicago to Portland. The train will start from Chicago Wednesday, stopping half a day at Niagara and giving such of its passengers as wish an opportunity to go down the St. Lawrence by boat, finally arriving in Portland Saturday noon. Only through passengers will be taken. The train will be practically a moving palace. The Chicago and Grand Trunk Road has been booming Casco Bay as a summer resort, and this train is a part of the boom.

Resolutions.

Adopted by the M. I. C. on the death of Helen S. Gatchell.

Whereas, We have again suffered the loss of another one of our members by the death of Helen S. Gatchell, and,

Whereas, We desire to express as a body, our sorrow for that loss be it

Resolved, That by the death of our friend we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of the love and esteem which were felt for her by all our number.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and to the Oxford County Record, Democrat and Advertiser for publication.

ADDIE L. ALLARD, GEORGIE HALEY, CORA M. GILES, } Committee on Resolutions.

Obituary.

Died, at the family residence in Lumar, at 10 A. M., March 14, Cornelia Gammon, wife of J. E. Gammon, aged sixty years, one month and seven days. For some time past, the sad occurrence outlined above, has been anticipated. A victim of cancer, that foe, which in its worst form is relentless to the last degree, Mrs. Gammon has known for months that her days on earth were numbered. A year or so ago, a cancerous formation was taken from her side, and for a time it was thought that the danger had passed, but this hope proved delusive, for the treacherous disease took firmer hold than ever upon its subject, having attacked the bone with such vigor that in January last, the patient's arm broke by the application of no greater force than the simple effort of turning in bed. From that time, little could be done beyond preparing for the inevitable, and lessening the burdens of the sufferer's last days. Mr. and Mrs. Gammon came from Earlville, Ill., to Lumar, eight years ago, bringing with them their two surviving children, Guy and Miss Gertie, now Mrs. Edward Butler. Deceased was a lady of many admirable traits, and her death is sincerely mourned by her circle of acquaintances. The remains, accompanied by Mr. Gammon and Mr. Butler were, on Friday morning taken to Earlville, where they were placed beside those of two children, who died years ago.—Southwest Missourian, Lamar, Missouri.

THE ART AMATEUR for April has for one of its colored supplements a superb study of red apples on a bough. Full directions are given for copying this plate. The other colored supplement is for china painting—a fern design for cup and saucer. "Letters to a young lady who asks if she can learn china painting" are continued, and there is much practical information concerning various branches of the every day work of the amateur artist. Another large design for a Church banner is given (St. Mark)—it will be just in time for the day in honor of that saint; it is suitable for needlework or for painting. The excellent series of monograms is resumed, and china painting and other designs are given with the usual profusion. Price 35 cents. Montagne Marks, Publisher, 23 Union Square, New York.

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CHURCHES.

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

Methodist Church, Rev. W. F. Holmes Pastor: On Sunday, preaching service, 10.45 a. m.; Sabbath school, 12 m.; morning prayer meeting, 9.30 a. m.; evening prayer meeting, 6.30 p. m. Tuesday prayer meeting, 7.45 p. m. Class meeting, Friday, 7.45 p. m.

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

STATED MEETINGS.

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

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

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

The Grange Store is open for trade Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Golden Cross.—First and third Thursdays.

I. O. G. T.—So. Paris Lodge, No. 311, meets every Monday evening in the G. A. R. Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets the first and third Tuesday evening, in G. A. R. Hall at 7:30 P. M.

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

Our schools commenced last Monday with fine prospects and we are confident of good work in each department.

Miss Mabel Rawson has charge of the school on Pleasant Street.

Frank Libbey's health is much better than it was in the winter.

D. F. Bowker spent Sunday at home.

Members of Mt. Mica Lodge of Odd Fellows are requested to be present at the next meeting Thursday evening of this week when the mystic rites will be conferred upon four candidates.

Rev. Mr. Holmes is suffering from a cold and a throat trouble.

Mr. Frost from South Woodstock has engaged to work for Capt. Bolster in the store.

G. H. Porter has been sending a large quantity of apples up the line to Canada.

Our hotels are having a large amount of spring company.

Mr. Moses Gage died last week having reached his 82d year. Mr. Gage settled in Paris December 19th, 1834.

Elisha Stevens from the west is visiting relatives here.

Miss Bray is new assistant teacher in the high school.

A. E. Shurtleff has purchased a team and will traffic in eggs the coming year.

At present it is Postmaster Frothingham notwithstanding the various petitions.

Gerry's will be the headquarters for guns and ammunition also for sporting goods of all kinds.

F. A. Shurtleff is agent for the Brunswick laundry, where only the first class work is done.

Our shoe makers who work in Norway have been having a vacation.

C. R. Penley, an enterprising farmer, broke up one half acre of ground March 30th.

Capt. H. N. Bolster has a great bargain in a 50 cent tea.

This will be a great season for competition on colts. There never were so many good ones in our town, and the owners are bound to develop them.

Theodore Thayer is having some fine carriages made for his livery.

There will be a grand base ball match Fast Day. The Rockets and Merchants have made arrangements to open the season on that day.

Our village assessors have been at work on the valuation this week.

The Shurtleff residence has been opened for the summer. It is to be painted on the outside.

Tornado, the Eclair colt owned by J. H. Martin, three years old in June, weighs 1,025 pounds, and a better colt all round is hard to find in this State.

We have never seen the Little Androscoggin as low at this season of the year as now.

Dr. Whitaker's lecture will be given Friday evening April 12th.

The vestibule train which is to pass through here from Chicago is said to be the finest train ever built by the Pullman Company.

H. F. Morton, Esq., is away on a business trip.

There were two burials in our village Sunday. Mrs. Aaron Dunn, who was about seventy three years of age, and Miss Louisa B. Merrill, sister of F. C. Merrill. She was fifty-six years of age the 1st of last December.

Mrs. O. W. Bent goes to Boston Tuesday to purchase a fine stock of choice millinery goods. Mrs. Bent has had more than twenty years experience in the best shops in New York, Chicago and Minneapolis, and for a parlor milliner she is second to none. You are all invited to her grand opening which occurs Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week, at her residence on Hill Street. No cards. Notice will be given in next week's paper.

A. C. Deer advertises to sell a desirable lot of furniture at very low prices, at his place near the Paris house.

Our streets in the village are getting quite dry, but outside mud predominates.

As Amasa Swift was crossing the railroad to his wood lot last week, he noticed an approaching train, but had ample time had not one of his horses caught his shoe on a spike, which threw him down across the track. The other broke the whiffletree and got away. The horse that was thrown was killed, and the lumber wagon was converted into kindling wood instantaneously.

Sensible.

One of the cheriest and altogether most appreciated men about our streets is plain John D. Long, for the first time in years without a handle to his name, who is practising law and thoroughly happy. Some comfort to see a man who has been in politics, step out of his own accord, and is not full of gall and bile, but glad to go to work at his business.—Boston Record.

State Fair Colt Stakes.

The Trustees of the State Agl Society have just fully decided in regard to the colt stakes to be trotted at the State Fair at Lewiston, Sept. 10-13. The stakes have been made much larger than last year, which was a trial, but which as we all remember, drew out the largest and finest field of colts ever seen in Maine.

The following is a summary of the stakes, &c.: Yearlings, $10; 2 yrs. old, $20; 3 yrs. old, $25; 4 yrs. old, $30. Usual conditions. Entries close and first payment, 20 per cent, April 10.

In addition the Society add consolation purses of $45 for yearlings; $60 for 2 yrs old; $75 for 3 yrs. old; $90 for 4 yrs. old, to be divided among the non-winners.

And further they offer a series of silver cups to the colts in each class which make the best mile or half mile, single dash, against time.

These stakes and inducements can hardly fail to bring together a string of colts of which the old Maine State may well be proud. Address A. L. Dennison, Sec., Portland, on or before April 10.

As a family medicine which will meet so many emergencies we consider Brown's Instant Relief leads.

For Rheumatism try Brown's Relief.

For Lumbs and Calves use B. I. R.

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Realizing that the circulation of

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PUBLISHERS.
PARIS, MAINE.

Newspapers in 1889

From the edition of George P. Rowell & Co.'s "American Newspaper Directory," published April first (its twenty first year), it appears that the newspapers and periodicals of all kinds issued in the United States and Canada now number 17,107, showing a gain of 797 during the last twelve months, and of 7,882 in ten years.

For Sore Throat use Brown's Relief.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an E st. India missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility in all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

We Have a Full Stock
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White and Bronze.

Opaque and Holland Shades!
Stop and Balance Fixtures!
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Good Quality and a Fair Profit.

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HINDERCORNS.
The only sure Cure for Corns. Stops all pain. Prevents conches to the feet. 15c. at Druggists. Hiscox & Co., N.Y.

ARE YOU CONSUMPTIVE
Have you Night Sweats, Coughs, Consumption? Use PARKER'S GINGER TONIC. It has cured the worst cases and is the best remedy for all life troubles from defective nutrition. Take in time. 50c. and $1.00.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth.
Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color.
Prevents Dandruff and hair falling out, and 50 other Druggists.

DEAFNESS CURED by Peck's Pat. Invisible Tubular Ear Cushions. Whispers heard distinctly. Comfort. Also, Nasopharyngeal Tube for Catarrh. Pamphlet with testimonials FREE. Address or call on F. HISCOX, 853 Broadway, N. Y.

