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Nov. 19, 1895. THOMAS S. BRIDGHAM.

FREEDOM NOTICE.

This is to certify that I give my son Arthur F. Cotton his time and shall pay none of his debts, nor claim his wages, after this date.

Porter, Nov. 12, 1895. DANA COTTON.
Witness: JOHN PIERCE.

AMONG THE FARMERS.

"SPEED THE PLOW."

Correspondence on practical agricultural topics is solicited. Address all communications intended for this department to HENRY D. HAMMOND, Agricultural Editor Oxford Democrat, Paris, Me.

OAT FODDER AND BUTTER FAT.

BUCKFIELD, Nov. 26, '95.

Agricultural Editor Democrat:

I see by the farm reports that many farmers cut their oats for fodder, instead of having them threshed, and think it a good plan. According to my experience I call it a bad plan. I think I lost nearly or quite the whole value of the oats that were fed without being threshed.

I cut the oats intended for fodder when green, the rest when about half turned, and had them threshed and fed the straw to the cows, one feed per day, with one pound more cotton seed meal than when feeding all hay, in order to keep up the "balanced ration."

The straw by running through the machine would be so fined or cut up that the cattle would eat every "scrid and scrunion," while I had more trouble and less good results from the oats that were not threshed.

For a fodder crop I have better results with Hungarian or sweet corn than with oats.

A few more words about "butter fat."

In a communication to the Democrat some time ago, I raised some objection to the plan spoken of by Secretary McKeen at Canton to the patrons of butter factories taking their pay for butter fat instead of pounds of butter. My reason was and is that it goes into the market as butter and is known to the trade as butter. I was in favor of the patrons putting their cowhide boots on the scheme as it would make it easier for owners or managers to cheat the patrons of factories.

The secretary saw fit to reply. Since then I am informed by one who is in a position to know that some of the proprietary factories in this state are paying their patrons for butter fat, agreeing to pay as much as the co-operative factories. Those patrons are losing 15 per cent by the operation.

Let me illustrate: My cream goes to a co-operative factory. To the butter fat that I or any other patron furnish, 15 per cent is added for the other ingredients which go to make butter. One of the directors of the factory told me that it did not vary one and one-half pounds to the thousand pounds. The proprietor that owns or runs a factory and pays for butter fat the same that is paid for butter gets that 15 per cent. See!

H. D. IRISH.

WHAT IS RICH MILK?

The poorest sample of unquestionably pure milk that we ever heard of had 8.41 per cent of solids; that means 8.41 pounds of solid food material in 100 pounds of milk. At the other extreme we sometimes find milk having 17 per cent of solids. Both of these extremes, however, are rare. More ordinary extremes would be from 11 to 15 per cent: 13 per cent is milk of only average quality, it is neither very poor nor very rich. Anything below 13 per cent is poorer than the average, and anything above 13 would be better than the average, but in butter dairies 14 per cent milk would be nearer the average.

As to breeds, as a rule the Holstein milk is much below Jersey milk in total solids, but there are families of Holsteins which have been bred for years with a view to improving the quality of milk, which give milk much richer than that of ordinary Jersey cows. Holstein milk as such is not at a discount in Boston; it is milk which is below the average quality which makes the trouble, and when Holstein milk falls below the standard it is rejected not because it is Holstein, but because it is poor. Low grade Jersey Shorthorn, or Ayrshire milk would be treated the same way. After all is said about breeds that can be said, the individuality of the animal is a strong factor in determining the quality of milk. There are fine animals in all breeds, and there are poor animals in all breeds.

As to the question whether the solids, not fat, or the fat make rich milk, it depends on both, for both increase together. The more fat milk has, the more solids not fat, the poorer in fat, the poorer in solids not fat. But the fat varies the most, and is found all the way from 2 1-2 to 6 per cent, while the solids not fat commonly vary less than 1 per cent. There is quite a uniform ratio between the two, so that unless we have an abnormal milk we can approximately determine with much accuracy the solids not fat, and, therefore, the total solids from the fat test.—New England Farmer.

MAINE STATE GRANGE.

The twenty-second annual session will be held in Y. M. C. A. Hall, Bangor, commencing December 17th, at 10 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made for the entertainment of Patrons during the session as follows:

Penobscot Exchange, Windsor House and Bangor Exchange at one dollar per day for board and lodging, two persons in a bed; and one dollar and twenty-five cents each for persons occupying a bed by themselves. The St. James Hotel will furnish board and lodging, conditions as above, for seventy-five cents and one dollar per day respectively, with no extra charge for fire, except at the Penobscot Exchange, where twenty-five cents extra will be charged if fire is furnished. Patrons desiring rooms will be booked for the same by writing to the proprietors of the above mentioned hotels. Arrangements are made for headquarters at the Penobscot Exchange. For further information in relation to hotel arrangements address Brother E. H. Gregory, Bangor.

Tickets at one fare the round trip will be sold on the 16th and 17th at all the stations of the different railroads in Maine, good to return on or before the 21st over the Maine Central, and 23d over all other roads.

O. MEADER, Chairman Ex. Com.
Albion, Nov. 15.

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

Apple growing is on the increase in Maine.

Lettuce is a profitable crop for glass culture.

If not already done, give the asparagus bed a dressing of good compost.

An international beekeepers' congress was held at Atlanta Dec. 4-5.

Neuralgia

Of the worst kind troubled me for years. A friend whom it had cured recommended Hood's

Mrs. P. C. Pillsbury
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Sarsaparilla, and I can truly say I am much better. I have not had a headache for some time and am better in every way, in fact, I feel like a new person. MRS. P. C. PILLSBURY.

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FROM SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS.

A REVIEW OF THE PAST SEASON.

The crop season just closing has been one of many ups and downs in Southeastern Illinois. Its beginning was promising and there were many cheering outlooks from time to time, often followed, however, by serious disappointment.

The wheat crop came through the winter in good shape, and with favorable weather conditions its growth was stocky and rapid. Until about the time the first heads began to appear, there was promise of a larger yield than we have ever had. Presently an occasional remark would be heard—Wheat seems to be going back. In a few days the severe frost followed, rust and fly were found in many fields, and the chinch bug put in an appearance. The final result was a number of fields not worth cutting and of the balance a yield of 5 to 20 bushels per acre. Very rarely a field could be found making over 20 bushels.

The frost came when, in the best developed portion of the crop, the germ of the grain was just forming. This was fatal; although the heads do not show the full effects of the severe cold for some time afterward, and many were surprised when they came to harvesting to find where they had expected the largest yield only empty heads. The combined effect of frost, rust, fly and bugs was a low grade of product, in fact there was very rarely a sample found that would weigh 60 pounds to the bushel, and only a small proportion that would grade No. 2.

Not long before harvest the wheat market advanced sharply, and farmers were congratulating themselves that if their crop was short they would get nearly twice the price for it. This prospect went glimmering into the mists along with the early hopes of a great crop.

The oat crop was fairly good, but this is not so important a crop with us, and is only grown for feed, and then mainly to fill gaps in rotation.

The hay crop was short, clover fairly good and timothy hardly a half crop. This rather scant supply is, however, being supplemented by a larger saving of corn fodder, and this may, or at least ought, to teach our farmers an important lesson.

Hogs fed early in summer were turned off at satisfactory figures, and the outlook for continued good prices, together with the splendid prospects of the growing corn crop, made a sharp demand for stock hogs, of which many were sold at extravagant figures. Finished hogs are now selling to shippers at $3 per hundred.

Beef cattle in the early summer brought good prices, and here again the outlook was so promising that stock cattle and feeders could be touched only at extreme figures, and those who bought for feeding are now anxiously studying the possibilities of saving the cost of stock and feed, without return for time, labor or interest.

A few weeks before clover seed harvesting, dealers were anxious to contract for it at $5 per bushel. When the seed was ready for market, if strictly prime, it sold at $3.50 per bushel. A few were wise enough, or fortunate enough, to accept the early prices.

The apple crop—which, by the way, is getting to be quite an important item in some parts of this section—was very large. But the trees were overloaded, and many were broken and almost ruined, while much of the fruit was too small to command best prices, and with no systematic provision for marketing, the orchardists were largely at the mercy of the chance buyer and shipper. And yet the returns will make an interesting item on the credit side in the footings for the year's work, in addition to which fruit men have learned some valuable lessons.

We have—not an enormous—but a very good corn crop, unusually good on the uplands, with the exception of fields adjoining wheat fields, where the chinch bug was very destructive. On our bottom lands it is the exception for the crop to be otherwise than good, and this is making a constantly increasing demand for bottom corn lands. The corn crop is, however, not a phenomenal one, and a very liberal estimate from results in gathering would discount the government and other estimates very considerably, and so far as I have been able to learn, this is true of the corn crop of the state.

Still, in summing up conditions for the year, our farmers have made some headway. Evidences in this direction are had in the improvements being made in buildings, fences and the general appearance of the farm, and also in the increasing numbers of our young people going into our higher institutions of learning.

The conditions were favorable for wheat seeding this fall, and as a rule planting was done in good shape; and though the very dry weather immediately following seeding gave a very slow growth to the plant, the recent rains have started a vigorous growth. With a little while longer of growing weather, it will go into the winter under very favorable conditions.—Country Gentleman.

ORCHARD GRASS.

Orchard grass yields a large quantity and is of excellent quality, being considerably more nutritious than timothy. One other good quality of it is that it comes into the right condition for cutting with red clover, while timothy does not, and is only in right condition with the later perennial clover.

Orchard grass is not nearly so well thought of by farmers as it should be. It deserves recognition on account of its earliness, and quite as much for its rapid second growth, as it will afford good pasture—which no other grass will do—in the summer months after the hay has been made. Thus it practically gives two crops in place of one by other grasses. It has fully 50 per cent more protein in it than timothy, having 14.8 per cent of it, against 9.7 per cent in timothy. It has as much fat as timothy has, and its digestible coefficiency is fully 10 per cent greater than that of timothy. Moreover, it is one of the really permanent grasses, as it will remain in good productive condition under the best treatment for forty years or more, yielding both hay and pasture. Its only fault, if fault it be, is that it grows in bunches, but, if it yields as much or more than other grasses that make a dense sod, this is a venial fault. Its seed is light, weighing only twelve pounds to the bushel, and at least two bushels to the acre should be sown. If Kentucky bluegrass is sown with it, the two mature together, and both make the finest pasture.—Colman's Rural World.

STATE GRANGE FINANCE.

J. M. Jackson, Lewiston, and Z. A. Gilbert, North Greene, auditing committee of the State Grange, met Secretary F. A. Allen and Treasurer M. B. Hunt at Auburn recently, for the purpose of examining the books and auditing the accounts of these officers for the past year. The books of the secretary show that he has received during the year ending September 30, 1895, in fees and dues, the sum of $3,523.89; for Grange supplies sold, $114.43; for sixth degree fees, $74; total receipts for the year, $3,712.24. There remains in the treasury something over $2,500. There has been a large increase of membership during the year. The annual meeting of the Maine State Grange is to be held in Bangor, opening the third Wednesday in December.

In Aroostook, Maine, the world famous potato county, loss from blight and rot was serious, but, according to the New England Homestead, the yield was large on area, 20 per cent larger than last season, and starch factories are working up big quantities at 14 to 20 cents per bushel.

PURSUIT.

That which is near, how seldom is the thing
That is desired! That which is far away
Most longed for is. No weariness of wing
Or foot, can daunt pursuit, or nearer bring
The fleeting goal. The race is new each day.

CLARA MARCELLE GREENE.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN WASHINGTON.

Shoved off by itself in a corner of Central Park on the top of a wooded hill, where only the people who live in the high apartment houses at Eighty-first Street can see it, is an equestrian statue. It is odd, bizarre, and inartistic, and suggests in size and pose that equestrian statue to General Jackson which mounts guard before the White House in Washington. It shows a chocolate-cream soldier mastering with one hand a rearing rocking-horse, and with the other pointing his sword towards an imaginary enemy.

Sometimes a "sparrow" policeman saunters up the hill and looks at the statue with unenlightened eyes, and sometimes a nurse-maid seeks its secluded site, and sits on the pedestal below it while the children of this free republic play unconcernedly in its shadow. On the base of this big statue is carved the name of Simon Bolivar, the Liberator of Venezuela.

Down on the northeastern coast of South America, in Caracas, the capital of the United States of Venezuela, there is a pretty little plaza, called the Plaza Washington. It is not at all an important plaza; it is not floored for hundreds of yards with rare mosaics like the Plaza de Bolivar, nor lit by swinging electric lights, and the President's band never plays there. But it has a fresh prettiness and restfulness all its own, and the narrow gravel paths are clean and trim, and the grass grows rich and high, and the branches of the trees touch and interlace and form a green roof over all, except in the very centre, where there stands open to the blue sky a statue of Washington, calm, dignified, beneficent, and paternal. It is Washington the statesman, not the soldier. The sun of the tropics beats down upon his shoulders; the palms rustle and whisper pleasantly above his head. From the barred windows of the yellow and blue and pink houses that line the little plaza dark-eyed, dark-skinned women look out sleepily, but understandingly, at the grave face of the North American Bolivar; and even the policeman, with his red blanket and Winchester carbine, comprehends when the gringos stop and take off their hats and make a low bow to the father of their country in his pleasant place of exile.