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Will you please inform your readers that we have permanent employment for honest, temperate, energetic men, soliciting orders for our fruit and ornamental nursery stock. The business is easily and quickly learned, and successful men are earning good salaries with steady work. Our stock is first-class, hardy and true to name. Those desiring full particulars will please address us.

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STATEMENT
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
OF PHILADELPHIA.

DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Capital Stock,	$ 400,000.00
Reserve for Reinsurance,	1,328,371.80
Reserve for Unpaid Losses, etc.,	87,103.89
Net Surplus,	1,291,075.59
	$3,106,551.18

SCULL & BRADLEY, Managers.
GIDEON SCULL. FRED'K BRADLEY. GEO. P. FIELD.

W. J. WHEELER, Agent.
South Paris, Maine.

Statement United States Branch
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Real Estate owned by Company,		$1,814,209.10
U. S. Bonds owned by Company,		2,513,750.00
Cash in Banks and Office,		328,711.82
Accrued Interest,		14,529.32
Uncollected Premiums,		433,800.21
All other Assets,		20,883.15
		$5,233,883.60
Unpaid Losses,	$ 299,502.06	
Re insurance Reserve,	2,314,928.54	
All other liabilities,	406,788.94	3,015,629.54
Surplus in the United States,		$2,218,064.06

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WM. J. WHEELER, Agent,
South Paris, Maine.

Notice of Foreclosure of Mortgage.

WHEREAS, Francis Willey, then of Fryeburg in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, did, on the twenty-first day of September, A. D. 1846, by his mortgage deed of that date, duly executed and recorded in Oxford Western District Registry of Deeds, in book 23 page 341, convey in Mortgage to Daniel McNeal of the same Fryeburg, the following described real estate in said Fryeburg, bounded as follows in said mortgage, viz:

"Beginning on the road leading from Fryeburg village to Portland, at the easterly corner of John Evan's house lot, thence running a south-westerly course on Evan's line to his south-westerly corner, thence south about forty-eight and a half degrees east, six rods to H. C. Buswell's land, thence along said Buswell's line to the road, thence on said road to the bound begun at, together with the buildings thereon." And whereas, thereafterwards, on the eighteenth day of March A. D. 1847, the said McNeal by his assignment in writing of that date, duly executed and recorded in said Registry, book 46, page 119, assigned said mortgage to Isaiah Warren, late of said Fryeburg, deceased, testate, whose will was thereafterwards duly proved and allowed in the Probate Court for said county of Oxford, and the subscribers duly appointed and qualified as the executors thereof, and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore we claim a foreclosure of the same, according to the Statute in such cases made and provided.

Dated at Fryeburg this fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1888.

OTIS WARREN.
JOEL E. MORRILL.
Executors of the last will and testament of Isaiah Warren, deceased.

Notice of Foreclosure of Mortgage.

WHEREAS, Francis Willey then of Fryeburg in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, did, on the ten th day of November, A. D. 1862, by his mortgage deed of that date, duly executed and recorded in the Oxford Western District Registry of Deeds, book 45, page 277, convey in mortgage to Isaiah Warren, late of said Fryeburg, deceased, testate, whose will was duly proved and allowed in the Probate Court for said county of Oxford, and the subscribers duly appointed and qualified as executors thereof, certain real estate in said Fryeburg, described as follows, to wit:

"Beginning at the corner on the county road leading by said Warren's tannery, thence a southerly course by land owned by John Kane, and by land owned by Rev. Paul Richmond to the new street, so-called, leading from the Oxford House by Buswell's tannery, thence in an easterly direction down said street to land now owned by said Warren, thence by said Warren's land in a northerly direction to land owned by H. C. Buswell; thence by said Buswell's land and land owned by John Seavey, to the first mentioned road, thence by said road to the first mentioned corner;" together with the buildings thereon. And whereas, the condition of said mortgage has been broken, we claim a foreclosure of said mortgage according to the statute in such cases made and provided.

Dated at Fryeburg this fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1888.

OTIS WARREN.
JOEL E. MORRILL.
Executors of the last will and testament of Isaiah Warren, deceased.

Teachers Examination.

All teachers intending to teach summer terms in the town of Paris are requested to meet at the schoolhouse at South Paris on Saturday, April 20th, at ten o'clock A. M., for examination.

H. E. CHASE, S. L. CURTIS, H. WINSHIP, } S. S. Committee of Paris.
South Paris, March 30, 1889.

JOBS IN GUNS.

	Regular Price.	Job.
1 Harrington & Richardson hammerless,	75.00	55.00
3 Remington Damascus barrels, 10 G	40.00	30.00
2 Colt Double Barrel Twist 10 & 12 G	45.00	35.00
2 Shot and Rifle Combined, 12 G 44 cal.	20.00	18.00
2 Hollis Eng ish Complete Gun, 10 G	35.00	25.00
2 Bonehill do do do 10 G	35.00	25.00
1 Whitn'y Ke'ely Rifle, 38 with Waldurf telescope	35.00	20.00
5 Single barrel Semihammerless, 10 G	15.00	12.00
3 Dickerman Shot and Rifle,	23.00	18.00
100 Double barrel breech loaders, top snap, twist barrel, rubber butt, pistol grip, and complete loading tools,	22.50	16.00
100 Complete Fish Rods—Reel & silk line	3.50	2.00

All the above are new and in perfect order and condition. Goods sent C. O. D. on receipt of $2.00 to guarantee express charges.

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Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, John S. Colby of Greenwood, in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, by his Mortgage deed dated the sixteenth day of July, A. D. 1883, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, book, 206 page 196 conveyed to me, the undersigned, a certain parcel of real estate, situated in said Greenwood and bounded and described as follows, viz: The homestead farm of the said John S. Colby and the same now occupied by him and being the same real estate conveyed to said Colby by Dennis W. Cole by deed dated July 2, A. D. 1881, recorded in said Registry Book 196, page 454. 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.

Dated April, 4, A. D. 1889.

JAMES F. RICH.

DYEING How to send Goods to the Dye House. Garments of every description Cleaned or Dyed whole and pressed ready for wear. Faded or worn goods must be dyed dark colors to look well; also give option of two colors, your address plainly written on a slip of paper, with the color you want pinned on to the goods. Do your parcel up neat, tie strong and direct to FOSTER'S FOREST CITY DYE HOUSE, 13 Preble Street, Portland, Maine.
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THE Mother's Comfort
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BABY CARRIAGE!!

The best made and handsomest carriage in the United States, beautifully upholstered and mounted on the best of running gear; ease, comfort and elegance combined. Over 200 varities to select from. See them before you select any carriage.

THE BEST BABY

Age, weight and general appearance taken into consideration, will get a carriage free; send in the baby's photo.—The pictures are coming in fast and the carriages are rolling out faster.

A FULL LINE OF
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House Furnishings,
at lowest prices, and on your own terms. Ask to see our
Latest Ash Chamber Set at $18
Also ask to see the
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ATKINSON
House Furnishing Co.
NORWAY, MAINE.
CHARLES CROCKETT, Manager.

Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss.—March 30, A. D. 1889.

This is to give notice, that on the 30th day of Mar. A. D. 1889, a warrant in insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Eugene W. Stanley, of Lovell in said County adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 30th day of Mar. A. D. 1889 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 17th day of April, A. D. 1889, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Yes, — It Has Finally Arrived.
What has arrived—do you ask? Why—that invoice of
FINE TEA
That we ordered last fall, to be shipped to us direct from CHINA, came in only a few days ago, and we are now offering
Fine Qualities
AT
Very Low Prices.
For the Next
THIRTY DAYS
we shall sell a good Formosa for 30cts per pound, —or, $1.00 will buy four pounds.
Please to call and try it, and buy the best bargain in tea, that you ever bought,—to be found at the store of
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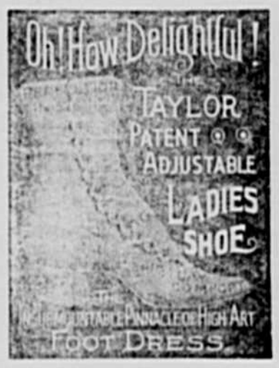

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No other Local Dealer has the
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Kenney AND Plummer,
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North Newry, Dec. 4, '88.
I will not keep house without "Brown's Instant Relief" and there are others in this place who say the same by it.
R. W. KILGORE.

Your Money refunded if it fails to benefit you when used strictly as directed on inside wrapper, so you take no risk in trying it.
Sold by all dealers.

READ
"The Great War Syndicate!"

1889. SPRING 1889.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
Are you going to do any painting this Spring? If you are please to call and examine our stock of
SENOUR'S
MIXED PAINTS.
THE
Best Mixed Paints,
that we have ever found. FANCY SHADES for inside work, ground in varnish, giving a FINE GLOSS. Also
Special Mixtures
For floors, hardens up very solid, and so gives a smooth glossy surface.
Just what Will Suit You
Every Time. Call and see it at
H. N. Bolster's,
Market Square, - South Paris.

LARGE STOCK
—OF—
New Room Papers, and Borders, Ceiling Decorations and Window Shades,
Latest Styles just put in. Now is the time to purchase.
ALSO A
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Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, Books, Stationery, etc.,
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Now is the season to use Crockett's Celebrated Condition Powders.
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There is no line of goods manufactured of which the consumer knows so little regarding quality.
You ask for a pair of GOOD RUBBERS and take what ever the retailer offers you. If you will insist on having the
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goods and be sure that they bear this Company's name or trade mark, you will be assured of a good article. They are made of the finest PURE PARA RUBBER, and are sold by all FIRST CLASS retailers. Insist on having them and take no others.

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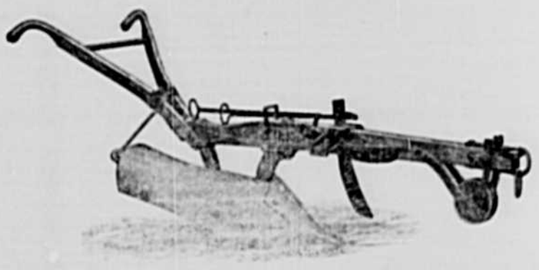

I would call especial attention of the farmers to my lately improved
O. K. Swivel Plows
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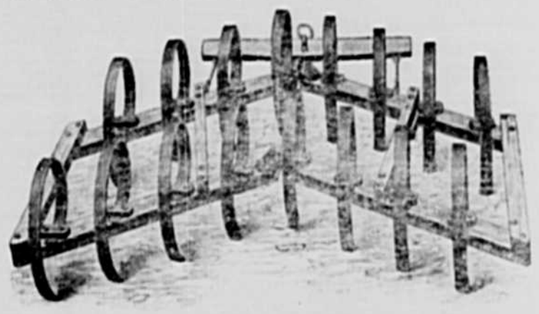
Which will do the work of the level land plows of the State. For ease of draft and amount and quality of work, it leads any plow in the market. Warranted to give satisfaction.



My Dirigo Spring Tooth Harrow
Has an entirely new style frame, simple in construction, strong and durable. The price will place them within the reach of every farmer. I also manufacture a
NEW STYLE SPRING TOOTH HORSE CULTIVATOR.
I manufacture and keep constantly on hand a large stock of my
O. K.
Patent Swivel plows, O. K. Level Land Plows, Paris Plows, O. K. Steel Coulter Harrows, and Harrow Teeth, Steel Frame Horse Cultivators, Steel Frame Spring Tooth Harrows, Corn Planters Etc., Etc.
And can furnish any implement desired at short notice. Give us a call and get your money's worth at the old and reliable South Paris Implement Factory. Send for circular, to
F. C. MERRILL,
Manufacturer of Agricultural implements.
South Paris, - - - - - - - - - - Maine.
March 22, 1889.

OUR SPRING STYLES
Of Room Papers and Borders, have just arrived, and we now have a
LARGE STOCK!!
of all Grades and Qualities. And we can also say that prices are the LOWEST, that that they have ever been. Please to call and examine both STYLES and PRICES.
We also have the
VICTR SELF ACTING SHADE ROLLER.
The best window shade fixtures that we have ever had, with shades all attached, and so constructed that they can be put up in two minutes. We have a GOOD STOCK of Oil Cloth Carpets, at
Exceedingly Low Prices
Also
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In fact we have a LARGE STOCK of General merchandise, and can offer you BARGAINS in whatever you may need to buy. Call and see us and oblige. Yours,
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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: Sunday School at 2 30 P. M.

Miss Maggie Stanley is visiting in Portland.

Our early spring has taken a long stride backward.

Dr. J. C. Donham of Hebron was at the Hill Monday.

H. A. Fuller, Esq., of South Paris was at the Hill Monday.

Mrs. George Hooper is visiting here, taking a much needed rest.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Atwood and Gertrude Barlow made a trip to Portland Saturday.

In the choice of class day officers of the senior class at Bowdoin, T. S. Crocker of this place gets the opening address.

The thinnest possible veneering of snow furnishes our teamsters with an excuse for pitching into their sleds and bringing in a few feet of wood.

Walter Blake was last week committed to jail to serve a sentence of thirty days imposed by the Norway Municipal Court, for assault and battery.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Edwards of Dixfield formerly of Paris, have the sympathy of a large circle of friends here on the death of their little boy.

Mrs. George L. Vose, of Milton, Mass., came to Mrs. P. S. Black's last week. She is gradually recovering from her long illness, but is very feeble as yet.

An "April fool" party of masquerading strangers (?) appeared on the streets on the evening of the first inst. They made application for lodgings at the jail, but while the jailer was after the handcuffs they "skipped."

There is a new style of dumb waiter recently invented which takes your wardrobe at night, airs it and gives it back in perfect order in the morning. They cost only $2 50. Ask to see them at Paine's Furniture Co., 48 Canal Street, Boston.

Marble & Pierce's famous brood mare, Fanny Patchen, last Wednesday dropped a handsome filly by H. L. Horne's stallion Hebron. This is Hebron's first foal in this county, and with its inheritance on both sides, much is expected of it.

At the school meeting Saturday, A. E. Forbes was chosen clerk and A. S. Austin Agent. A discussion of the question of repairs resulted in instructing the agent to have the north side of the school house roof shingled. No instructions were given as to the time for beginning the summer term.

Wm. K. Greene, Esq., returned Saturday from his western trip. He has been gone two months. His health, which has been quite poor during a part of the time, is now improving. Mr. Greene has furnished the Democrat with some interesting matter relative to Arkansas City, Kan., where he has been visiting, which will be published soon.

Since our last paper was printed, we have received a fuller report of Ex Gov. Perham's birthday celebration, which was spoken of last week. Some thirty-five guests, many of them from Maine, were received by the Ex Governor in the parlors of his son, Captain A. S. Perham. Among the guests were Hon. Nelson Dingley and wife; Hon. William B. Snell, Ex-Judge of the Police Court of Washington and formerly of Monmouth; Rev. S. M. Newman, pastor of the Congregational church of Washington and formerly of Falmouth; Mrs. S. M. Newman; Rev. Alexander Kent, pastor of the Universalist church of Washington; Ex Postmaster General Horatio King, a former resident of Paris, together with Cyrus S. King and Mrs. King; Miss Clara Barton, of the Red Cross Society; Mr. L. N. Prescott, a former editor of the Farmington Chronicle, with Mrs. Prescott and Mrs. Harry Prescott of Chicago; Asa P. Knight and wife, former residents of Bethel; Mrs. Judge Foster of Bethel; Thomas Cleaves and Mrs. Cleaves formerly of Bridgton, Dr. H. N. Howard, also from Maine; Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Dickey, who have been residents of Waldo County; and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Preesey of Lewiston. Congratulatory addresses were made by Mr. Dingley, Mr. Snell, Mr. Newman and Mr. Kent, to which appropriate response was made by Mr. Perham.

Honors for a Paris Boy.

Fred P. Hammond, who graduates next month from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, has recently received a fine hospital appointment as surgeon in that city at a salary of $1 250 a year.

He won his laurels in a competitive examination with thirty-five participants, where all save himself and one other young man, were already graduates in medicine. He took the first rank.

Hospital positions are rarely salaried; the experience and practice in the wards being considered ample pay. As the Harlem Hospital appointment meant the highest salary for a like position in the city, the competition was sharp and the examination critical; but our young townsman bore off the prize.

Mechanic Falls.

The tailoring business of J. A. Bucknam & Co. of Mechanic Falls, has increased so rapidly since William B. Bucknam has again taken charge of their shop, that more good custom coat and vest makers are wanted immediately. Applications should be made at once.

THE BEAR BRIGADE.

Buckfield.

James F. Packard and daughter have spent the past week in Strong.

Postmaster Cole left for Geneva, N. Y., last week. So also Homer N. Chase and Ripley Tuttle.

J. C. Fuller, wife and son, of North Anson, were in town last week visiting friends.

Mrs. Horace A. Irish and sons have returned from Boston, where they have sojourned for several weeks.

Bradbury Damon, son of the late John M. Damon, is very sick of pneumonia.

The youngest child of Fred H. Atwood, a son, is not expected to live.

Born, to the wife of Frank P. Withington, a daughter, April 5th.

Miss Isabella Dorman has taken rooms at the Thomas building to carry on the dress making business. Miss Dorman is a natural artist and will be likely to carry her ideas into the business of making and adjusting ladies' costumes that cannot fail to please the most fastidious and exacting. We bespeak for her a successful business.

In the same building, ladies in pursuit of millinery and fancy goods will find an old friend in new quarters. Mrs. Nellie E. DeCoster, who always meets her friends with an honest smile and tries hard and successfully to meet the sharp competition of the cities, both in style and prices.

Following directly after the Samoan troubles comes an outbreak in the little village of Buckfield. It has long been the custom for Young America, "aping the manner of his elders," to engage in games of chance in playing marbles under the front windows of a particular tenement in town, the game being accompanied with loud talk quite often interspersed with profanity. A new tenant, having taken possession, decided that it would be more pleasant to have the operations removed to other quarters. The lady of the house asked them politely to leave, whereupon the juveniles, emulating the spirit of '76, decided to stand their ground. A broadside of water from an upper window soon put them on the defensive. As there were no tufts of grass such as the old man threw at the rude boy in the apple tree, they sent volleys of oaths. More water was the result, wetting some of them quite thoroughly. One, going home to change wet for dry apparel, returned to the charge, but guns of heavier calibre, carrying more water, soon put them to rout, and now it is "all quiet on the Potomac." Who will say that women should longer be denied the right of suffrage?

Canton.

L. B. Smith is on the sick list.

Arthur Chandler has rented the A. G. Staples place.

The crazy supper and sociable at the Baptist vestry was a success. The proceeds were about $12.

Wm. Howard has gone to Boston.