Other governments than those of the United States of America and the United States of Venezuela have put up statues to their great men in foreign capitals, but the careers of Washington and Bolivar bear so striking a resemblance, and the histories of the two countries of which they are the respective fathers are so much alike, that they might be written in parallel columns. And so it seems especially appropriate that these monuments to these patriots should stand in each of the two continents on either side of the dividing states of Central America.

It will offend no true Venezuelan today if it be said of his country that the most interesting man in it is a dead one, for he will allow no one to go further than himself in his admiration for Bolivar; and he has done so much to keep his memory fresh by circulating portraits of him on every coin and stamp of the country, by placing his statue at every corner, and by hanging his picture in every house, that he cannot blame the visitor if his strongest impression of Venezuela is of the young man who began at thirty-three to liberate five republics, and who conquered a territory more than one-third as great as the whole of Europe.—Harper's Magazine.

MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.

A look of ineffable scorn played upon the face of Bourrienne.

"What have you there?" asked the Emperor, speaking in the French language (parle Francais.)

"It's a bill, your Majesty," replied Bourrienne, "for two years' subscription to the Austerlitz Weekly Bugle. Just after the battle, you will remember, the editor sent you a marked copy, in which he gave you quite a puff, and afterwards wrote you a personal letter asking you for the South Austerlitz post office."

"I recollect," answered Napoleon, whose memory of such things never faltered. "And the paper?"

"Since then," said Bourrienne, "has been coming weekly, though I long ago refused to take it from the post office. Now, this rascally editor has the impudence not only to send in his bill for two years, but he threatens, if not paid, to print your name as a delinquent subscriber and also have the law of you."

The eagle eyes of the great emperor flashed lightning. Arising, he paced the apartment. Then, turning to his secretary, while a softer light shone in his features, he said:

"You will pay the bill, Bourrienne. One newspaper is more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

And calling attention to the remark as one that would look well in print and make him solid with the country press when his memoirs came to be published, the conqueror of the world went in to talk divorce with Josephine.—New York Recorder.

NO ATTEMPT AT CONCEALMENT.

They were standing in a quiet nook in the conservatory where the murmurings of distant waltz music came to them like a chorus from fairyland.

"Yes, Reginald—"

She spoke with a gentle tremor in her voice.

"I do love you! I cannot conceal my heart from you."

He glanced at her thoughtfully.

"No, dearest, you cannot"—

He hesitated a moment.

"Nor from anybody else to-night."—New York World.

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A friend brought me Dr. Miles' book, "New and Startling Facts," and I finally decided to try a bottle of DR. MILES' Recrative Nervine. Before I had taken one bottle I could sleep as well as a 10-yr.-old boy. My appetite returned greatly increased.

When I had taken the sixth bottle My weight increased to 176 lbs., The sensation in my legs was gone; My nerves steadied completely; My memory was fully restored. My brain seemed clearer than ever. I felt as good as any man on earth. Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is A great medicine, I assure you."

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TREPHINING A LION.

AN INTERESTING OPERATION THAT PROMISES TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

(From the Atlanta Constitution.)

The young lion of the Hagenbeck show that was so desperately wounded by a lioness last week was successfully operated upon yesterday afternoon and the depression of the skull was lifted from the brain of the animal. The operation was one that required not only skill in the use of the knife, but nerve on the part of the surgeons who worked so dangerously near the jaws of the lion.

In a room of the livery stable of Mr. Vandyke the lion was placed and while several strong men held the tortured beast, Drs. H. G. and W. E. Carnes performed the operation. The lion has been in a comatose state for several days and suffered many convulsions during the time the skull was pressed against the brain. At times he was wild and would tear his flesh with his claws and then again he would be as docile as a child and could not be aroused from the restless sleep into which he had fallen. His keepers daily expected the lion to die, as the skull had been flattened out until more than a square inch of bone pressed hard against the brain.

One day last week the lion was savagely attacked by a lioness that occupied an adjoining cage. The lion was eating his afternoon meal of beefsteak, when the lioness reared against the wooden partition separating the cages. The lioness threw her whole weight against the light partition and with a crash the infuriated beast and partition fell into the cage occupied by the young lion.

The lion pounced upon the young lion with all the fury that is peculiar to this class of animals. The lion was taken completely by surprise, and was at a great disadvantage. As he turned with a growl to see what had caused the position to fall he was caught in the wide open mouth of the lioness and fearfully bitten. The lioness leaped up into the air and fell upon her prey. She caught his head in her mouth and closed down upon it. The fangs penetrated the thick hide and the skull sank beneath the pressure.

The lion was hardly able to stand and could but stagger about the cage in a dazed way. In a few minutes after the attack he was seized with convulsions. His manner was pitiable and he would writhe in agony, then leaping up would fall from weakness. His feet would be drawn up to his body, and his tail lashed fearfully against the bars. As he writhed upon the floor he would claw at everything that came within reach. Catching the iron bars he would wrench them from their places. His claws were completely torn from the flesh of one foot, he frothed at the mouth.

Dr. Carnes, the veterinary surgeon, was called in and requested to make an examination of the lion and see if there was any possibility of saving his life. Dr. Carnes thoroughly examined the wounds and found the skull had been badly indented and that it rested upon the brain. There was but one way in which death could be prevented and that was by trephining the skull and lifting the depressed bone and relieving the pressure. As a last resort this operation was decided upon.

The lion was placed upon the table arranged for him. The animal was suffering intensely and was in a dangerously bad humor. Occasionally he would growl savagely and open his jaw and snap at those who were nearest to him. A number of glistening instruments were taken from a leather case and placed on a chair. A pan of warm water was secured and sponges were at hand. A bottle of ether and chloroform were poured into a wad of cotton and the cotton was placed under the nose of the lion His feet were securely tied with ropes and he was held firmly upon the table by several strong men. When the first fumes of the ether were inhaled the lion made strenuous efforts to tear himself away. He roared and snorted and kicked with all his might, but he was held down upon the table. For nearly 30 minutes the ether was held under his nose. He resisted the sleep giving compound, but gradually fell into an easy and peaceful sleep. His pain was allayed and like a cat he purred and snorted, while the surgeons made ready.

As soon as the lion was throughly under the influence of the chloroform, which was administered by Dr. H. G. Carnes, the operation was begun. It was necessary, however, that great care be exercised in giving the anæsthetic, as the lion was in danger of dying from the effects of an overdose. Dr. W. E. Carnes first made a V incision. The hide and skin of the lion were very tough and it was difficult to make the incision. Gradually the flesh gave way under the pressure of the knife and the skull was laid bare. The fracture had occurred on the right side of the head, and it was just to the left of the fracture that the incision was made. After the incision was made the trephine was inserted and a small opening was bored into the skull. This was the most dangerous part of the operation, for like an auger, the instrument bores its way through the bone. If any part of the skull has fallen into the brain, which is exposed just as soon as the instrument pierces entirely through the skull, it would have meant certain death for the animal.

When the trephine had reached the inside of the skull, the instrument was given a quick turn, which broke the thin inside covering, and the small particles were caught with a pair of strong forceps and pulled out in pieces. The opening in the skull was made an inch to the left of the depression. When the opening had been finished a small instrument was inserted. The instrument is of peculiar shape and curved at the end. Down through the skull the piece of steel was dressed and then turned directly under the depression. After this was done it was an easy matter to lift the bone from the brain. The bone was restored to its former position and then the incision was sewed up and the place pressed.

As soon as the lion recovered from the effects of the drugs he bounded loose from the ropes that held him and leaped across the floor of the room. He was at first a little dazed from the effects of the chloroform, but gradually regained his senses. Dr. Carnes stated after the operation that the lion would be perfectly well in a few days, as there was now no danger from the wound. The lion is about two years old and was very valuable before he was injured.

GOT ANY TEN-CENT PIECES?

WHY THERE ARE LOTS OF THEM AROUND IS EXPLAINED HERE.

If you are an observer of small things you have not failed to notice, of late, the enormous number of 10-cent pieces in circulation.

Recently, if you went into a store, made a five-cent purchase, and gave a dollar bill, it would have been safe to wager that you would have received in change a half dollar, a quarter and two dimes.

Now, if you go into a store, make a small purchase and lay down a dollar, it is almost a shure thing that you will receive the change in 10-cent pieces.

I went into the bank the other day for change for a $5 bill. I received $4 of it in 10 cent pieces.

"Can't give you anything else," the paying clerk said.

"Why not?" I asked.

"Because," he said, "every bank in America is overstocked with dimes. About a year ago when the 10-cent savings bank was so popular, it was almost impossible to get 100 10-cent pieces at one time. Consequently the government was compelled to issue millions of them.

"The 10-cent savings bank is no longer a novelty, and now that there are but few of them in use, the dimes are again in circulation. It is a common thing for a large house to deposit 10,000 10-cent pieces at one time."—New York Herald.

TERESA.

By Captain C. A. CURTIS, U. S. A.

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CHAPTER I.

The second call for guard mounting had sounded, and the new officer of the day stood leaning against the railing that inclosed the sundial before the governor's palace, idly awaiting the arrival of the regimental band and the details from the companies composing the garrison of the neighboring fort.

The palace occupied the whole western side of the plaza, its gray adobe walls suggesting nothing palatial, but from the time when the governors of the Mexican republic reigned like eastern satraps over this isolated territory down to the present day it had borne the title of El Palacio, and although it had long since ceased to be the largest, costliest or even the most comfortable residence in Santa Fe, the name still clung to it.

The plaza was at the time of this chronicle a barren waste, occupied by market men and women from the adjacent country. Here their patient burros stood in groups, loaded with wood, grass and vegetables and other country produce, awaiting bids from purchasers.

Opposite the center of the palace and just outside the bordering row of cottonwoods stood the sundial, which had been placed there before the trees were planted and allowed to remain after they had attained their growth, although in the later hours of the day the rays of the sun could not reach it. The dial was mounted upon a granite pedestal and surrounded by a low iron railing. Against this railing the new officer of the day leaned one June morning, his face turned toward the parlor windows of the palace. He was a young fellow above the medium height, firmly built and graceful. A well balanced head upon square shoulders and a face of regular and handsome features indicated a character firm and resolute. His closely cropped hair and full mustache were dark brown, his eyes grayish blue and his complexion browned by exposure in the field. His insignia of rank showed the bars of a first lieutenant.

The market men and women had withdrawn with their burros into the side streets when the notes of fife and drum heralded the approach of a regimental band from the fort. It passed along the southern side of the plaza, aligned itself upon the "markers" and played the "Adjutant's Call." The lieutenant raised himself from his leaning posture, with the intention of watching the arrival of the details, when his glance fell upon a window of the palace. A young girl was standing there intently observing the soldiery, her right

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hand resting lightly on the top of the lower half of the sash. Nearly her whole figure was revealed in the morning light. She was a blond—a type rare in New Mexico, although her eyes were not foreign to the country, being of a deep and soulful black. For a moment Lieutenant Raymer fancied he was looking upon a countrywoman, but a rosary and cross of Mexican filigree, a silken rebozo and that indefinable grace of pose and manner peculiar to the Latin races stamped her as foreign, if not Mexican, while the golden hair and fair skin, the beautiful regularity of features and a certain delicacy of the ears nestling in the rimpling hair proved conclusively that she was of the exclusive Castellanos, who boast of blood uncontaminated by mixture with Indian or griso.

As the lieutenant gazed at this young girl he was prompted to an act which we will not attempt to excuse, although among the fan and handkerchief flirting ladies of Spain and the colonies of that land of warm impulses it is not looked upon as an unpardonable sin against the proprieties. He raised his white gloved hand to the rim of his hat and executed a half salute. The young lady immediately disappeared from the window.

During the 24 hours of his tour of duty Raymer's thoughts frequently reverted to the incident connected with the last guard mounting, and the reflection that he had made a bad impression upon one whose beauty so attracted him was far from pleasant.

Next morning he again took his way to the plaza, this time to enact the part of old officer of the day. He again paused at the sundial and sought the parlor windows, beholding the fair vision of the previous morning standing as before. She exhibited, however, no consciousness of his presence, looking beyond him at the band and assembling guard. This time the lieutenant made no demonstration that could give offense, but simply indulged himself in occasional glances and passed at the proper moment to the place of review.

His duties in the plaza ended, Raymer returned to the fort and soon afterward appeared on the veranda of the officers' quarters. He was presently joined by Lieutenant Reed, whose company had been stationed nearly a year in the city, while his own had but recently arrived. Drawing a chair near Raymer's, Reed observed, "Well, old fellow, how does Santa Fe compare with the Navajo country?"

"As rest to fatigue mainly," replied Raymer.

"And cleanliness to dust and dirt, you might 'have added," continued Reed.

"Personally or municipally?" queried Raymer.