A. W. Ellis, the painter, has moved into the Harlow house next the Telephone office.

E. M. Briggs, Esq., of Lewiston, was in town Friday.

Will Rowe of Kingfield, has been visiting in town the past week.

The next Universalist Circle meets with Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Bryant's Pond.

Harvey P. Freeman of Rockland, Mass., is stopping at E. Stephens'.

The note that she sent "never came." You have the sympathy of the whole community.

The meetings at the Baptist church are to be continued through this week. Quite an interest has been awakened here by the efforts of Messrs. Hannaford, Bean and Cochrane.

L. A. Coffin has rented William Day's house.

We notice that J. E. Stephens is a candidate for the Rumford Centre postoffice. He is a good fellow and we hope he will be appointed.

Hiram.

The Congregational church is to be supplied by Mr. Eugene Webster, a student at New Haven Theological Seminary.

Mr. Henry Pike has recovered his health and returned to Massachusetts.

Six inches of snow on the night of March 31, and two inches April 1st, made sledding again, and the fragments of wood and lumber are being gathered by the farmers and lumbermen.

Mr. Monroe Boynton has been appointed postmaster at Hiram.

The sudden death of Dr. John T. Wedgewood of Cornish, March 26th, of typhoid pneumonia, is regretted by many of his former patients.

Hon. Almon Young has been elected agent of the village district.

James H. Ridlon is agent on Hiram Hill.

E. Chester Chapman has qualified as truant officer; a very good selection.

N. Ripley Flint is slowly recovering from his serious illness of lead poison and paralysis of legs.

Mrs. Rebecca, widow of the late William Boston, died, March 26th, aged 81 years. She was a pensioner of the war of 1812.

Mr. Samuel Huntress is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

Holstein Freslan stock is increasing rapidly in Hiram.

Mason.

We have had two days of sledding to West Bethel and it has been improved to the fullest.

Ervin Hutchinson finished hauling his ash.

E. T. Maine has returned from Otisfield. His health is much improved. He is stopping with C. F. Brown for the present.

F. I. Bean is painting his house.

Artemas Mason is getting out some.

Mrs. Mason is better but her improvement is so slow that it is hardly perceptible.

There has been no killing of crows in Mason yet. I hope our good people will not give up all other business and think to get rich by killing crows at ten cents a head.

Your Gilead correspondent tells how his old gun trembles. Now, I do not blame the gun but pity it that it is owned by a man that will spend his time killing the best friends he has got and the brightest.

Your West Bethel correspondent says G. H. B. does not like the cap the Legislature put on crows' heads. G. H. B. thinks that any old cap has more sense in it than the majority of the heads of the last Legislature.

South Buckfield.

A typical April day.

Two days of sleighing this week.

A horse trade has been rescinded in town.

Clarence E. Foster has some working oxen for sale.

An auction will be held on the John M. Damon estate on the 12th, for the sale of personal property.

Deputy Warren has bought a young horse belonging to the Damon estate.

John Bryant has bought the Waterman colt. This colt is a son of Major Boone, coming two years old, stands over fifteen hands high and is well proportioned. He is a good gaited colt and promises to be a trotter.

Major Boone is a son of Daniel Boone, dam by Robert Bonner, Jr. The Major is a large limbed, muscular horse, and his offspring are almost universally large, bony colts, with a good set of limbs. This horse has a good pedigree, is a successful sire and worthy of the patronage of breeders.

Cows are quoted low; but the farmers are more interested in the price of butter.

The Lowell pine sold to Willard scaled three hundred thousand. The estimate at the time of sale was one hundred thousand.

Gib Roberts is at work at the city.

A horse trainer of our acquaintance says his pay has averaged $3.50 per day the past winter.

We saw a statement in the newspaper to the effect that Ex Marshal Blisbee was deposed from the United States Marshalship. It should be remembered that Mr. Blisbee was permitted to serve out his full term as United States Marshal.

Charles E. Allen's valuable young horse had an attack of colic at the hotel Tuesday and was attended by A. E. Robinson. He was better at last accounts.

Byron.

Mrs. Irene Shaw, wife of the late John Shaw, died March 9th, after a long and painful sickness of over three months. Aged 82 years, 6 months and 4 days.

Logging is about done for the winter.

The snow is fast leaving us with plenty of mud.

Miriam Hall is going to spend the summer with her sister Julia at Auburn. She goes in a few weeks.

G. L. Hall's house came very near being burned up the other morning. It caught on the roof.

A. S. Young and his daughters have just returned home from a two weeks' visit at Farmington, Mercer and Livermore.

Mrs. Emma Jenkins is very low, not able to sit up much.

Mrs. A. O. Reed is quite poorly this spring.

Mr. Lyman Rundlett and wife are going out west soon. We wish them good luck.

Roxbury.

March 29th born to the wife of L. A. Thomas, a son (9 pounds). Mrs. Thomas is very sick.

March 30th, born to the wife of George H. Ladd, a daughter (8 pounds).

John Huston has been sick for some time, but is a little better.

Mr. Record has a few men here blasting out rocks in the river and waiting for water to run out his lumber.

Our assessors forded the river with wagons on their rounds. A very uncommon occurrence the first of April.

Rumford.

The river is again clear and traveling resumed.

The postoffice is again back in its old quarters in spite of the kickers.

D. A. Thurston lost a horse recently by getting kicked and injured so that it was found necessary to kill it.

Nine or ten good citizens of the neighborhood turned out one day last week and cut and split wood for Mrs. Sarah Martin.

Traveling is frightful.

Quite sickly in this region just now.

Everybody is making maple sugar.

West Sumner.

April has come in as disagreeable as March was pleasant.

Great weather for colds.

H. L. Ryerson has sold his stand to Charles Hadley.

The serenade of Eliphlet Spaulding was well attended notwithstanding the bad travelling.

Warren Lothrop's wife presented him with a fine boy, April 2d.

James Buck has one of the finest looking colts that travel our streets. He looks and acts like a trotter.

Milton Plantation.

We are having quite a lot of snow for April and people take the chance to get a few more sleigh rides.

Thad Sessions has moved back on to the home farm. They passed the winter at Abbott's Mills.

Ellsworth Spofford spent Sunday at his home in Milton quite recently.

Emery Swett has visited Milton lately calling at the old home with some interest.

Bethel.

The town of Bethel at its annual meeting voted to build a lock up, and chose A. E. Herrick, C. M. Wormell and A. B. Godwin, a committee to select a lot and superintend the building. They have contracted with Gilbert Tuell to do the carpenter work, and Benjamin Bryant to put in the foundation. They purchased a lot of J. B. Chapman near Rishto Hall.

The Russell Manufacturing Co. have just finished sawing spool strips for A. J. Smith.

D. A. Cummings is still hauling pulp wood from Albany and sending cars to Yarmouth.

Bethel Chair Co. are driven on orders, sending away large quantities of chairs both finished and in the knock down.

E. Richardson & Son are sawing spool strips which they sell to William E. & J. P. Skillings, the largest spool manufacturers in Maine.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Middle Intervale Circle met April 4th, with Mrs. L. P. Holt. Officers chosen as follows:

Mrs. A. H. Packard, Pres.; Mrs. L. P. Holt, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Oscar Swan, Sec.; Miss Minnie Kimball, Treas.; Mrs. J. H. Carter, Mrs. William Reed, Mrs. C. Caswell, Directors.

Voted to have a sugar party on the evening of April 11th, at Mrs. C. Caswell's. Admission 20 cents.

J. H. Kimball celebrated his 89th birthday April 3d.

Miss Arrie D. Philbrook is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. William Farwell celebrated the 10th anniversary of their marriage on the evening of April 5th.

At the last circle supper, furnished by host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Holt, baked beans and brown bread, pickles, and maple honey with sponge bread—the kind for me.

K. P. K.

Andover.

The assessors are on the war path.

The ladies of the Congregational society held their sociable at the town hall this week.

J. O. Newton who is at home for a short time will teach at Pittston the coming summer.

J. W. Eaton and wife from Winthrop are in town.

Two snow storms this week and sleighs have again been out.

Will Akers has gone to Boston.

The blockade is partially broken, the freight teams being able to reach the railroad, by crossing at Rumford Centre. The beautiful Androscoggin, oh!

The Andover band went to Hanover Wednesday night.

E. E. Bedell will occupy George Andrews' farm at No. 4, the coming year.

Porter.

Eight inches of snow and good sleighing April 1st.

Mrs. Wadleigh, wife of G. B. Wadleigh of Kezar Falls, died last week. She had been out of health for some time.

Mrs. A. F. Mason is very sick and has been for some time. Her health has been rather poor for a long time.

Mr. L. D. Cook had a cow, grade Hereford and Durham, that dropped a calf which weighed 107 lbs.

Mr. I. L. French has accepted a position as correspondent for the Portland Press.

Mr. Walter Libby has returned for a short time from Kansas, where he has been employed in a bank. It is rumored that he will take a wife with him on his return.

There are two more weddings in prospect this spring in this vicinity if there is no slip between the table and the cup board.

Mrs. J. A. Holmes is improving slowly.

Newry.

April is giving us a taste of the weather March should have produced. We have had three snow storms and only the fourth day as yet.

Lebaron Smith died last Sunday night.

Farmers are wanting to know what to do with their potatoes. There has been no call for them at any price since the spring opened. "It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back." It seems as though the last straw is now added to the load farmers have been carrying the past season.

Nat. Trask and sons are done logging. I understand they have put in over a million of spruce this winter.

Lawrence Searle is still hauling birch. He has about eighty cords to get down the mountain yet.

Norway Lake.

Average thermometer for March 26 degrees above zero; average barometer, 29.35. The highest bar. was the first day, 30.40, fair and frosty; lowest bar. the 7th day and rainy. Number of fair days, 14; number of cloudy days, 14; number of rainy, 3.

J. C. Saunders and his wife have both been quite sick the past week.

Many have been sick with colds and liver trouble with more or less fever.

Miss Sarah Newhall who has been stopping at the Lake returns to Boston next Saturday.

Samuel Partridge is at work at his trade of cooper and is a good one. He has done quite an amount of work the past winter for a man of his age.

Albany.

S. G. Bean has lost a good cow by getting her foot over the tie chain and choking.

Warren G. Beckler has gone to Intervale, N. H., to work for the summer.

Miss Virgie Jordan has gone to Bethel to work in the family of S. D. Pillsbury.

Miss Nellie Drew is at home from the shoe factory.

The sleighing from Albany to Bethel was quite good Tuesday morning.

Work on the Grange Hall at the Corner is progressing.

George A. Clark is quite sick again.

A. G. Bean is on the sick list.

Austin Hutchinson has a fine herd of Hereford stock, 25 in number. A bull calf eleven months old that girths 5 feet and one inch. He is about to put in a Cooley Creamery and sell cream to the South Waterford butter factory.

H. O. Wilber has obtained a pension.

East Bethel.

No crossing the river with teams.

The sugar makers are now having a good flow of sap.

Miss Flora Bartlett recently visited Portland on a shopping expedition. She spent the Sabbath with friends at Woodfords.

Mrs. M. S. Kimball has returned home from her visit to Massachusetts.

Miss Mary Sanborn is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Grace Swan.

J. M. Bartlett has returned home from Gilead.

Regular meeting of P. of H. at Grange Hall Saturday evening, April 13th.

East Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Mansfield celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage on the 21. A pleasant company gathered at their home. Refreshments were served and tokens of remembrance left. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the company dispersed with wishes for many happy returns.

Mrs. B. Cole is visiting in Manchester.

Parties of the little folks are in order as well as of the older.

Genie Rounds celebrated her twelfth birthday with a large company of her mates on Wednesday of last week, and Vinie Lane on Saturday same week.

Mrs. Z. O. Wentworth has returned to her home after a sojourn at her father's and brother's.

Brownfield.

School meeting in District No. 2 March 30th, C. E. Whitney was chosen agent.

John Grafton and wife are to take charge at the town farm this year.

J. L. Frink has gone to Alfred to attend Probate Court.

Rumor says the Pequawket House is to have a new landlord.

Della Spring has returned from Massachusetts, where she has been visiting friends.

Last night of dancing school April 5th.

Mrs. Ada Rogers died very suddenly last week.

North-west Bethel.

M. Penley is having a new top built for his meat cart.

Wm. Chapman has been to New Hampshire and got him a pair of horses; he is now having a new farm wagon made. Jot Blake is doing the work.

Mrs. Hiram Wilson is much better, so she is able to do her own work.

Rev. Wellington Newall is very sick. He is stopping with his sister, Mrs. T. H. Chapman.

Hannibal Chapman has been home on a short vacation.

Fryeburg.

Miss Anna Barrows is at home from Boston on a week's vacation.

Miss A. N. Page has gone on a visit to Malden until her shoulder recovers from her late accident.

Mr. T. C. Shirley is sick in bed with the prevailing cold and lung trouble.

Miss H. C. Osgood is improving.

The academy lyceum is reorganized with E. Stilphen, Pres.; Miss Kate Russell, Sec. and Treas. The first public meeting was held last Tuesday evening.

Mr. M. P. Fogg, late superintendent of the corn shop here, has started for Seattle, W. T. Mrs. Fogg has gone with him.

The base ball club of the academy gave an entertainment at the vestry on Thursday evening, consisting of music, recitation by Miss Whitten, a teacher of the academy, and chalk-talk by J. S. Barrows.

Mr. Wormwood is gaining and has been to the office a few times.

Will Morgan of Dartmouth College is at home.

Rev. Mr. Livingston has accepted an invitation to supply the pulpit of the Congregational church at Augusta for two Sundays.

The last entertainment of the course will be a musicale at the vestry on Wednesday evening, April 10th, when an attractive program will be offered.

Oxford.

At the school meeting Wednesday evening John Chadbourne was chosen agent.

A town meeting was held on Saturday. The article in the warrant to raise money for a free high school was passed over also the article relating to the projected road at Welchville. Mrs. George Poor, Miss Phillips and James Jones were chosen trustees of the public library.

Thomas Ellis is at home.

Albert Robinson and Edward Parrott write from Florida that green corn, new potatoes and green peas are part of their bill of fare.

Mrs. Joseph Robinson has had another severe attack of illness. Her son, Thomas Robinson, of Windham, was here last week.

A. L. Faunce is in town.

L. C. Stone died Tuesday night after a long and painful sickness. He leaves a wife and three children.

The seed catalogue of W. H. Eastman, of Sumner, is received. Seeds purchased of Mr. Eastman are reliable and this is a very essential point as sometimes the failure of those first planted makes with our short season all the difference between a good crop and no crop at all.

West Bethel.

John Rollins has bought and moved on to the Harrison French place in Gilead.

E. Prescott Bennett has been very sick with pneumonia but was improving at last accounts.

Several small snow storms during the week have been well utilized by the teamsters.

A. S. Bean's mill yard is well stocked with birch while several hundred cords still remain back, but landed on roads where it can be hauled on wheels. He put on a night crew in his mill last Wednesday evening and furnishes them an abundance of light by electricity, produced by a plant of forty light capacity, recently placed in the basement of the mill. It is furnishing seventeen lights at present. Mr. Bean is also up to the times with a new chime whistle replacing the old familiar one of so long standing. L. E. Allen has faithfully served him as engineer for sixteen years and is master of his calling.

Ice still remains in the Androscoggin here but is treacherous.

Young pigs are dying off about here. Several fine litters gradually dropping away at two weeks old.

N. S. Stearns on the north side of the river has already made fifty-five gallons of maple sweet.

The selectmen are after taxable property at present.

Dixfield.

It is mud, mud everywhere.

John F. Stanley, of Paris, was in town last week.

Frank, aged 3 years and 9 months, son of William and Edith Edwards, died Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock. He was a bright, active little boy and beloved by all who knew him.

We can cross the Androscoggin at this place once more as the boats are in at the back ferry.

John Babb is convalescent from his attack of typhoid pneumonia.

Mexico.

A number of men employed by Calvin Record, Esq., of Livermore, have gone up to the Foster & Marble landings to break them preparatory to starting the logs on the first rise of the stream.

O. P. Tucker who has sold his stand in this place, has leased the Dana Kimball house in Rumford and is moving there.

Joel M. Babb and Daniel G. Frost are sick.

Mrs. J. F. Hall is very sick.

The first trip to Canton depot on wheels was made the 25th inst.

Joseph Cary having had a successful winter's logging near the upper dam has returned home.

Uncle Dillon and A. Q. Coolidge are engaged in hauling gates for Staples' dam to Byron.

As usual, when the roads are almost impassable, the stages are overloaded.

Mrs. R. C. Worthley is in Massachusetts visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Mooney.

F. C. Richards and son are running their mill night and day sawing spool strips.

Mrs. John I. Cross, one of the oldest residents in town, is not expected to live many days. She is at S. S. Dorr's.

Nancy M. Downs, widow of Theodore S. Downs, died March 23d, at the residence of her son in Dixfield village.

At a town meeting held the 25th inst. Randall L. Taylor was chosen selectman to fill a vacancy caused by the refusal of Daniel G. Taylor elected at the March meeting to serve.

Emery C. Park is still at home. He is improving and hopes to return to Bethel soon.

John E. Richards and Adelbert Eastman are expected to return this week from Vermont, where they have been logging the past winter.

Charlotte, wife of Joshua T. Hall, died Saturday, March 30th, funeral services at East Rumford Tuesday, April 2d.

Mrs. Daniel B. and Mrs. Julius R. Austin are in Boston visiting relatives there.

Merton C. Austin has returned to Massachusetts.

There are twenty-four scholars attending our free high school.

Pilny Wing has moved to the Ayers Little farm on Thompson hill.

George Johnson is visiting his brother Thomas.

Herbert O. Gleason is again on the stage as driver to Canton.

Joel M. Babb is poorly.

John Ridlon and other "runners" bring round mud or no mud, so also come the assessors.

Improbable—the "War Syndicate."

SPARKES.

South Bethel.

They finished sawing birch at the furniture factory last Monday.

Circle last Friday at Mrs. Fred Bean's.

Quite a number in the place have colts for sale. J. E. Farwell has a fine yearling 13 hands high, which he wishes to sell.

Many are improving the time to work up their year's wood.

R. J. Virgin has moved his shingle machine from his saw mill to his dowel mill. He has a large lot of shingle stuff of his own to saw beside doing considerable custom sawing.

The boys are talking of organizing a base ball club soon and doing a little playing this summer.

Wilson's Mills.

Quite a number of teams moved out of the woods, during the recent warm weather. The following have come out the past week: Flint & Sturtevant, Cattle & Page, Bennett & Bucknam. Thomas Weymouth and Pennock & Taylor have finished logging.

Mrs. Horace Frost has gone to Aroostook on a visit to her parents.