"Well, personally, I suppose, for the city is not very well policed, for a fact. But that Navajo service—I've taken my turn at it and can appreciate your feelings. It is a life full of danger, minus the element of glory."

"I certainly do feel it a relief to be secure from alarms, not to have my heart bound into my throat at every shout or find my hand seeking my waist belt at the breaking of a twig."

"Not much like your life on the Potomac."

"No. There one felt that if the fates gave victory to the enemy the worst that could happen was imprisonment and poor fare, with some chance of exchange. In Indian warfare defeat means death and mutilation. The red man takes no prisoners in action, go one may it win or die. I think I shall like Santa Fe for a change. Is there any society here?"

"Little army society. There have been few ladies at the frontier garrison since the war broke out."

"Aren't the Mexican families social?"

"Among themselves, yes, but not toward us gringos."

"Do you never receive invitations to their houses?"

"Yes, to meet the men now and then, but I never see the ladies."

"And don't you know any of the girls?"

"Oh, yes, plenty of girls—such girls as attend the bailes and fandangoes, but of the gente finas we know none."

"Never meet them in your calls?"

"Never. I have been invited to dinners, lunches and card parties at several of the best houses and have been entertained right royally, too—by the men, and I've met some married ladies—they were very hospitable—and a few unmarried ones long past the interesting age. The lady of the house and a few of her married friends sometimes appear in the salas, but the daughters are invisible."

"But officers have sometimes married Mexican girls?"

"Now and then, but I have been giving you my own experience."

"How have such marriages been brought about?"

"Accidental meetings, love at first sight, elopements. Mexican marriages, you know, are arranged by the parents of the young people."

"And are consequently unhappy, I suppose?" said Raymer, smiling curiously.

"That is our American idea."

"Is it false?"

"I think so. Our divorce courts show the results of indiscriminate so called love matches. Did it ever strike you that a little more parental supervision might be desirable and beneficial?"

"Doesn't that reflection belong to the parental age? No; I have never given it a thought. I have always believed in love before marriage."

"Yet the cold fact stands, Raymer," continued Reed, "that marriages among the French, Italians and Spaniards are quite as happy as ours. Right here in Santa Fe I've no doubt that among the married there is as much domestic happiness, love, devotion and that sort of thing as in any American town of its size in the eastern states."

"Oh, yes, I am up on all the current literature of the subject and have been chaperoned in New York, Philadelphia and Lake George! I am not ignorant of Latin race methods, but I believe in our lovemaking. Don't you, Reed?"

"Don't I! Am I an American? What would life be without it? I think the Mexican youth have missed the gist of life in not making their union in the good old Anglo-Saxon way. It is like sitting down to a fine dinner with one's nose stopped and eyes covered. The effect of odors, floral decorations and æsthetic arrangement of glass and china is lost."

"An original comparison indeed! But I supposed that contact with our countrymen had broken up those customs in the territories acquired of Mexico."

"No," replied Reed reflectively; "the custom has not been abandoned. Indeed the tendency is in the opposite direction, and American fathers and mothers seem to be adopting some foreign restrictions in these matters—more English than French or Spanish perhaps. I think you mentioned the chaperon?"

"Yes; she is becoming recognized as the correct thing now; not so strict and merciless as the Spanish duena, however."

"I hope not."

"Do you know any young ladies at the palace?" asked Raymer, broaching the subject upon which his thoughts had been dwelling of late.

"There are several usually," replied Reed. "The governor has a daughter, and she has many friends and some cousins who visit her."

"I have seen but one, a young lady with fair hair and dark eyes," observed Raymer.

"There are three who answer to that description. When did you see her?"

"At guard mounting yesterday and today a young lady stood at the window overlooking the sundial. She appeared to be about 18 or 19, fair haired, black eyed, of delicate complexion, graceful figure"——

"You might as well give me the 'position of a soldier,'" interrupted Reed. "Tell me what she wore."

"I think," said Raymer thoughtfully, "she wore a creamy dress, a light blue sash, a rebozo of broad yellow and black stripes, with fringe of same colors"——

"Cross and rosary of jet and gold?" again interrupted Reed. "Maltese cross of Mexican filigree in sash?"

"Yes."

"It was Dona Teresa Valencia. She is from Albuquerque and is one of the cousins. She will graduate at the convent school this summer."

"Do you know her?"

"I know her by sight, having seen her at the palace windows as you have, and I have also seen her riding with Colonel Stockton and his wife. Mrs. Stockton calls at the governor's and knows all the young ladies, but she must be under some promise to the convent sisters to keep us youngsters aloof, for we have never been able to manage an introduction."

"Does she never speak of Miss Valencia?"

"Yes, frequently. Says Dona Teresa is brilliant and accomplished, speaks Spanish and English equally well, is well read in ancient and modern literature, reads French, plays, sings and draws and is gentle and sweet—an angel, with wings just sprouting, I suppose. Mrs. Stockton makes herself miserable over the thought that so much concentrated sweetness and excellence are to be wasted upon a monte playing, bull tailing Mexican, for it is reported that a matrimonial bargain has already been made between the girl's parents and those of a cheap fellow in Las Lunas, named Ortega—a cowardly scamp of no account whatever. Has money, that's all. Mrs. Stockton further says that if she was a young American gentleman she would make it the object of her life to win this treasure."

"Why have none of you tried it?" asked Raymer.

"Because there are American girls with prior claims upon us, I suppose," was the reply. "I can answer for myself to that effect. Even if the daring young American should be found, how is he to break through all the barriers that hedge this beauty from the ordinary methods of lovemaking?"

"Love is said to laugh at locksmiths," replied Raymer.

The conversation was here interrupted by a messenger asking Lieutenant Reed's presence at the adjutant's office, and Raymer was left to ponder over what he had learned and to speculate upon the possibilities of forming an acquaintance with the girl who had interested him so much.

For a week the lieutenant daily haunted the sundial, but not once in the seven days that his eyes sought the palace windows did he see any members of the household, except the servants who dusted the casings and polished the panes.

Early next morning Raymer was sent on detached service, from which he did not return until late on the following Saturday. Sunday morning he determined to attend church at the cathedral, and at the usual hour entered the eastern door of the transept. The congregation was already assembled and seated upon the floor in rows after the Mexican manner. Neither pew nor bench was there, except two rows of

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COMING EVENTS.

Dec. 9.—Farmers' Institute, East Hebron.
Dec. 17-19.—Annual meeting Maine State Grange, Bangor.
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REVIEW OF TARIFF LEGISLATION.

Editor Democrat:

I said in a previous article that protection was the policy of the government from its organization. The first tariff was framed by Alexander Hamilton, and was signed by President Washington July 4th, 1789. The act imposed specific duties on forty-seven articles, and ad valorem on others.

The second tariff act passed the house by a vote of 29 to 13, and the senate without division, and was signed by the president Aug. 10th, 1790. This measure exacted higher duties. The Act of May, 1792, and 1794, followed, and imposed rates in addition to those previously in force.

March 3d and July 8th, 1797, and May 13th, 1800, still increasing duties were imposed. There was a further increase March 26th, 1804.

In 1807 and 1808 the industrial situation was suddenly changed. Napoleon's decrees of Berlin and Milan were followed by the English orders in council, and the administration retaliated by the embargo act in December, 1807. The non-intercourse act followed in 1809, and war with England in 1812. During the war all duties were doubled as a war measure. This act is known as the tariff of 1812.

The additional duties imposed by the act of 1812 were repealed Feb. 15th, 1816, and new schedules adopted. The Lowndes-Calhoun tariff was approved April 27th, 1816, and was not wholly set aside until 1842, although many of its schedules were amended in 1819-21-24, when the Clay tariff was passed, largely increasing the duties on the manufactures of woolen and cotton goods, as well as the raw material. In 1828 there was a slight decrease on manufactured goods. The average duty on all goods imported from 1828 to 21832 was 47.81; on dutiable goods 51.55. An act was passed in 1832 to correct the inequalities of the act of 1828. Railroad iron was made free in a separate act. In 1833 a compromise tariff was passed reducing duties on a sliding scale yearly until a uniform duty of twenty per cent was reached.

It was during the presidency of Andrew Jackson that South Carolina refused to pay duties on goods arriving at the Port of Charleston, and "Old Hickory" ordered a warship to that port with instructions to its commander to collect the taxes or reduce the city to ashes. It is needless to say the taxes were forthcoming.

The tariff of 1842 was a distinctively party measure, passed by the Whigs, and became operative August 30th of that year, and changed all existing rates. It was amended in March, 1843, and continued in force until Dec. 1st, 1846. Under it all imports averaged 26.92 per cent, and dutiable goods 33.47 per cent.

This was followed by the Walker tariff of 1846, which passed the house by a vote of 114 to 95, and was a tie in the senate, the tie being broken by Vice-President Dallas in his constitutional capacity voting yes. This was a tariff for revenue only and continued until 1857. The tariff of 1857 made still further reductions, and President Buchanan was compelled to call a halt and implore congress to increase the revenue by increased duties. Congress authorized the issue of $40,000,000 of bonds drawing 6 per cent interest, and to such straits was the treasury driven that $20,000,000 of the bonds were negotiated at 88 cents on the dollar, and the balance were never sold. Under the tariff of 1857 all importations averaged 15.66 per cent, and dutiable goods 20.12 per cent.

The people became restless and disgusted with Democratic legislation and disgusted with the domineering spirit of the leaders of the party, and elected Abraham Lincoln president, the candidate of the party of freedom. The party found an empty treasury, a navy scattered to the four corners of the earth, a soldiery loyal to the Old Flag.

The Morrill tariff of 1861 differed materially from all that had preceded it, in that it provided for compound and differential duties in a general system of specific and ad valorem, and a distinction in goods imported from different parts of the world.

During the war of the Rebellion there were frequent changes for the increase of the revenue. There were modifications of the rates from 1870 onward. That year tea and coffee were put on the free list and duties were lowered about ten per cent on cotton and woolen goods, wool, leather, glass and iron, and the free list was further enlarged, but in the act of 1875 these schedules were rescinded. In 1879 the duty on some articles was abolished.

In 1883 a commission tariff was passed, which remained in force until Oct. 6th, 1890, when the McKinley bill took its place. This bill continued in force until the present *nondescript* supplanted it.

The reader will see that schedules frequently need revising in the interest of labor; that while it appears to protect manufacturers, we forget that every additional factory employs laborers, and these laborers must be fed, clothed and housed. I will refer to only one industry which started under the McKinley tariff, the manufacture of tin plate. Like a young giant, it forged to the front, and is bound to succeed and supply in time our own market.

E. W. WOODBURY.

HERE AND THERE.

Thomas B. Reed was duly chosen speaker of the house of representatives, being nominated by acclamation in the Republican caucus. The committes are expected to be announced this week. Rumors about the chairmanship of the ways and means committee are numerous. One of them is that Mr. Dingley will not be given the position, because that would be giving Maine undue prominence in congress. With Mr. Frye president *pro tem* of the senate, Mr. Reed speaker of the house, Mr. Dingley chairman of the committee on ways and means and therefore leader of the house majority, Mr. Boutelle chairman of the naval committee and Mr. Milliken of the committee on public buildings, the Maine influence would be quite prominent. And there is no reason except the locality reason why they shouldn't have all those places.

There are more newspapers called the "News" in this country than of any other name—616 in all. There are 553 Journals, 332 Independents, 350 Gazettes, 220 Couriers, 175 Reviews, and 90 Observers.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

PARIS HILL.

First Baptist Church: Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting Thursday Evening at 7:00 P. M.

Universalist Church: Sunday School every Sunday at 11 A. M.

Mrs. George F. Godfrey of Bangor made a flying visit to relatives here last week.

James Twitchell reports a pig killed Dec. 2, when three days less than seven months old, which weighed 368 pounds. He wants to hear from a bigger one, if anybody has one to furnish.

And speaking of big pigs reminds J. H. Rawson of one that he many years ago walked three miles to see, which was so fat that what was originally a tail two or three inches long had become a hole in the pig's body.

Robert H. Jackson is at home from Westbrook Seminary for the vacation between the fall and winter terms.

Bad traveling and cold weather didn't keep the crowd away from the circle Friday night, though they didn't come in much till after supper. Ten "White Beauties" were disposed of by Auctioneer Park for the grand march. The boys seemed to lack sand, and the bidding was slow. Next time the men are going to mask, and it is asserted that the ladies will show us some bidding that will make the men feel ashamed of themselves. Good for the New Woman!

Miss Caroline P. Thayer is visiting friends at Dixfield.

At the suggestion of Rev. Mr. Hooper, an evening meeting will be held, in addition to the forenoon service, when he preaches here in the Universalist church, on the 22d.

Rev. S. D. Richardson of Hebron occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church, Sunday, Mr. Roberts being at Farmington.

The Universalist Sunday School has unanimously accepted the invitation of the Baptist school to a union Christmas observance, and has chosen a committee of arrangements, to act with the committee from the other school.

EAST BETHEL.

Thanksgiving Day passed very quietly in this place.

Miss Balentine of Portland, a normal graduate, is to teach the school at this place.