River drivers are beginning to come.

It now bids fair to be a cold April.

East Waterford.

William Atherton, a native of this town, died at his home in Missouri March 25th, which was his sixty ninth birthday. He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters.

The doctor was called Tuesday to see L. M. Sanderson's youngest child, who has a severe cold and some fever.

H. E. Allen has hired for the season with Wm. Kingman, Fred Skinner with Z. Abbott.

Margaret A. Baker, of Norway, has been engaged to teach the summer term in the Young District.

West Paris.

Mrs. Betsey Ficket, aged 69 years, died at her daughter's residence (Mrs. Berry) at Trap Corner, Tuesday morning, Apr. 2d.

Will Hall, of this place, has bought a farm in Norway and moved on to it.

S. L. Perry, of Woodford's, Maine, has rented E. Willis's house and will move his family here in a few weeks.

Mr. Willis has sold his carpenter shop to Mr. Townsend for a rent, and they are moving it across the street on to a lot purchased of Will Willis.

T. F. Kendall has been at work at South Woodstock for two weeks building a stable for Al Andrews. Mr. Kendall expects to commence on J. C. Andrews' tenement house the first of the week.

Jerry H. Cole has returned to this place. Mr. Cole has been attending Gray's Business College at Portland this winter.

Farmers report the best year for syrup that they have had for a number of years.

The Grange at this place is increasing rapidly. It now has sixty-four members. Six new applications were received March 30th. The meetings are very interesting and are largely attended. They have meetings nearly every week. In spite of the bad going the Patrons are bound to get there. Seventeen new members have joined since January 1st.

North Buckfield.

D. R. Jack's mare, Rose, dropped a nice Baby Bean colt last week.

Mrs. Africa Farrar scalded her feet quite badly by tipping over a kettle of hot water.

Mr. Joseph Tuttle and wife, from Portland, are visiting at L. F. Sherwood's.

Miss Ada Churchill, from Nova Scotia, is visiting at Mrs. N. B. Emery's.

Born, to the wife of Frank E. Damon, a boy, March 28th.

Mr. Wm. B. Morse, who has been sick a long time, died April 3d. His brother Orin from Auburn has been here a part of the time for the past week.

Mrs. N. C. Marston is visiting at her brother's, A. F. Mason's.

E. F. Bicknell and family, from Norway, are stopping at his father's for awhile.

Luther Turner is preparing to put an addition to his house.

Mrs. Belle Swallow is at Livermore Falls taking care of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Gibbs who is quite sick.

Hebron.

Wednesday evening the scholars had a masquerade sociable in the chapel and lots of fun as usual.

On Thursday evening Rev. William H. Clark, of Mechanic Falls, gave a temperance entertainment in the chapel, "Where is my Boy To-night?" consisting of a lecture illustrated by sixty changeable pictures thrown upon a screen by the new patent stereopticon. Mr. Clark fitted for college at the academy and his old friends are glad to welcome him again.

Mr. Bates, of Auburn, is at work for L. S. Bumpus this spring.

The road through the woods to South Paris is reported very bad yet.

There has been quite a good run of sap the past week and very little snow in the woods makes it much easier work than last year.

The village people and the school have been more favored this year in regard to sickness, and more free from the usual colds and catarrhal troubles than last.

The doctor reports a great amount of sickness outside the village. The sickness has generally been throat and lung diseases of a catarrhal type and accompanied by bilious complications. While there has been a large amount of sickness among the old folks, nearly all of them are recovering from their various attacks.

Mrs. Walker of South Boston, has been prostrated by severe illness while visiting her relatives, Henry and Addie Howard. Although at one time her life was nearly despaired of, she is in a fair way of recovery, and it is hoped will soon be able to return to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bumpus although feeble have got through the winter as comfortably as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols are made happy by the birth of a fine daughter.

Notwithstanding the bad condition of the roads, Dr. Donham has made almost daily trips over No. 4 hill where a peculiar type of lung disease has prevailed.

Rev. C. E. Harden attended the funeral of Mr. Moses Corbett yesterday. Several went from this way, among them Dr. Donham and wife and Etta Startevant.

C.

Dickvale.

Sleighing has become a thing of the past.

J. C. Wyman has finished sawing birch.

The funeral services of Uncle Gran. Child took place to-day, A. A. Abbott officiating.

Rumford Centre.

Ollie Pettengill and Freddie, from this place, are two of the five who are sick with scarlet fever at Kent's Hill.

Gracie, daughter of Mr. James Welch is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. George Blanchard at East Rumford is quite poorly. Also Mr. Albion Bestie of this place.

Many in town have severe colds.

Hartford.

Just snow enough to make two days of poor sleighing.

Lewis Stetson is very sick with typhoid fever.

Will Russell finishes work for C. M. Irish next Monday. Mr. Irish has hired Mr. Newton on his farm for the coming year.

The selectmen are making their annual raid this week.

North Paris.

Miss Lucy Andrews is to teach the summer term of school in District No. 12, North Paris.

Prof. Chamberlain got tipped over while getting his organ home from the concert and hurt his head quite badly.

The Grange at West Paris is having quite an addition to its membership from this way and is growing quite fast.

West Fryeburg.

Philbrook Bradley had another shock on Wednesday, and at this writing lies in a critical condition.

Henry Andrews has contracted to drive the timber in Kimball Pond.

James Hutchins of Lovell has bargained for the buildings now occupied by F. W. Spring.

Sumner.

March ended and April commenced with a flurry of snow.

Miss Nellie Foster has gone to work for her aunt, Mrs. Mellen Snell of Turner.

Mr. Winslow Young, of Abington, Mass., was in town a short time last week.

Gilead.

It has snowed every day since Sunday.

John Richardson and Eben Bennett are making lots of maple sugar.

Alson Bennett is contemplating building him a house the coming summer.

William Chapman has bought him a pair of large Canada work horses. He intends doing business now with a four-inch auger.

A. B. Lary sold a beeve the other day, two years and nine months old, that dressed 940 pounds.

East Peru.

A. B. Griffith has been to Winthrop and bought five Jersey cows.

The Smith brothers had about 425 cords of birch hauled to this place. They are sawing their birch in squares. They bundle their slab wood and pile it up to send off.

Willard Lewis has hired out with C. W. Walker of Canton for $22 00 per month for six months.

Ozroe Wyman has returned to school at Waterville.

North-West Norway.

Dr. Calvin Walker has moved into his house, known as the Otis Martin house. He was delayed from moving for some time by sickness of his children. The doctor has built a new chimney and painted and papered most of the rooms.

Charles Merrill was elected school agent in district No. 14 at their annual meeting.

Mrs. John York is failing fast, and is a great sufferer.

Mr. Lord from North Norway is sawing wood for Orin Brown with his horses.

East Hebron.

We are enjoying a fine sap spring. Sugar makers report the best run of sap for years.

At the school meeting in district No. 4, B. C. Keene was chosen agent, and H. N. Merrill clerk.

East Hebron Grange is gaining rapidly in numbers, and expects to do good work this spring and summer.

The Keene brothers have completed their job logging for Willard. They have done a big winter's work.

Locke's Mills.

Dr. J. Pierce has been appointed United States Detective.

Addison Bryant has returned from Patch Mountain.

J. A. Fairbanks has bought the house now occupied by A. W. Herrick of E. E. Rand.

Rev. Mr. Cochrane will preach in the church next Sabbath.

Mace Bartlett has sold his pony to parties at West Paris.

Ira C. Jordan has opened his new store.

F.

Rev. Mr. Hannaford preached a very interesting sermon Sunday.

E. A. Herrick has moved into Dr. Pierce's tenement.

Wm. Bean is suffering from a severe cold and liver trouble. Dr. Rankin attends him.

Lovell.

The people of this vicinity were saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Isaac Chandler, who died on Monday, April first, at quarter past twelve in the morning, aged 73 years and six months. He has been in constant practice at Lovell for forty-five years and riding extensively in surrounding towns. He was a man of keen judgment and extensive reading, a reliable and skillful physician, kind and liberal to the poor and it is safe to say that no man in this community would be so generally missed in his intercourse with the people as he.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 2 P. M.; Sabbath-school, 12 45 P. M.

Second Congregational Church, Rev. B. S. Rideout pastor. Preaching service, Sunday, 10 30 A. M.; Sabbath school, 11 45 A. M.; Social Meeting, 7 00 P. M., Tuesday; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, 7 30 P. M., Friday.

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

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C. No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Albion Hersey, H. P. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening, on or before full moon. Geo. W. Holmes, W. M.; H. D. Smith, Sec.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. T. L. Webb, N. G.; E. C. Whitney, Sec. Willey Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month. E. E. Libby, C. P.; T. L. Webb, Scribe.—Graded Mutual Relief Association of Maine—I. O. O. F. Annual meeting, third Monday in January. A. S. Kimball, President. A. L. Pike, Sec.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Thursday Evening. Porter B. Swift, C. C.; G. E. Lasselle, K. of R. and S.

I. O. G. T.—In Grange Hall, every Saturday evening. C. W. Marshall, C. T.; F. E. Williams, Sec.

Hasty River Post No. 84, G. A. R., meets in New Grange Hall on the third Friday evening of each month. L. I. Bartett, P. C.; B. G. Barrows, Adjt.; E. H. Brown, Q. M.

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

Regular meetings of the Norway Light Infantry, the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

Dr. George P. Jones is on the sick list this week.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest George W. Goulding, of Portland, inspected the work of Royal Arch Chapter, R. A. Degree, Thursday evening. There were many visiting members present.

John Crockett, of Dover, N. H., is in town to attend the funeral of his brother.

S. H. Billings has sold out to S. N. Buck. Mr. Buck will move his stock to the Billings store.

Bertha Pendexter is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Hayden.

J. A. Nickerson and family will soon move to Boston, their former home. Mr. Nickerson and family have formed many happy friendships while here. Their many friends wish them prosperity.

School meeting was held Saturday evening. E. F. Smith was elected Moderator; E. H. Brown, Clerk; and C. F. Whitman, Agent. The grading committee of last year was re-elected viz.: Charles F. Whitman, Rev. C. E. Angell and Dr. G. W. Hazelton. The financial affairs of the district were never in better condition. Voted to raise $300 for free high school. It was voted to repair the outbuildings of the lower primary school instead of building.

The Jessie Couthoui entertainment given at Norway Opera House, Wednesday evening was largely attended notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather and exceedingly hard traveling. Miss Couthoui did not prove unequal to the difficult task of fulfilling the most sanguine expectations of her audience. The recitations were given with much spirit and ability and the repeated encores spoke the praise she so well merited. Owing to illness Mr. Duncan was absent but his place was ably filled by Mr. George W. Horne. Mrs. Jennie K. Morrison added much to the evening's entertainment. She is a most pleasing singer. Mr. A. E. Norseworthy electrified the audience with his cornet solo, Flocktonian Polka. Mrs. Cora Briggs, of Paris, was the skillful and accomplished accompanist of the evening.

Mrs. Agnes G. Dunn died Wednesday after a long and painful illness of consumption at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Julian Brown, on Danforth Street. The services took place Friday afternoon at the house. Rev. Miss Angell officiated.

C. B. Cummings & Sons have bought of the farmers of this vicinity during the winter about 800 000 feet of pine timber. This they will manufacture into shoe boxes for B. F. Spinney & Co. and other firms. Twelve to fifteen hundred cords of stave bolts and about five hundred cords of wood. Such a firm as this is without question a great benefit to the community. Norway should have more of the same kind.

Samuel L. Crockett died at his residence on Main Street Wednesday

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OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1889.

On the petition of the heirs at law, praying that E. F. Smith of Norway, be appointed Administrator on the estate of David R. Holden late of Norway, in said County, deceased:

Ordered, that the said petitioners give notice to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of April next, at 9 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.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March A. D. 1889.

Annie P. Wisemer, guardian of Elmira A. Hall, minor child and heir of Abigal P. Hall, late of Peru, in said County, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward 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 April 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 March, A. D. 1889.

SAMUEL G. DAVIS, Executor on the estate of Cornelius B. Metcalfe late of Denmark, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

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GENERATION AFTER GENERATION HAVE USED AND BLESSED IT.

OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

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

I.—CHARADE.

The man in the moon ne'er smiled on a man
More happy than young Mr. Fife,
Who stepped from the horse *first* in front of his house,
And hastened to greet his fair wife.

"Our tea is all ready and waiting, my dear;
And then, when the meal is quite o'er,
I wish you to beat well the *whole* that you'll find
Now lying outside the back door."

Alas, and alack for our happy young man!
He's now in a *second*, I ween;
A fellow more sulky and downcast than he,
The man in the moon has ne'er seen.

HOUSE KEEPER.

II.—DIAMOND

1 A consonant.
2 A cave.
3 A kind of wood.
4 A word of negation.
5 A consonant.

LUCY

III.—REBUSGRAM

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IV.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 51 letters.

My 34, 3, 26, 5, 23, 44, 51 is bondage.
My 28, 10, 22, 38, 9, 16 is a well known poet.
My 24, 50, 31, 34, 45 is a noose.
My 18, 6, 25, 5, 29, 20 is a soft fabric.
My 37, 40, 41, 7, 2, 44 is to talk in a low tone.
My 13, 1, 36, 31, 42, 27, 32 is a shrill noise.
My 39, 40, 47, 12, 30, 19 is to work clumsily or unskillfully.
My 21, 15, 25, 4, 11, 38, 34, 31 is sacredness.
My 46, 17, 35, 8, 19, 44 is to fade.
My 49, 44, 48, 33, 20, 43 is a sprite.
The whole is an extract from a poem.

BENNIE.

V.—ENIGMATIC NAMES OF RIVERS.

1. A tract of useless land.
2. A boy's name, large, and an insect.
3. A perfume.
4. A color, and a hard substance.
5. A fruit.
6. To join together, a pronoun, and to sever.
7. A spotted horse.
8. A vegetable, a handle to a door, and a Scottish poet.

MARY

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK

1—Dog's ear.
2—The Pocket Rifle. J. T. Trowbridge.
3—1, Silver, liver. 2, Want, ant. 3, Every, very. 4, Emerge, merge. 5, Trap, rap. 6 Stop, top. 7, Tangle, angle. 8 Alive, live. 9, Trite, rite. 10, Slate, late. 13, Wasp, asp. 14, educt, duct. 15, Ester, aster. 16, Trim, rim. Removed letters, Sweets to the sweet.
4—Bracelet.

The careless servant is a great piecemaker in the household.

The good old Vegetable Pulmonary Balsam Root known now for Coughs, Colds & Consumption. Genuine Cutler Bros. & Co., Boston.

Mr. Doubtful (to fiancee)—"I dreamed last night that I was in Hades, Fannie." Fannie—"What is that a sign of, Harold?" "I guess it must be a sign we are going to get married, Fannie."

A SAFE WAGER.

Matt Quay, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, won $100,000 in election bets. It is safe to wager a like amount that the best remedy for coughs, colds and pulmonary complaints generally is Adamson's Cough Balsam.

An editor's wife never goes through her husband's other trousers pockets to strike a package of love letters. Editors are not like the wicked, unfaithful men of the world—editors rarely have the other trousers.

"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a most excellent preparation for the hair. I speak of it from experience. Its use promotes the growth of new hair, and makes it glossy and soft. The Vigor is a sure cure for dandruff."—J. W. Bowen, Editor Enquirer, McArthur, Ohio.

Teacher (to class in sacred history)—"What weapon did Samson use to kill the Philistines?" No one remembers. Teacher (who believes in suggesting answers, touching his chin—"what is this?" Bright boy (who takes the hint and remembers it all now)—"The jawbone of an ass, sir."

ECZEMA, ITCHY, SCALY, SKIN TORTURES. The simple application of "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT," without any internal medicine, will cure any case of Tetter, Salt Rheum, Ringworm, Piles, Itch, Sores, Pimples, Eczema, all Scaly, Itchy Skin Eruptions, no matter how obstinate or long standing it is potent, effective, and costs but a trifle.

The editor of a Chicago paper sent a reporter through the train to take up a straw vote as to the most popular daily in the West. Out of 410 votes his paper received two. He concluded not to publish the scoop.

EVERYBODY LIKES to be called handsome, especially the young ladies. But that is simply impossible as long as their face is covered with pimples, blotches and sores. But wait, there is no need of this; one or two bottles of Sulphur Bitters will remove all such disfigurations, and make your face fair and rosy.—Fannie Bell, Elitreas.

Winks—"Has your wife a cheerful disposition?" Minks—"Oh, yes; very cheerful. Last night when I was dancing around the room on one foot, after having stepped on a tack, she laughed till her sides ached."

NINE MONTHS WINTER and the other three late in the Fall aptly describes the seasons of the year as experienced in Northern New England. With warm weather comes the Tired Feeling, Languor, Sleepiness, Inability to Work; in fact a multitude of lazy feelings that are really symptoms that the system needs bracing up and invigorating. Anti-Apoplectine is a great Spring Medicine. It cleanses, purifies and gives tone to the muscles and nerves. Dr. F. S. Hutchinson & Co., Enosburgh Falls, Vt., will send you testimonials. Your druggist will send you a bottle.

SMART BOY.—A man who wanted to learn what profession he would have his son enter, put him in a room with a Bible, an apple, and a dollar bill. If he found him when he returned reading the Bible he would make a clergyman of him; if eating the apple, a farmer, and if interested in the dollar bill, a banker. When he returned he found the boy sitting on the Bible, with the dollar bill in his pocket, and the apple almost devoured. He made a politician of him.

For thirty years I have been troubled with catarrh—have tried a number of remedies without relief. A druggist here recommended Ely's Cream Balm. I have used only one bottle and I can say I feel like a new man. My catarrh was chronic and very bad. I make this voluntary statement that others may know of the Balm.—J. W. Mathewson, (Lawyer) Pawtucket, R. I.

Two bottles of Ely's Cream Balm cured the wife of a well-known U. S. A. General, also two army officers in Arizona of catarrh. Price fifty cents. Pleasant to use.

Slightly Disappointed in the Baby.

"Well, Jimmy," said Mr. Dolan, as his hopeful came into the shanty, "Oi've got great news to tell you."

"What is it, father?"

"It's something that will surprise you very much."

"Don't be afther bein' so long surprising me, but tell me what the news is."

"Ye've got a little brother."

"Is that so?"

"The same it is. You can go into the next room and make a call on the new visitor if ye loike."

The boy went out and came back after a short time had elapsed with an expression of mingled pleasure and disappointment on his face.

"Well, Jimmy," said the paternal Dolan, "how do you loike your new brother?"

"Very well, father; but Oi'd much rather have had a goat."