Two homes have been closed in this place, and following are the names of those who have gone away for the winter: J. M. and Z. W. Bartlett, E. S. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Perry, Miss Emma Brown, Charles Swan, George Swan Foye Brown, Percie Bartlett, Inez Brown, Lillian R. Kimball, Fannie Holt, C. C. Kimball, Irving Kimball, Herbert Blake and Charles Young.

Mrs. Madison Bartlett has returned to her home at this place.

GREENWOOD.

If the storm Sunday night and Monday had all been snow, as it commenced, instead of turning to rain, there would have been wallowing in snow and road breaking; as it turned there is no snow on the ground, and water enough for the present.

Those whose aqueducts did not freeze up two years ago this winter, nor dry up the past season, need have no fears that they ever will. Ours did neither, although it bubbled more than two months during the drouth, which shows how near the fountain came to running dry.

We have heard of some famous dams being built both by nature and art, and here is one that deserves to go on record with the others. George Tubbs lives near the Little Androscoggin river, and has a boy 8 years of age. One day the little fellow took the required material down to the river when it was the lowest, and dammed it up so that it entirely stopped running for five hours. You may put that down as an event that never happened before, and probably never will again.

The new school house at the Centre is said to be equal to the best in town, and it certainly is a fine looking building. School commenced there last Monday taught by Fannie Brooks.

One day last week Ernest Cole cut his foot so badly while chopping in the woods that his father was obliged to carry him to the house.

G. W. McCombe gave a discourse at the Pond last Sunday, without any particular text for a foundation; his theme being the necessity of starting in life with a fixed purpose, whether in religious or secular matters. His remarks were interesting and well rendered. He is a student from Hebron Academy, as is also Mr. Clark, our school teacher.

Dannie Bryant is 13 years old and bids fair to develop into a sharp shooter. He has shot twenty-two partridges this season. The other evening he shot one in a tree as he supposed while budding, and on going to pick her up found he had killed two instead of one. That's what might be called shooting better than he knew.

Whoever fails to get some extra light on the subject this month cannot blame nature, since she gives us two full moons for that purpose. It is a luxury we shall not get next year, so we ought to appreciate it.

WILSON'S MILLS.

J. C. Bean has been to Colebrook the past week after a new cylinder for his engine.

A regular downpour of rain Tuesday night with high wind raised the streams to high water mark.

The vagaries of the weather for the past week have been incomprehensible, as the mercury has ranged from 60 nearly to zero and back again in a very few hours.

Silas Peaslee is in town. He will survey the lumber hauled from the township, and also settle the bills for the fire of last October.

Calvin Fox has bought the mail route, team, etc., also the house and stable of John Shatney.

J. S. Danforth and Ed Rogers came from Camp Caribou the past week, and are en route to Florida.

Born, Nov. 22, to the wife of Peter Littlehale, a daughter.

SOUTH HIRAM.

Mr. Henry Clay, who has been in Rockport, Mass., the past year, returned home last Tuesday.

Percy G. Gould is at home.

School commenced Monday under the instruction of Mrs. Emma Merrifield.

The masquerade sociable and supper given by the Good Templars last Thursday was a success financially.

Circle at the vestry of the M. E. church Wednesday evening.

EAST SUMNER.

Miss Nellie Hibbard has been visiting friends in the place. She has been stopping in Bath for several weeks.

School began on Monday under the care of Roscoe G. Ricker of Hartford.

Jennie Stetson has returned from Windham, and is teaching on Sumner Hill.

Work at the corn factory has closed and the corn is all sold and sent away.

Slocum's little spring pig dressed 361. Lester Robinson's 359. Half of the latter has been sent over to Register Park, to be—*recorded*, a pound or so at a time, and the times quite frequent, no doubt.

Jobbers are anxiously awaiting snow. There will be considerable teaming in the vicinity this winter.

STOW.

Married, in Jackson, Mr. Charles Walker of Stow and Miss Emma Drew of Jackson.

Mr. Will Walker is at home on a short visit. His sister, Miss Nellie Walker, will go back to Boston with him.

School commenced in Dist. No. 2 Dec. 2d, taught by Miss Hattie Woodward.

Died, in Stow, Nov. 29, Mrs. John McKeen, aged 31 years, 5 months.

People are talking of having a Christmas tree and exercises at the M. E. church.

Mr. Eaton of Stow killed a 9-months-old pig that weighed 437 1-4 pounds, and who can beat that?

Percy Emerson was carrying Charles, Susie and Alice to school Monday, when the horse took fright at an umbrella and threw them out, cleared himself from the wagon and ran home. No bones broken, but badly shaken up.

ROXBURY.

We have now plenty of rain and snow is very much needed. Many wise ones know that we shall not have much until Christmas. I never ask them how they know for fear of straining friendship.

Mr. Chapman is sending a car load of green spool squares to the spool mill at Dixfield, to last them until snow comes.

The deer have respite from the hunters.

Herbert Burgess has a job drawing spruce pulp wood from Bartlett's land near the Notch.

Mr. Chapman has several hundred cords of birch to be drawn through the Notch.

So much business will insure a good winter road for the west part of our town.

Philip Ash has moved his family into the Notch, and is yarding birch for Chapman's mill.

NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Herman A. Skillings and wife of Harvard, Mass., are visiting relatives here. Mr. Skillings has purchased four cows of Wm. C. Chapman and shipped them the 7th.

School began the 2d, and all are glad to welcome Miss Maude Merrow back for her eighth term here.

D. W. Mills is very kind to come over this side and sharpen up the horse shoes for the people during this bad traveling.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Mason spent Thanksgiving with A. H. Mason and family at Bethel.

EAST WATERFORD.

The winter schools opened Dec. 2d, except in the McIntire District, where there will be none. Miss Ada Briggs of Paris teaches at Temple Hill and Miss Helen Brown in Bisbeetown.

Selectman C. H. Pride and Surveyor William Douglass are tracing the town lines.

Mrs. C. H. Pride returned Tuesday from a visit at her sister's at North Fryeburg.

Mrs. Ira Johnson is now with her daughter, Mrs. Hutchins.

L. M. Sanderson bought a cow of Ernest Pike this week.

Henry C. Young has built an ice house.

GRAFTON.

The hay pressers from Colebrook, N. H., who have for several weeks been pressing hay in this town, have gone to Newry.

Our school closed last week, and the teacher, Miss Florence Farrar, has gone on a visit to her uncle's in Deering.

Four men from Hebron are camping in town.

George Morse and Miss Alice Brooks were married on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Daisy Brooks, who has been spending her vacation at home, has returned to Bethel to attend school at Gould Academy.

The ladies' circle meets with Mrs. Reed on Thursday next, Dec. 12.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. F. E. Pottle and children have gone back to their home in Portland.

Mrs. L. D. Hobbs has gone up on Pike's Hill to stay with J. W. Parsons and his sister this winter.

Dr. Hazelton and family are at home from Andover.

Mrs. E. F. Pottle, Mrs. S. A. Clement and Grace Gould have gone to Massachusetts to spend the winter.

A. D. Kilgore and Harry Wood went to Newry last week.

PERU.

Hollis Turner has bought a horse of the man that is loading wood for Bearce & Wilson.

Howard Turner and Will Jackson are loading wood on the cars for Irish of Hartford.

The Baptist society had a church sociable on the 4th.

W. H. Conant of Rumford Falls was in town this week on business.

Tom Farrar will buy birch at East Peru this winter.

DENMARK.

The ladies' circle met with Mrs. Geo. N. Colby Wednesday afternoon and evening. About fifty sat down to a fine supper. Music, games, etc., were in order during the evening.

Another little stranger arrived in town Monday afternoon, Dec. 2d. It was a boy baby to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Libby.

The winter term of high school will begin Monday morning, Dec. 9th, with Mr. Mahlman as teacher, and Miss Flossie Jewett as assistant.

Mr. Alvin Ordway has traded the C. I. Smith place for the mill and Centennial Hall building formerly owned by Potter & Ordway.

Another ball Christmas eve at Odd Fellows' Hall. Music by Harrison Band.

SOUTH RUMFORD.

W. Clark passed Thanksgiving week with his mother in Turner.

V. E. Fuller has been confined to the house the past two weeks with carbuncles on his neck.

Will Freeman has had an aqueduct laid this fall to his house.

S. B. Jones is having a sap house built.

Tennie Jones attends school at the Falls and boards herself.

SUMNER.

Saturday evening, Nov. 30th, at the home of the bride's father, Joseph A. Noyes, and in the presence of a company of relatives of the contracting parties, Cecil Noyes and Lincoln Davenport were united in marriage by Capt. G. M. Small of West Sumner. A reception followed the ceremony. The newly married couple locate at South Paris this winter.

Hersey Keene is visiting relatives at North Buckfield.

O. L. Newell has bought two cows recently.

Mrs. H. W. Poland made a flying trip to Lewiston Saturday to have her children's pictures taken.

Mr. Dana Edson of East Weymouth, Mass., is visiting at Mr. Parlin's.

Marcus Sampson and his family were at his sister's, Mrs. Calvin Parlin's, Thanksgiving Day.

Skating is the order of the day and night too, on Labrador Pond.

EAST BROWNFIELD.

Miss Addie Allard, who has been teaching in Conway, passed a two weeks' vacation at home. She returns to her school this week.

Miss Edith Whitney is teaching at West Brownfield.

Miss Nellie Greeley has gone to Conway to assist her uncle in his store.

Mrs. A. D. Greenlaw has put in a new stock of Christmas goods, which she is selling at hard times prices.

Miss Grace Griggs has gone to Worcester to visit her aunt, Mrs. Drusilla Chapman.

A merry crowd of young people to the number of fifty were skating on Bradbury's Pond Wednesday evening.

OXFORD.

Rev. Mr. Varley and wife attended the meeting of the East Oxford Local Union of Christian Endeavor Societies held at Berlin Falls, N. H., Dec. 3d. Miss Kate Houghton, who was to read a paper on the state convention at Houlton, could not be present.

Geo. Ellis of Portland, formerly of this place, visited friends here last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Hersey returned from Boston Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Howard is holding a series of meetings at Welchville.

The Sons of Temperance will hold a fair on Dec. 11 and 12.

Married on Thanksgiving evening by Rev. Mr. Howard, Miss Georgia Blake and Mr. West.

There was a re-union of the Hanscom family on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th, at the residence of Charles Hanscom.

RUMFORD.

John Estes went to Shelburne, N. H., to work last Saturday.

Mrs. John Estes has gone to Portland visiting.

Amos Austin and George Jackson have gone to Andover looking for a job in the woods.

Monday, C. P. Martin of Auburn, drove a large flock of sheep by this place en route for Auburn. This is the second drove he has driven within two weeks.

What has become of John and his spicy letters?

The Byron correspondent has dropped out. Wish he would report the doings in that place.

BETHEL.

Tuesday several from the Y. P. S. C. E. attended the Local Union at Berlin.

Last Sunday evening Mr. Daniel Holt died at the home of his son in Greenwood. Only three weeks before Mrs. Holt passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Holt had spent fifty-six happy years together. "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided."

The skaters took advantage of the fine skating, and Wednesday evening a large party skated on Rowe's Meadow.

Wednesday evening the Universalist society gave a chicken supper which was well patronized. A very pleasing program was rendered after the supper, and a social hour was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thursday afternoon the Ladies' Club met with Mrs. J. U. Purington. A pleasant and interesting hour was spent giving anecdotes of authors, then current events were discussed. The club will meet next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Gilbert Tuell.

Gould Academy opened last Tuesday for its winter term. The prospect for a full and interesting term is very flattering.

The village and town schools have also re-opened.

Friday afternoon the Ladies' Missionary Society met with Mrs. F. S. Chandler. The subject was of vital interest, being the "Condition of the Armenians and missionaries in Turkey."

Friday Mr. Orlando Buck shot a very fine buck on Chapmans' Mountain. The hunters saw several other deer, but they made good their escape.

Friday the body of Mr. Allison Bartlett was brought from Boston to Bethel for burial in the family lot in Riverside Cemetery. Last Monday while Mr. Bartlett was working on the electric cars he fell and sustained injuries which proved fatal. His father, Mr. Spencer Bartlett, was formerly a resident of Bethel.

Mr. Milton Penley, after eighteen years' experience in the meat business, has sold out to Mr. Matterson.

Will Bean, a member of the United States navy, is at home on a furlough.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Nellie Russell and her daughter Shirley, accompanied by Miss Mary Shirley, went to their winter home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

ANDOVER.

Lots of people going to and from the woods.

Snow is very much needed. The roads are almost impassable unless the horse is sharp.

The engagement of Miss Gertrude M. Dresser, the popular organist of the Congregationalist church of Andover, and Mr. Willard S. Newhall of Andover, is announced.

The Oxford North Agricultural Society hold their annual fair Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 23d and 24th, 1896.

The few inches of snow which came Thursday night give new impetus to deer hunting.

E. M. Bailey and Chas. W. Burditt attended the Y. P. S. C. E. at Berlin this week.

The school on Farmers' Hill is under the management of Miss Annie Learned of Andover.

BROWNFIELD.

Thursday. It has snowed all day; consequently there is a prospect of sleighing Friday.

Perley Linscott has rented the red mill, and is buying hard wood lumber, and will soon go to work.

Mr. Morton, teacher of the grammar school, is having a short vacation.

There is to be a Christmas tree at Town Hall the evening of the 25th.

Mrs. Storer Thorn is very feeble. She has been confined to her bed for months.

Mr. Sidney Kenison and Miss Inzie Johnson, both of Brownfield, were married Nov. 28th.

Miss Patty Wentworth has passed her 92d birthday. Although nearly blind and quite infirm, her intellect and memory are as clear and bright as in her youthful days. She is always cheerful and entertaining.

HEBRON.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cushman and several others from here attended Pomona Grange at South Paris Tuesday.

Rev. S. D. Richardson went to Minot Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Warren Chase.

The fall term of the academy closed Thursday. It has been a large term, and a prosperous one.

Miss Bertha and Jennie Packard will be cordially welcomed to their new home.

Miss Maidie Moody came home to her grandmother's Tuesday. Mrs. Moody is comfortable at present.

Apples and buyers are scarce in this place. Many growers complain of the poor quality of their apples this year, being injured by the railroad worm.

Fred Hall is back from Paris, and at his winter work cutting wood. He has so far cut sixty cords, and has seventy or more engaged now. He showed us an axe with which he last winter cut 125 cords, and it is quite an axe yet.

Mrs. W. K. Moody of Boston came Thursday night. C.

WEST SUMNER.

Ethel Heald returned to Farmington normal school last Tuesday.

Harold Bates and Harlan Bisbee of Bowdoin College were at Clinton Bates' over Sunday.

Miss Annie Barrows remains much the same. She has been quite poorly for some time.

Bert Thomas wears a smile. It is a girl. Born the 5th.

Geo. E. Pulsifer is away on a canvassing trip in Massachusetts.

The village school commenced last Monday under the instruction of Miss Dot Heald.

The Universalist Circle met in the vestry Tuesday night. Quite a large attendance.

Elmer Robbins of North Sumner is in poor health.

Lucy A. Andrews visited Mrs. Annie B. Andrews last Tuesday.

About fifty relatives, friends and neighbors of Joseph A. Noyes assembled at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Fletcher Parlin, in the evening of Nov. 30th, when and where Mr. Lincoln L. Davenport and Mr. Noyes' daughter, Miss Cecil R. Noyes, were united in marriage by G. M. Small, Esq. The presents were pretty and useful. The company had a very enjoyable social entertainment and an appropriate collation. The happy couple will reside at South Paris for the present.

HIRAM.

Mr. James A. Warren is going to North Carolina for the benefit of his wife's health.

Mrs. Minnie H. McLaren of California, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. W. Hubbard, has been summoned home by telegram by the illness of her husband.

Mr. Frank Cotton and Mr. Charles Gould are in poor health.

Sewell Hobson of Conway, N. H., was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Susan A. Warren has removed to the Dennis Morrill house.

Mr. Isaac E. Osgood has sold 175 spring beds this summer and fall.

We are now, Thursday, in a tough northeast snow storm.

NEWRY.

Our new school houses will be ready for the winter schools next Monday.

A town meeting has been called for December 10th to raise more money and see about selling the old school houses.

Lots of pulp wood and hard wood for stoves is being cut in this town, as well as birch for dowels and spool wood.

J. F. Littlehale is reported as slowly failing.

Mrs. J. S. Allen is no better.

J. H. Farrar has bought upwards of 50 sheep of E. F. Stearns, which he will winter on his farm in Grafton.

SUNDAY RIVER.

Lorin Trask has four men cutting scrub spruce in his pasture for pulp. He hauls it to the river. 'Most anything makes paper nowadays.

Will Powers and Charlie Bean and four horses have gone up to Diamond to work this winter.

Mr. Bralie of Rumford has moved his family into Orrington York's house.

Mr. Emery is doing quite a business this winter cutting timber.

Pigs and poultry are dying fast just now.

Farmers are down in the mouth about their potatoes.

BUCKFIELD.

John S. Spaulding and wife of Caribou were in town the past week.

Edward G. Cole, wife and daughter, were the Thanksgiving guests at Dr. A. E. Cole's, Melrose, Mass.

Mrs. William Monk is critically ill with a shock—the second stroke—and is now speechless and helpless.

Stanley Benson's horse had the liberty of the city in a runaway Tuesday, demolishing the wagon and clearing himself for home in Hartford at a speedy gait. Benson was thrown out, but not seriously hurt.

Mrs. Seavey of Southbridge, Mass., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amial Jones, spent Thanksgiving with her parents.

The ladies of the Baptist Sewing Circle are making great efforts for a successful fair and Christmas bazar at Nezinscot Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th.

The ladies' aid of the Methodist Society gave a supper at G. A. R. Hall Friday for the benefit of the parlor extension to the church. The banquet was a very pleasant affair, bountiful and artistic tables, and a fair attendance. After dinner speeches were made by T. S. Bridgham, Esq., Capt. C. H. Prince, Rev. Messrs. Lawrence and Sadler.

With this entertainment G. A. R. Hall, formerly known as Reform Hall, closes to the public, and is to be immediately transformed into a private tenement to be occupied by Ex-Postmaster E. F. Atwood. The echoes of local oratory, however, will go down the vista of coming years in the deepened impressions on youthful lives that have often gathered there in former times.

Mrs. F. P. Withington is visiting friends in Brunswick.

An interesting fraternity gathering was held at Masonic Hall last Monday evening, the occasion being a regular meeting, and a visit to Evening Star Lodge from Whitney Lodge of Canton. The latter, to the number of thirty, came by special train, arriving about 7:00 P. M. The lodge exercises were followed by remarks from various members of the two lodges, and a banquet in the new banquet hall, this being the first time it has been used. The occasion was an all-round enjoyable one. A cordial invitation was extended for Evening Star Lodge to return the visit.

NORTH PARIS.

Calvin Bisbee of Bethel was at Charles Stevens', Nov. 29.

Olin Chase returned from the woods sick.

Wallace Andrews of Portland visited his parents, Nov. 29-30.

P. A. Crawford is building a hen house.

Lucy Andrews went to Portland Dec. 3.

John Ross, who has lately taken a wife, is to live with Mr. Morse this winter.

Farmers are most of them busy cutting their firewood for the season.

Mrs. Cora Hatt is at work for Eldron Stearns on Stearns Hill.

PORTER.

A little incident happened this week which is worthy of mentioning, in which a little boy four years old was the principal actor. As his grandmother was preparing her cream for churning the little fellow was heard to exclaim, "Grandma, let me churn for you!" The little fellow's request was freely granted, thinking he would get tired in a few minutes, but here they got mistaken, for the little fellow would not let any one help him, and not even rest himself until the churning was finished, and still farther than that, he never changed hands. The name of this little fellow is Master Merle French.

The winter term of school commenced last Monday, taught by L. L. Cook, who has taught the three terms previous.

Elmer Sawyer and his cousin, Elsie Sawyer of Pownal, spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. Susie Sawyer, returning home Friday.

The skating is fine.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Eben Humphrey has been stricken down with a paralytic shock, completely disabling one side. He has been removed from Charles Clark's, where he has been living, to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nelson Stevens, at Trap Corner.

School commenced again last Monday after a vacation of two weeks.

As the high school at Norway closes this week, Perley Wyman will be at home on a vacation of three weeks.

J. H. Davis has been putting in some convenient water works this fall.

Geo. Cummings is at work in the woods this winter.

W. H. Lurvey is at work at West Paris with his horses, hauling pulp out of the river to the railroad landing.

WEST PERU.

Mr. Belles from Pennsylvania has been in town collecting Christmas trees—wants six thousand.

Charles E. Knox is finishing off a rent over his new store.

Lewis Wing and wife have gone to Tacoma, Washington, to spend the winter with their son.

Adam Simpson and wife have gone to Lewiston to spend the winter.

Mr. Belles has finished loading his Christmas trees. Four carloads started for Pennsylvania yesterday where he expects a ready sale.

Lura Knight has gone west to spend the winter with her aunt.

SWEDEN.

The fine weather of the last two months has made some of our spring flowers get around the year before they were due. One of our young friends picked a very pretty cluster of Mayflowers Dec. 1st, and many of the hazel bushes are in bloom now.

Seth Brackett has gone to Auburn to spend the winter with his brother.

E. P. Woodbury left for Lancaster the 30th. His mother will make it her home at her daughter's.

Mrs. J. W. Chute's and the Woodbury house will be closed for the present.

Everett Farnum and sister spent Thanksgiving at J. W. Chute's.

John Evans has bought a two-year-old colt.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

NORTH WOODSTOCK, Nov. 27, '95.

We have used the Busy Bee washer and find that it does just what it is recommended to do, and we are fully satisfied with it. We never would use any washer before, believing that it would not wash clean, but find that the Busy Bee can wash clothes as clean, if not cleaner, than they could be washed by hand, and it does the work in half the time, with less than half the labor.

S. L. RUSS,
MRS. S. L. RUSS.

NORTH WOODSTOCK, Nov. 29, '95.

We take pleasure in recommending the Busy Bee Washer as a labor and time-saving machine. We have used other washers, but think the Busy Bee superior to any we have used or ever saw used.

JOSIAH MOODY.
NELLIE F. MOODY.

"SKETCHES OF OXFORD COUNTY."

A COPY OF THIS PUBLICATION IS DESIRED.

In a paragraph in a recent Democrat relating to the late Rev. Thomas Treadwell Stone, a correspondent noted the fact that while preaching at Andover Mr. Stone wrote a book entitled "Sketches of Oxford County," which was published about 1830 in Portland. A subscriber wishes to obtain a copy of this book, if one is to be found. Any one who has such a copy may find it of advantage to communicate with the Democrat.

PERMANENTLY CURES RHEUMATISM.

There is nothing wonderful about the fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla perfectly and permanently cures rheumatism because it is well known that rheumatism is caused by lactic acid in the blood, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the one true blood purifier. "Last spring I was troubled with that tired feeling and had more or less trouble with rheumatism especially when I took cold. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and used five bottles. It has built me up and given me strength, and have not had any rheumatism since taking it. I regard Hood's Sarsaparilla as an excellent medicine and I propose to begin taking it for catarrhal troubles."—MRS. M. SARAH MURPHY, 19 Mill Street, Augusta, Maine.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Cleveland's message sent to congress at the opening of its session last week is about the ordinary length, but is different from his usual messages in that it is confined to two lines of subjects—foreign relations and finance. We are indebted to an exchange for the following condensation of it, which is succinct, if not absolutely unpartisan:

Our relations with all foreign powers are agreeable.

The energetic steps taken by our Government in China, will ensure the future safety of American missionaries and citizens in that country.

Our protective tariff policy has ruined our meat export trade with Germany, and cut off the foreign business of our insurance companies.

The United States Government is bound to protest against the arbitrary enlargement of the area of British Guiana against the will of Venezuela.

Legislation should be aimed at the vicious Padroni system of enslaving Italian labor in this country.

The United States was the first Government to recognize the New Japan.

Nicaragua is grateful to us for our kindly offices in the settlement of her dispute with Great Britain.

The President reiterates his conviction that our Government should withdraw its protection from Samoa.

While there is a popular sympathy for Cuba, our Government must maintain its international obligations to Spain. The President hopes that war will soon come to an end in the island.

Our Ministers and warships are protecting American citizens in Turkey, but to the European Powers belongs the business of carrying out reforms.

Legislation is needed for the further improvement of the consular service on reform lines, as begun by executive order.

Official residences should be provided by the Government for our ministers at foreign courts.

The President defends the contract with the Bond Syndicate and says Congress might have saved sixteen millions of dollars by acceding to the Administration's request for the authorization of a 3 per cent bond issue.

The remedy for our financial troubles is the retirement and cancellation of the greenbacks.

An increase of National Bank circulation, to take the place of the greenbacks, is suggested—National Banks to issue notes up to par value of bonds deposited.

Any insufficiency of revenue has nothing to do with the gold question and is not to be considered in connection with our financial difficulties.

Free silver coinage would be a great disaster to all, especially the wage-earner.

WANTED.

Horses to train for the winter, or colts to break, by W. A. Nelson of Portland, who is located on the Jewett farm, Buckfield. Best of handling. Prices reasonable.

"Sketches of Oxford County."

A copy of this book, written by Rev. Thomas Treadwell Stone, and published in Portland about 1830, is wanted. Any one having knowledge of a copy will please communicate with the Oxford Democrat, South Paris.

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Real Estate for Sale.

I have 12 acres of land to sell, known as the "Merrill lot," situated in Oxford, Maine, on the right hand of the road going from Norway Village to the covered bridge, adjoining the Robert Noyes farm. There are several good building lots and some wood and timber.

I have several house lots in Norway Village for sale. It is a good time to buy now, and get ready to build in the Spring when 50 houses at least will be needed.