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

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

Dusting.

Although to many people the dusting of a room is a very easy matter, to do this work well requires both time and patience. There is no part of the housework that is so often carelessly done, and there is no part that should be done so well. Some women who pose as excellent housewives are anything but thorough when dusting; they seem to think the time wasted spent in this work, and consequently hurry through it as fast as possible. With a feather duster or a cloth they switch off the dust, going from one thing to another, until all the articles are gone over; then the door is closed and the room is supposed to be in the best of order. On entering later in the day they are surprised to find the furniture covered with dust, and they wonder where all the dust comes from. If they would think awhile, they would surely know that the dust they switched into the room is bound to settle somewhere, and, of course, the furniture will hold the largest share. There is an old saying that "Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well," and in nothing is this more applicable than in dusting.

As a general duster the feather brush is not to be thought of, as it is only fit for the dusting of walls, over doors, pictures, etc., or any place that cannot be conveniently reached with a cloth. It is not to be recommended for the face of pictures or mirrors, as it is apt to scratch the glass. A soft silk cloth makes a nice duster for mirrors and pictures, and for nice, highly polished furniture there is nothing nicer. Scrim makes a nice dusting-cloth, and old calico is used by many in preference to any thing else. A damp cloth is the best of all dusters, although many women will not use one on any account, claiming that it injures the polish on the furniture. This objection is absurd, for if the cloth is clean it will not harm the furniture in the least. To be sure, it may remove the gloss, but this can easily be brought back when the surface of the wood is dry, by rubbing hard with a dry, soft cloth. The advantage of the damp duster is that instead of allowing the dust to fly about the room, it takes it all on the cloth, and thereby keeps it from settling anywhere else. Although this kind of dusting may not be generally adopted throughout the house, it should be rigidly observed in an invalid's room, and not on any consideration should any other be adopted. When using the damp duster only go over a small space at one time; rinse the cloth well and often, and there will be no danger of injuring the woodwork of the furniture. It is best to use a dry cloth for the piano, as the less dampness about this article of furniture the better for the tone of it. When using a dry cloth for dusting shake out of the window frequently, and the dust will not gather so thickly on the cloth as to be shaken off and let fly about the room. A small paint brush is kept by many housewives for crevices and ledges, as it is almost impossible to get into these with a cloth. All ornaments should be dusted carefully, particularly those with rough surfaces, as the dust is apt to get in the crevices, and once in it is very difficult to dislodge. For the latter work a stiff toothbrush will be found to do the work as well as wished, and ought always be kept for this purpose. Wash out the dust cloths once a week at the very least. Always have a separate cloth for the stove and never use the duster for this purpose. Use the paint brush for the window-sashes and a soft cloth for the panes of glass. Of all things when dusting do not forget the curtains. If they are of lace or any of the tapestries they will collect dust very fast. Undo the loops at the sides, place the lower ends out of the window, and give the whole a good shaking. The shades ought to be taken down frequently and dusted their full length both inside and outside, or, if neglected, they will be soon unfit for use and no amount of dusting will do any good. To be sure, if they are white they can be laundried, but if colored there is no remedy for them. A room that is dusted frequently and dusted thoroughly will not need to be swept as often as one that is dusted carelessly.

Fancy Bag.

A piece of silk to suit the size required is folded double, seamed at the side edge and turned under deeply at the top for a hem. The hem is sewed down to form a casing, in which are run draw ribbons. The lower half of the bag is overlaid with small rings covered with silk and joined together, the rings shading from palest yellow at the center of the bag to the deepest orange at the sides. A row of silk tassels depend from the lower row of rings, matching them in shade. Other colors may be used instead of orange, and their shades may be similarly graded in the rings. To cover the rings, take embroidery or knitting silk. The rings are the common, brass curtain rings. Fasten the silk to the ring and with a crochet hook make as many d c as will cover the ring, remembering to crochet very close and very evenly. When the required number of rings are covered, sew them together to form the covering for the bag. Crewels or zephyrs may be used for this work with good effect, and really beautiful designs made by commencing with the lightest shade of a color and grading down to the darkest. For example, take the gold shades; begin with white and grade down to the deepest orange; for the red shades, begin with the palest pink and gradually change to deep crimson.

Nursery Chats.

During snowy and damp weather, watch closely the feet of the little ones, and do not allow any of them to have damp feet. If the little baby, creeping about the floor, suffers with cold feet, take off the shoes and stockings during the day and warm the feet well, and rub them with the hand to start the circulation. This is the cause of fretting, sometimes. Watch for these little causes before concluding the child is sick or hungry.

COLIC.—Some children suffer with colic for only the first three or four months, and seem to have it only a certain part of the day. It may be from various causes. A bag of hot salt laid on the bowels, over the shirt, will effect a cure, often, when other things fail. Make it four inches long one way and six the other, and fill it half full of salt. Lay it upon a hot pan to heat. It is best made of flannel.

COLDS.—A slight cold will often cause stoppage in the nostrils of a small child, and make breathing difficult, especially when nursing. Insert a small feather, dipped in sweet oil or vaseline, up the nostril, and rub a little upon the bridge of the nose and in the middle of the forehead. A sirup made of sliced onion and sugar, baked in the oven, will break up a cold soon.

Kitchen Wrinkles.

To make tallow hard, cook it well before straining it.

A crumb cloth made of a long piece of canvas, saves much scrubbing.

Make a bag to hang your rolling pin up in. You will find it a great convenience.

To keep lamp burners bright, rub them with Bristol brick or dry ashes, every time the lamps are cleaned.

Frozen meat can be quickly thawed by putting it in cold water. A coating of ice will form on it, which can be cracked off, and will leave it entirely free from frost.

Never cut potatoes for baking. For steaming or boiling draw the edge of a sharp knife half way around lengthwise, so that they will crack open nicely.

Paint stains that are dry and old may be removed from cotton or woolen goods with chloroform. It is a good plan to first cover the spot with olive oil or butter.

Liquid bluing which never settles is made by dissolving one ounce Prussian blue and a half ounce oxalic acid in a quart of cold rain water. [Be careful of the acid—it is a poison.]

FRUIT BUNS: Before mixing your bread, reserve one quart of the sponge for buns. Add to it,

One cup butter (creamed,)
Two cups sugar,
Half cup sweet milk,
Half pound currants,
Half pound raisins,
Two eggs well beaten,
One teaspoon soda,
One teaspoon cloves,
One teaspoon cinnamon,
One teaspoon nutmeg.

Dissolve the soda in a little hot water; wash and dry the currants and raisins and dredge with flour. Use enough flour to enable you to mould it out, and let it rise until very light, before moulding it into forms. It will take longer for it to rise than for bread.

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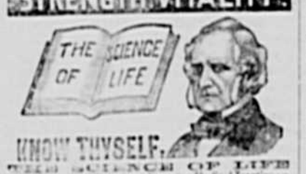

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Said sale is to be made subject to all encumbrances now existing on said property, and a quit-claim deed, without covenants, will be given. Terms of sale will be cash.

CHAS. A. TRUE, Assignee in Insolvency of Preston S. Lowe.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS Hiram Hobsdon of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine by his Mortgage deed dated the twenty ninth day of June A. D. 1882, recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, and book 199 pages 1, 2 and 3, conveyed to Darius H. Grover and Pickney Burnham, certain parcels of real estate, situated in said Bethel at Walkers Mills, so-called, and bounded and described as follows, viz: The Hiram Hodsdon house and lot bounded southerly by land occupied by Abba Farewell; westerly by the county road and land occupied by J. M. Kenerson; northerly by said land occupied by said J. M. Kenerson and by land of R. J. Virgin, and easterly by lot No. 14. Also one undivided half part of lot numbered 16 in the first range in said Bethel, and also one other parcel bounded as follows: Westerly by said road; northerly by land of L. W. Russell; easterly by land now or formerly of Benjamin Stevens and southerly by land of C. V. Martin, and whereas said mortgage and the notes thereby secured have been assigned by said Grover and Burnham to me, the undersigned by their deed of assignment dated February 4, 1889, together with all their right, title and interest in and to the premises described in said mortgage.

And whereas, the condition of said Mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition, I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

FRANK L. CHARLES.

Dated March 23, A. D. 1889.

OXFORD, ss.—At a Court of Probate, held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1889.

On petition of William Hazeltine, Guardian of Estella and Guy Hazeltine minor heirs of Mary A. Hazeltine, late of Lovell in said County, deceased, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate situate in Stoneham in said County, and described in his petition on file in the Probate office at an advantageous offer of two hundred dollars.

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

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"Oh cruel wave! oh dark death wave!
Canst tell me where my papa dwells?
You took him away from my anxious sight,
Have you locked him into your dark, damp cells?"
The wave replied in measures low,
"No, no, little girl, he is not there;
We thought him to hold in the depths below,
But gone is the light of the life so fair."

"I'm glad, cruel wave, I'm glad, dark wave,
To know that you cannot keep him down;
For in my dear papa I always thought
There was something somehow that never would drown."
"But, child," the wave did again repeat,
"He lies to-day in our palace hall;
The sea weeds green above him float,
And on the wave his dark locks fall."

"Oh proud, cold waves, exulting waves,
Ye may kiss his brow or lave his feet,
Ye may toy with his hair, but never to you
Will come the sound of his voice so sweet.
And some sweet day, on the other shore,
When life's golden thread hath broken in twain,
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'Tis whispered on the mountain high,
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