I have also a tract of land consisting of 87 acres, situated on both sides of the traveled road and railroad, below the railroad bridge between South Paris Village and Fore Street, so called. FREELAND HOWE,
Real Estate Agent, Norway Village, Me.

CARPETS.

A few more good trades left.

We shall close out the balance of our fall stock at extremely low prices.

It will pay you if in want of a carpet to call.

Chas. F. Ridlon,
98 Main St.,
Opposite P. O. Norway, Maine.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Geo. A. Wilson, Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of November, A. D. 1895, commissioners to receive and examine the claims of creditors against the estate of Aaron J. Abbott, late of Rumford, in said County, deceased, represented insolvent, hereby give notice that six months from the date of said appointment are allowed to said creditors in which to present and prove their claims, and that they will be in session at the following places and times for the purpose of receiving the same, viz: at the office of S. R. Hutchins, Esq., on Tuesday the 24th day of December, A. D. 1895, and Tuesday the 19th day of May, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock in the afternoon.

EDWARD F. ELLIOTT, } Commissioners.
SAMUEL L. MOODY, }
Rumford, Nov. 25, 1895.

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Mails arrive at post office: From Portland, 9:47 A. M., 3:45 and 7:20 P. M.; from Gorham, 6:35 and 10:23 A. M.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

On and after Nov. 18, 1895, trains leave South Paris: Going east, 6:25 and 10:13 A. M., 4:08 P. M.; going west, 9:37 A. M., 3:35 and 7:10 P. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church, R. J. Haughton, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. W. T. Chapman, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service, 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6 P. M.; evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church. Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

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.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 56, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, second Saturday of each month. The Grange store is open for trade Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

U. O. G. C.—First and third Thursdays.

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

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets Saturday on or before full moon, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. K. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

S. of V.—John C. McArdle Camp meets second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at G. A. R. Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 183, meets at G. A. R. Hall first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

L. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Masonic Hall.

Herbert M. Tucker is working at Coombs' blacksmith shop.

Time to think about going fishing. Charles Brett sells live bait.

George Hazen, Esq., and E. P. Faunce, of Oxford, were in town Tuesday.

Howard Shaw as "Bobby" played his part with credit in the Husking Bee.

Briggs & Farrar were peddling meat on both wheels and runners last week.

Mrs. Burton Clifford of Winthrop has been visiting her father, W. R. Russell.

Elliott Record drives a very good looking gray pacer that can go along some.

Hon. James S. Wright has added a new birch roll top desk to the furnishings of his office.

Howard and Bertha Shaw returned last Wednesday from Boston where they have been visiting.

A crowd took advantage of the first-class weather and the good skating Wednesday afternoon.

Rodney N. Hall seems to be having more than his share of illness. He was "hauled up" again last week.

William J. Wheeler has been delayed somewhat in moving into his new office. He moved his safes in Saturday.

For the fiscal year ending Sept. 1st the Baptist society in this village have contributed the sum of $125 for foreign missions.

It was runners and wheels last week. You could take your choice, and whichever you took you wished you'd taken the other.

C. S. Richardson is improving his residence at the corner of Church and Gothic Streets by the addition of a piazza and minor changes.

The electric road got a taste of winter Thursday night. They didn't miss a trip, however, and were out with their plow bright and early the next morning.

H. R. Morton and Mr. Bonney of Auburn have been in town in the interest of the knights of the Golden Eagle, endeavoring to establish a lodge of the order here.

The Norway Advertiser man calls our sewer the "South Paris Panama Canal." This is not so strange. Bro. Clark's ideas of water ways have enlarged since the regatta last summer.

Mrs. Polly Thayer, widow of the late Ebenezer Thayer, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Rice, last Wednesday. She would have been 95 years old if she had lived until Christmas Day, and was, we believe, the oldest person but one in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of another son. This is their second child, the first being 20 years old. The genial Joseph has passed the cigars, and will continue to serve as chief mogul to the Cuspidore Club.

E. W. Dutton of Norway is doing quite a job of "knitting work" at the county buildings. He has traced and is fret sawing the large fancy ventilator for the centre of the dome in the court room. The design is very elaborate and contains much fine fret sawing.

W. H. Porter of Norway paid his respects to the Democrat Saturday and left a sample of his goods for the editors, consisting of a quart of nice oysters with cracker accompaniment. We can testify to the excellent quality of Mr. Porter's goods. Thanks, Mr. Porter.

The first installment of "Teresa" appears in the Democrat this week. Teresa is a story of the Southwest, with enough military flavor, adventure and romance to make a very interesting story. It is "good easy reading," and the outcome is entirely satisfactory even if not strictly conventional.

To our already long list of professional men, they say that we have added a genuine "professor." Owing to the fact that an editor's existence upon this mundane sphere hangs by a thread so slight that it might be severed in a moment by one blow from a meat axe, we refer all inquirers to the Western Avenue meat market, where the facilities for cold storage of dead bodies are excellent.

Mr. E. P. Mayo of Waterville called on the Democrat Wednesday. Mr. Mayo came up to attend the dairy conference at Norway. He is editor-in-chief and manager of Turf, Farm and Home, a paper which is known to many of our readers, and which is all that its name implies. Incidentally it may be mentioned that Mr. Mayo was very much pleased with the Democrat's quarters in the new block.

Loren B. Merrill of Paris Hill called upon the Democrat Friday and exhibited a large display of Mount Mica tourmalines, including many which he has obtained the past summer. Those who have not seen these stones have little idea of their beauty and value. They are really among the handsomest gems in the line of precious stones, and the writer was once informed by an expert at the famous jewelry establishment of Tiffany & Co. in New York that the Mount Mica tourmalines were the finest to be obtained.

Miss Minnie A. Plummer has lately received wedding announcement cards from Mlle. Marie Louise Guilmant, daughter of the famous Alexander Guilmant, organist of la Trinite, Paris, France, to the Egyptologist, Mon. Victor Loret. Miss Plummer recently returned from studying with M. Guilmant in France, who speaks in glowing terms of her progress and ability and declares her to be a talented artist. Miss Plummer teaches at South Paris Fridays and Saturdays and has pupils from Norway, Bryant's Pond and other places.

The laugh is on a leading and well-known member of Paris Grange, who resides within three miles of this village. He attended Pomona Grange here last Tuesday and became so engrossed that he left his own horse and went home with another by mistake. On the way home Mrs. Granger offered this suggestion: "This does not drive like Dolly." "Oh, well," says Mr. Granger, "it's cold weather and she's feeling well!" But lo and behold, it wasn't Dolly after all, and Mr. Granger went back to South Paris and fixed matters up as quietly as possible, but there, such things find their way to newspaper offices. But when it comes to the selection of high grade Jersey stock he knows what's what.

Let 'er snow!

The blacksmiths are busy.

Hannibal Curtis of West Paris was in town Monday.

S. A. True, Esq., of Portland, was in town Thursday.

W. J. Wheeler will occupy his new office this week.

Rev. Wilbur Waterhouse of Mechanic Falls is visiting friends here.

Dr. C. L. Buck's dental rooms will be closed Wednesday and Thursday.

C. L. Harris, the photographer, made a trip to Mechanic Falls Monday.

A neat Christmas suggestion is advertised by W. P. Maxim—a kodak.

F. A. Shurtleff is making preparation for a big display of Christmas goods.

John Pierce is showing some novelties in fine glassware for the Christmas trade.

N. Dayton Bolster & Co. hung sixteen new window shades in Billings Block last week.

J. H. Record shows a rug made from the skin of a red fox with black and white markings.

Mr. C. H. Young preached at South Auburn Sunday, and will preach at Durham Monday evening.

Mrs. C. L. Buck and daughter are visiting Mrs. Buck's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, in Charlemont, Mass.

A. C. T. King and Capt. G. C. Pratt have built some good looking office fittings for Wheeler's insurance office.

Mrs. A. I. Sturtevant was in Boston last week buying a stock of Christmas goods for the Sturtevant drug store.

T. L. Webb of Norway was at South Paris Monday soliciting custom tailoring for Charles H. Nason of Augusta.

Rev. Mr. Chapman of the Methodist church and Rev. Mr. Ramsdell of the Baptist church exchanged pulpits on Sunday.

All Knights of Pythias are requested to make a special effort to attend their meeting next Friday evening. Work in the second degree.

The report which has gained circulation that L. S. Billings' safe was entered last week is wholly without foundation —Leander says so!

S. H. Dawes of Harrison was at South Paris Thursday. Mr. Dawes was formerly a large stockholder in the Paris Manufacturing Company.

F. A. Shurtleff and F. P. Burbank returned from Portland after three days' service for the United States of America on the grand jury.

At Mrs. Fuller's auction Saturday, quite a quantity of household goods were sold, and mostly at better than the average auction prices.

Porkology is now in order. A. E. Shurtleff's six months old pig dressed 340 pounds. Swasey Burnell's, out of the same litter, dressed 320 pounds.

At the meeting of Riverside Cemetery Association it was voted to instruct the secretary to notify delinquents that overdue payments must be made at once.

W. P. Maxim put up a private telephone line at Norway last week connecting the National Bank with Cashier Smith's home and President Tubbs' office.

Great interest has been manifested in the illustrated lectures at the Congregational church. Next Sunday evening Mr. Haughton will give the second in the series on Pilgrim's Progress.

W. D. Clark is the latest to put in a new MacNeale & Urban safe. The agent seems to be making many sales here. The vault doors at the new county buildings are of the same make.

Advertised letters in the South Paris post office Dec. 9, 1895:

Mr. C. W. Smith.
J. Wesley Whitman.
Maggy Davidson Wheeler.
Clotilhis Parant.

Albert H. Record died last week at the home of his brother, Emery Record, in this village. The deceased was nearly 86 years old and has been in poor health for many years. He was a son of the late Timothy Record of Buckfield.

Mr. E. G. Peterson of Portland was the guest of Wirt Stanley over Sunday. He brought with him the thoroughbred pointer "Pete," who remains here, and takes the place of his unlucky brother "Snap" in the Stanley household.

There will be an apron sale at the room of the Paris Public Library on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 14th. All who wish to help purchase new books are invited to patronize this sale, and any contributions of aprons will be gratefully received.

It was a pleasant occasion Saturday afternoon, when two of South Paris' most estimable young people, Mr. Clayton A. Churchill and Miss Angie L. Lovejoy, were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Ramsdell. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill will make their home here, and have the universal good wishes of the community.

Hon. B. Walker McKeen, secretary of the Maine Board of Agriculture, and Miss Anna Barrows, who lectured at the dairy conference at Norway last week, have both been on the editorial staff of the Oxford Democrat, the former as editor of the Agricultural Department and the latter as editor of the Homemakers' Column.

The Y. P. S. C. E., in connection with the Congregational church, believe in the duty and blessedness of giving. Every member is pledged to contribute two cents a week, and this year they have handed over to their parish treasurer almost fifty-nine dollars; given ten dollars to missions and paid out several more dollars for incidental expenses. 35 of the 59 dollars was paid for the new sidewalk. The young people are earnest in their work, and never more than at the present time.

The annual meeting of the Riverside Cemetery Association was held at Grand Army Hall last Saturday. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Directors, Geo. A. Wilson, E. F. Stone, Wilbur L. Farrar.
Sec. and Treas., H. N. Bolster.

The association has about $3000 invested funds, the income of which, with the proceeds from the sale of lots, is expended in caring for the yard. The reports of the various officers showed the affairs of the association to be in very excellent condition.

Henry K. Stearns of Hebron drove up in front of the Democrat office Saturday with an "item" in his wagon, and a great, big, broad smile all over his face. It was Henry's first deer, and it was a good one. He shot it away up in Grafton, six miles into the deep woods near Success township. The buck was as fat as a cub, with handsome head and antlers, and weighed 200 pounds with the internal arrangements removed. Henry was as tickled as a boy with his first pair of boots, and we didn't blame him. An old hunter standing by remarked that he didn't do as well with the first one he saw. Said he, "I just stood still and saw him run off, and forgot that I had a gun in my hands!"

A South Paris man received the following anecdote from his native city last week: A countryman drove up to Murphy's music store, left his horse standing close to the sidewalk, and stepped in to make a purchase. While there he espied the phonograph and asked what it was. The explanation so excited his curiosity that he invested five cents to hear the thing play. Mr. Murphy started the machine, the countryman put the tubes up to his ears, and two or three comic songs had been rattled off to the listener's delight, when the phonograph struck up a splendid imitation of a full brass band. Dropping the tubes as if they were red hot, the countryman rushed out to the street, grabbed his horse and firmly tied it to the nearest hitching post. This done, he returned to the store to hear the balance of the programme, remarking to Mr. Murphy at the same time that his horse was partly skittish and never would stand when a band came along. The phonograph did not even smile.

House to let on High Street, about five minutes walk from sled factory. Apply to O. G. Curtis, South Paris, Me.

Chas. H. Howard has decided to remain at South Paris until January 1st and will help at Shurtleff's drug store during the Christmas trade.

There is no doubt about the interest manifested in Rev. R. J. Haughton's Sunday evening lectures. Last Sunday evening, although the church seats three hundred, extra seats were brought in and the aisles and standing room were filled. The views were exceedingly fine.

"Ye Old Fashioned Husking Bee" which was given by our young people in the New Hall last Friday evening was well patronized. The parts were exceedingly well taken, from Uncle Nathan down to little Bobby and the Chinese Girl. Solomon Levi did his part in a most excellent manner and his singing was highly pleasing. We hope he will do well in his new business in selling washing machines. In a verse of his own composition he stated that this was his business since coming to South Paris, and the joke was quickly appreciated by the audience. Others are equally worthy of special mention such as Patrick O'Ryan, Josiah and Betsey. Uncle Nathan's singing was heartily encored. The entertainment was full of innocent mirth, and all had a "good time." It is a matter of general opinion that the various characters were well represented. At the close a supper was served in the G. A. R. Hall, and a goodly number partook thereof.

JOHN'S LETTER.

Neighbor A. G. Packard and grandson passed through the village yesterday with a nicely matched pair of oxen that he bought in Woodstock. A. G. knows an ox when he sees it. And well he may for he has been familiar with oxen ever since he could say "Whoa! hish! Back, Star!" He says that he had decided not to brag on his pig this year, but has changed his mind. An April pig that will weigh 400 in December will bear a little puffing.

And now I wish that some one who knows it all would explain the cause of the trouble that has got on the inside of my foot. Last night while sitting before the fire and minding my own business, without any provocation, whatever, a dart of pain struck my right foot and filled it full of endless misery that lasted all night, and to-day am in no condition to kick. Some might call it gout which is brought on by high living. As Conant on the Hill said to his wife under similar conditions, "You won't get any more bannock into me."

Mrs. V. P. DeCoster has received another little Turner Centre Granger from the Giver of Life. That makes three little Grangers. Writing is not Mrs. V. P.'s only accomplishment.

Say, Friend Pray, are you going to back up and "fid" for another pull? Better unhitch, for women will have the last pull. I think that nature has evened up the thing fairly well, and hasn't dumped all the good and none of the bad in any one place. However, it does seem that the Esquimeaux are slightly handicapped. There are some drawbacks down under the equator where life is an eternal warfare with all venomous things that bite and sting. There is a happy medium and that appears to be in New England, and especially in Maine and more especially in Oxford County, and more especially yet right here in Buckfield on Skeet's Point. The outs here are that we have to hump ourselves and wear patches to keep square with the world, and pay our own and part of the taxes of those who have gained a competency in the years that have always been more or less prosperous to them. That condition exists wherever the old flag floats, from the lakes to the gulf, from Quoddy Head to the Golden Gate, whatever the quality of the soil, wherever the American congress casts its baleful shadow, its mildew and its blight.

Human nature being as it is, what can you expect of a congress of millionaires, bankers and bloats, but legislation in their own interests with "The people be damned," for a motto. And there were a majority of that class before the palmy days of Cleveland. The legitimate fruits of long years of class legislation were over-ripe, and here we are, but we needn't whine or pretend that we would not do the same with the same opportunities. Human nature is about the same old article in everybody's brisket.

JOHN.

FIFTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY OF HON. WALDO PETTENGILL.

RUMFORD FALLS, Dec. 5.
(Special to the Democrat.)

It was a great tribute to many years of usefulness in town, county and state that over fifty of Rumford's best people called at the residence of Hon. Waldo Pettengill last Monday evening to offer sincere congratulations on his fifty-first birthday.

No other man, who has ever lived in town, has accomplished so much to give Rumford the ascending place among the prominent towns as Mr. Pettengill. Coming to Rumford when twenty-one years of age, his energy, prudent counsel, public spirit and untiring efforts, have been put forward to benefit the town, and the Rumford of to-day is greatly indebted to him. "Good as it was," "Better as it is," "The best is yet to come."

Fortunate indeed are the people of this town that at the age of fifty he did not relinquish his arduous labor as was previously contemplated, but took on new duties, put more zeal and enthusiasm into his life work of making Rumford Falls the ideal, enterprising, leading town in the state that she is.

Telegrams of regret at not being able to be present were received from Hugh J. Chisholm and Mr. Chas. D. Brown, men who have been largely concerned in starting those many industries and consummating plans for the future growth.

Four years old, yet containing some of the finest looking buildings in the state. Young, yet taking such strides as hardly seem true. Succeed? Yes sir! No wonder that the town again and again has him honored who has so largely helped to bring these results about, and even the county and state have not been slow to recognize such sterling qualities and given him positions of trust. Kind, pleasant, upright and honest, ever ready to assist in any good work. We believe that the state has a still higher position of trust to place upon him.

J. E. STEPHENS.

POMONA GRANGE.

A PLEASANT MEETING AT SOUTH PARIS.—OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of Oxford County Pomona Grange for the election of officers met with Paris Grange Dec. 3. The forenoon was occupied with the general routine of business, reports of subordinate granges and officers for the year, giving the fifth degree, etc. All reports show the granges of Oxford County to be in a prosperous condition and the leading order of the day. The secretary's report shows 160 new names the past year. It was voted to give $25 to West Minot Grange towards a new hall, to take the place of the one burned. A recess was declared for dinner, and only Grangers can appreciate a grange dinner.

In the afternoon the following officers were elected for the year:

J. A. Roberts, Master.
H. D. Hammond, Overseer.
Mrs. S. E. Jackson, Secretary.
Fred Rowe, Treasurer.
G. W. Q. Perham, Lecturer.
A. E. Morse, Chaplain.
Frank Wood, Steward.
E. G. Greene, Assistant Steward.
Minnie Cox, Lady Assistant Steward.
B. C. Curtis, Gate Keeper.
Mrs. J. A. Roberts, Pomona.
Mrs. Fred Rowe, Flora.
Mrs. H. D. Hammond, Ceres.

The next meeting will be held with Norway Grange the first Tuesday of January for the installation of officers.

WRITE, CHILDREN, WRITE.

SOUTH PARIS, Dec. 4, 1895.

Dear Editor:

Do you have any little folks' letters in your paper? I am a little boy nine years old. I live on Paris Street. I have no pets but I have a number of picture books. My school closed about two weeks ago. If this escapes the waste basket I will write again and I hope other little girls and boys will write also.

E. G. FROST.

Here is a riddle. Why is a crow?

The Lewiston Sun has moved into its new quarters in McGillicuddy Block.

A PROFITABLE MEETING.

STATE DAIRY CONFERENCE AT NORWAY.—LARGE AMOUNT OF APPARATUS ON EXHIBITION.—GOOD ATTENDANCE.—INTERESTING ADDRESSES.

The dairymen of Oxford County appreciate the efforts of the State Board of Agriculture in their behalf, and they came in numbers to the dairy conference at Norway, to look, to listen and to learn. It was a good meeting, well attended and interesting throughout. With such a display of improved dairy machinery as was made, no progressive farmer could fail to wish to inspect; and with such an array of speakers as Professors Gowell and Jordan of the State College, Miss Barrows, Professor Conn, "the father of dairy bacteriology," and Ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, no one could fail to be interested in the literary part of the programme.

The day Wednesday was occupied in setting up the exhibition. Large exhibits of dairy machinery and apparatus were made by the A. L. & E. F. Goss Co. of Auburn, Kendall & Whitney of Portland, and the Moseley & Stoddard Mfg. Co. of Rutland, Vt. A wide space nearly around the hall was filled with machinery and apparatus, including separators, testers, churns, and all the other forms of apparatus used in an up-to-date, successful dairy. Secretary McKeen pronounced the amount of apparatus fully five times what had ever been shown before.

Although none of the exercises of the conference were held on Wednesday, the town had filled up so well by Wednesday night that there were no rooms to be had at either of the hotels, and a number of the visitors were provided for elsewhere.

Thursday morning, before the snow storm began, the people began to gather from the surrounding region, and the interest manifested was sufficient proof that the dairymen of Oxford County are alive to the importance of keeping up with the rapid development of their business, and appreciate the benefit derived from hearing experts talk as well as exchanging ideas among themselves.

The stage had been devoted to the practical side of the exhibit, and for half an hour four separators in operation were shown. Two were worked by hand power, one by steam, and one by the yearling bull Nestor, in a "Baby" tread power. This novel form of power attracted a good deal of attention.

Several showcases in the front of the hall were devoted to the exhibits of butter entered in competition for the prizes. Each lot was accompanied with a score card, showing the rating given it on a scale of points by the expert in charge. The lots of butter were from all parts of the state, and were without exception handsome. The scoring was as a rule between 85 and 95 on a scale of 100. The flavor scores 45 of the 100 points, and it was largely on this that the butter was reduced from the standard of perfection.

A small case had an attractive exhibit in the form of a "Rogers group" representing a dairy scene, moulded from butter by Mrs. Hobbs of Norway. In this group a man worked an old-fashioned dash churn, while a woman worked over butter at a more modern swing churn. The piece was surrounded by about 100 ducklings, moulded from the same yellow material. These were from a Foxcroft exhibitor.

At half-past 10 the assembly was called to order by Hon. W. H. Vinton of the Board of Agriculture, and Rev. Miss Angell offered prayer.

John A. Roberts, master of Norway Grange, delivered a cordial address of welcome, welcoming the board, and the visitors from far and near.

Chairman Vinton in responding paid Norway a tribute of praise, and spoke at some length of the dignity and importance of the farmer's calling.

The address of the forenoon was by Professor G. M. Gowell of Orono, on "Our Dairy Interests." Professor Gowell had no formal address, but gave a sensible, practical talk on various matters connected with our dairy interests. We are sorry that we cannot report it in full.

After dinner Chairman Vinton introduced S. M. King of Paris, who talked Jerseys a while. He spoke of the Jersey boom, saying that Cooper paid $10,000 for the Jersey bull Pedro. He advocated the American Jersey Club Cattle Association, explaining what entitled an animal to registry, and how one could become a member of the association.

Professor H. W. Conn of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., gave the address of the afternoon on "Recent Innovations in Cream Ripening." This was a very interesting lecture to many, though on a scientific basis. He treated of the ripening of the cream as essential to the good flavor of the butter. Then he described the ripening as a process of fermentation, produced not by yeast but by bacteria. Of course this takes the matter to some extent into the realm of bacteriology. Professor Conn has for a few months been conducting experiments in developing the bacteria adapted to the proper ripening of cream, and has supplied about 300 creameries throughout the country. He urged the utmost cleanliness in all departments of dairying, as filth was the most productive source of bad bacteria.

Quite a number of questions were asked of Professor Conn by Professor Jordan and others, and this subject of "pure culture" of bacteria, which may become an important topic at future meetings, proved to be one of considerable interest.

Thursday evening Miss Anna Barrows of Boston, editor of the American Kitchen Magazine and a daughter of Oxford who reflects honor upon her native county, gave a "Bread and Butter Talk." She had an oven upon the stage, and talked and worked at the same time. There was a good audience in spite of the storm. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Briggs of South Paris furnished music for the evening.

After the machinery had been shown in operation again Friday morning, the assembly was called to order once more. It had been intended to have a cow upon the stage, and have Professor Gowell give a practical demonstration of the method of judging by points, but it was found to be impracticable. So instead Secretary McKeen spoke briefly, calling attention to the rapid progress in dairy machinery and appliances since the first dairy conference was held only a few years ago.

Professor W. H. Jordan, director of the Maine State College experiment station, then spoke at length upon the subject, "The Relation of the Food of Milch Cows to the Quality of their Product." Professor Jordan took the general ground that within reasonable limits of feeding, the character of the food had little if any effect upon the chemical composition of the milk; and he quoted at length the results of numerous tests, in Germany and the United States, in support of his position. He cautioned the farmers against the advertised concentrated foods, saying that they were a damage rather than a benefit.

Friday afternoon Ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin was introduced, and was received with long cheers. Governor Hoard spoke on "Waste and Economy in Dairy Management," and held the close attention of his audience.

The conference closed with a meeting for general discussion Friday evening.

The following premiums for butter were reported:

Class A, dairy butter, made by exhibitor on the farm, from a herd of one breed—Mrs. L. F. Bolloff, Mount Vernon, $12.00.

Class B, dairy butter, made on the farm, from a mixed herd—T. H. Morse, Waterford, $12.00.

Class D, creamery butter, made by exhibitor from milk of mixed herds from cream obtained by the separator—Hillside Creamery, Exeter, $12.00.

Class E, creamery butter, made by exhibitor from gathered cream—Sabattus Mountain Creamery, Wales, $12.00.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Toys and fancy crockery at Nevers'.

Large line of holiday goods at Nevers'.

Large stock of dolls at Nevers'.

Call at Nevers' and look over the stock of goods.

H. H. Nevers, Norway, live bait, large and small.

Special sale of ladies' fine boots at Oxford County shoe store. 150 pairs to be sold for about one-half the former price. F. W. Faunce, clerk.

NORWAY.

CHURCHES.

Universalist Church, Rev. Caroline E. Angell, Pastor. Preaching service on Sunday, at 10:45 A. 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.; regular weekly Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening; Young People's Meeting Friday evening.

Methodist Church, Rev. F. Grosvenor, Pastor. Preaching service, 10:30 A. M.; Sabbath School, 12:00 M.; Social Evening Meeting, 7:00 P. M.; prayer meeting, Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, J. L. Harding, Pastor. Preaching service, 3:00 P. M; Sabbath School, 3:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Saturday evening.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Union R. A. C., No. 36, assembles Wednesday Evening, on or before full moon, at Masonic Hall. Regular meeting of Oxford Lodge, No. 18, in Masonic Hall, Monday Evening on or before full moon. Oxford Council, R. & S. M., Friday evening, on or after full moon.

Norway Division, Sons of Temperance, in Ryerson Hall every Saturday evening.

I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, every Tuesday Evening. Widley Encampment, No. 21, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Regular meeting in Hathaway Block, every Thursday Evening. U. R., A. O. Noyes Division, No. 12, meets third Friday of each month.

G. A. R.—Harry Rust Post, No. 54, meets in Ryerson Hall on the third Friday Evening of each month.

S. of V.—Wellington Hobbs Camp meets the second and fourth Friday Evenings of each month.

W. R. C.—Meets in Grange Hall third Friday evening in each month.

U. O. G. C.—Meets the 2d and 4th Thursday evenings of each month in Ryerson Hall.

P. of H.—Norway Grange meets every other Saturday at Grange Hall.

N. E. O. P.—Lakeside Lodge, No. 177, meets in Ryerson Hall, on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

E. F. SMITH, Esq., New Grange Block, is the authorized local agent and correspondent of the Democrat for Norway and favors shown him will be appreciated by the publishers.

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Not enough snow for good sleighing.

Col. W. W. Whitmarsh and Gen. Geo. L. Beal were at Bangor this week.

The village schools closed Friday for a vacation of three weeks.

The hotels and boarding houses have been crowded with guests during the week.

Jas. O. Crooker has received the radiators for heating the public library rooms. The steam or hot water will be put in at once.

The Bartlett store buildings on corner of Main and Bridge Streets are being shingled.

A. R. Turner, of the Turner Publishing Company of Auburn, is in town writing up a directory of Oxford County.

W. H. Whitcomb has been shipping his sweet corn during the week. It is reported to be first-class corn.

Mrs. Benj. Marston will visit her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Whittier, in Newton, Mass., during the winter months. She goes to Newton this week.

Mrs. J. A. Bolster remains about the same. No particular change for the better.

Owing to business A. P. Bassett has retired from the janitorship of the Opera House and William H. Twombly has been appointed janitor by the trustees in Mr. Bassett's place.

Verner M. Whitman enjoyed a few days at home the last of the week. Mr. Whitman has an excellent position as principal of the Calais High School.

Mell W. Sampson is manufacturing and selling key checks.

Last Sabbath at the Methodist church one was baptized, three admitted on probation and four admitted to full membership. A very large attendance during services. Much interest is manifested by the church membership.

Prof. Charles P. Barnes of Portland visited his friends this week. Mr. Barnes is studying law in Portland.

H. H. Burnham, who is in the jewelry business at Fryeburg, returned to his business this week.

George Noyes has repaired and shingled his stable on Deering Street.

The members of the Browning Club held their meeting Saturday evening with Mrs. James Danforth.

The Lodge of Rebekahs are doing some very good degree work. Their rehearsals are numerous.

Rev. Mr. Grosvenor entertained Rev. C. F. Potter, of Berlin, N. H., Friday.

J. L. Harding, pastor of the Baptist church, will hold a reception Monday evening at his boarding place, at Mr. and Mrs. Clarence DeCoster's on Orchard Street. A large attendance is expected to be present.

A. J. Johnston of Cookshire, P. Q., is visiting his brother, Chas. E. Johnston.

The Browning Club met with Mrs. George Crooker Saturday evening, November 30th. It was a most pleasant session.

Alice Rounds and Grace Holden are visiting relatives and friends in Boston where they will enjoy the month.

Rev. H. Chase of Old Orchard preached at the Methodist church Thursday evening.

David S. Knapp, agent for the Odd Fellows Graded Mutual Relief Association of Maine, is canvassing in Penobscot County. He is a successful agent.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Meserve of Bolster's Mills spent the Sabbath with Mrs. Meserve's sister, Mrs. Henry F. Favor.

The ladies of the Universalist Society are arranging to hold a fair some time during the winter.

Lottie Elliott, of Rumford, visited her uncle, F. Q. Elliott, on Pleasant Street during the past few days.

Parties report having seen two deer on Pike's Hill Sunday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Hazelton are home from Andover for a few days.

Mr. W. B. Whiteley of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been stopping at John Twombly's for a few days.

Ambrose Warren of Colby and Aldro J. French of Bowdoin, who spent Thanksgiving at home, have returned to their studies.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perry of North Evans, N. Y., are visiting for the first time in ten years, her sisters, Mrs. A. P. Burnell and Mrs. Rodolphus Young.

Miss Hunt, first assistant in the high school, will pass her vacation at her home in Bath.

The village was in the possession of a large company of visitors who attended the state dairy meeting at the Opera House, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, an account of which is given elsewhere.

The rainbow supper at Concert Hall Thursday evening was a social and financial success. The hall never looked prettier and the tables extending in a semi-circle from one side of the hall to the other were most attractive. Everywhere appeared the colors of the rainbow. Much credit is due the fourteen young ladies for the excellent supper as well as the first class entertainment. Mother Goose and her wax works afforded the audience lots of merriment. Zylpha Prince took the part of Mother Goose to perfection. The drill in which twenty or thirty boys and girls took part was most pleasing and displayed the results of great care and persistent drilling. The floral rainbow of twenty-one misses, and the tableau of thirty-five young ladies were beautiful. The circle took about forty dollars.

Geo. W. Holmes, D. D. G. M., of the 16th Masonic District, attended a meeting of the D. D. G. Masters at Augusta Monday and Tuesday.

The members of the high school held a fair at Concert Hall Friday evening, the proceeds of the sales to be invested in books for the school library.

While Daniel LaBroke of Waterford was feeding his horses at the Norway station Saturday the train came in. The four horses with bridles removed started up Cottage Street upon the run. The large heavy wagon came in contact with Clint Mills' carriage near Nevers' and damaged it considerably. Opposite the New Grange Block on Bridge Street one of the horses ran against Moses Swan, knocking him down, and the wagon struck Mr. Swan's carriage and completely demolished it. One of the lead horses was also thrown and the team stopped. No one was seriously injured. The horses were not badly hurt.

Owing to some impediments peculiar to traveling shows the dramatic company advertised to show at the Opera House Saturday evening did not put in an appearance.

There will be a public installation of the officers of Pennesseewassee Lodge, K. of P., at the Opera House, on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 2. Rev. R. J. Haughton of South Paris has accepted an invitation to make a short address.

He got into the cars blowing like a porpoise. For a minute his coughing was awful. He took a sip from a bottle and coughed no more that trip. The label said Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam.

BORN.

In Denmark, Dec. 2, to the wife of Bert Libby, a son.

In Sumner, Dec. 5, to the wife of Bert Thomas, a daughter.

In South Paris, Dec. 2, to the wife of Joseph H. Jones, a son.

In Peru, Nov. 24, to the wife of A. W. Atkins, a son.

In South Paris, Nov. 16, to the wife of John Ryerson, a son. (William Hartwick.)

In Hartford, Nov. 18, to the wife of Ephraim T. Gooding, a son.

In Denmark, Nov. 26, to the wife of Fred Davis, a son.

In Wilson's Mills, Nov. 22, to the wife of Peter Littlehale, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In South Paris, Dec. 7, by Rev. T. J. Ramsdell, Mr. Clayton A. Churchill and Miss Angie L. Lovejoy, both of South Paris.

In Brownfield, Nov. 28, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. N. Clough, Sydney C. Kenison and Inza A. Johnson, both of Brownfield.

In Norway, Nov. 29, by Rev. F. Grosvenor, Samuel E. Day and Mary Evelyn Fiske, both of Norway.

In West Sumner, Nov. 24, by Geo. A. Chandler, Esq., Enoch Bartlett of South Woodstock and Mrs. Sarah E. Bates of West Sumner.

In West Sumner, Nov. 30, by G. M. Small, Esq., Lincoln T. Davenport and Cecil R. Noyes, both of Sumner.

In Lynn, Mass., Nov. 23, by Rev. B. A. Greene, D. D., Chas. R. Wyman of Keene, N. H., and Jennie M. Stirk of Norway. No cards.

In Fryeburg, Nov. 30, by Rev. B. N. Stone, Dr. Richard F. Chase of Boston and Leah Barker of Fryeburg.

In Oxford, Nov. 28, by Rev. J. B. Howard, Herbert West and Georgie Blake, both of Oxford.

DIED.

In South Paris, Dec. 4, Mrs. Polly Faunce Thayer aged 94 years, 11 months, 9 days.

In Norway, Dec. 5, Mrs. Olive E. Hussey, aged 54 years.

In Stow, Nov. 29, Mrs. John McKeen, aged 31 years, 3 months.

In Gilbertville, Nov. 20, Millie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willott, aged 1 year and 13 days.

In Albany, Nov. 12, James F. Bird, aged 61 years, 9 months.

In North Woodstock, Dec. 1, Mrs. Leora, wife of Frank Millett and daughter of Augustus Billings, aged about 41 years.

In South Paris, Dec. 3, Albert Record, aged nearly 86 years.

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Nov. 19, 1895. EMMA L. WASHBURNE.

MESSENGER'S NOTICE.

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

OXFORD, ss:—Nov. 20, A. D. 1895.

This is to give Notice, that on the 20th day of Nov., A. D. 1895, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of A. Q. COOLIDGE of Rumford, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 20th day of Nov., A. D. 1895, 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 Paris in said County, on the 18th day of Dec., A. D. 1895, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

FRED A. PORTER, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Nov., A. D. 1895.

On the petition of WILLIAM R. JEFFERY, Guardian of the estate of Evelina T. Farrington of Boston, State of Massachusetts, praying for license to sell and convey certain Real Estate belonging to said estate and described in his petition on file in the Probate office.

ORDERED, That the said petitioner give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at South Paris, that they may appear at a probate court to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Dec. next at nine of the 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 Nov., A. D. 1895.

On the petition of MARY P. BARTLETT, Guardian of the estate of ARTHUR S. BARTLETT ET ALS, of Woodstock, In. said County, praying for license to sell and convey certain real estate belonging to said estate and described in his petition on file in the probate office.

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

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A. F. MASON, Admr. on the estate of RENALDO MONK, late of Buckfield, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance

ORDERED, That said Admr. give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, printed at South Paris, that they may appear at a Court of Probate to be held at Paris, on the third Tuesday of Dec. next, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 692.—Anagram.

There's a lesson we must master
If we reach the topmost round.
It is this—the highest ladder
Has its foot upon the ground.

All THEIR MINDS to this conclusion
Must arrive, as sure as time—
That a perfect education
Means the hardest sort of climb.

We must fix with greatest caution
Our foundations strong and deep,
Keeping well in mind the saying,
"Ere we walk we first must creep."

No. 693.—Transpositions.

He travels not only on frequented highways,
But loves to ONE through the most difficult byways.
Adventures he's had would astonish Othello,
With TWO he has fought on both Red sea and Yellow.
To fierce Turkish brigands, uncouth and unhandsome,
He paid a whole hat full of THREES as his ransom.
For national dishes he always is seeking,
From "FOUR" at Kilkenny to choice FIVE at Peking.
And SIX "poi," that dainty of fair Honolulu.
Such strange dinner SEVEN he is fond of attending
I fear one at Fiji will yet see his ending.

No. 694.—Charade.

Chatter, chatter, chatter!
What a noise they're making!
What can be the matter?
ONE is at baking.

What is that to TOTALS
More than to the others?
ONE is making SECONDS
From their slaughtered brothers.

No. 695.—Half Square and Rhomboid.

1. A Michigan river. 2. Quantities of land. 3. A metal. 4. A Japanese coin. 5. A verb. 6. A letter.

Across: 1. Deadly. 2. A device. 3. A male name. 4. A man's name. 5. Streaked.

Down: 1. A letter. 2. A verb. 3. A boy's nickname. 4. A girl's name. 5. A vessel for washing. 6. A girl's name. 7. Parched. 8. A pronoun. 9. A letter.

Parlin.

No. 696.—Numerical Puzzle.

My 1, 2, 5 are to be stout.
My 5, 4, 2 are a drink.
My 2, 3, 5 are to do.
My 7, 1, 5 is many times.
My 9, 4, 2, 5 is a resting place.
My 8, 9, 4 is to employ.
My 6 is myself.
My whole is to be witty.

No. 697.—Primal Acrostic.

When the five objects in the above illustration have been rightly guessed and the names written one below the other, the initial letters will spell the name of the author of a famous book.—St. Nicholas.

No. 698.—A Farmer's Trick.

A western farmer writes that he has placed 21 eggs in four boxes in such a way that the second box contains twice as many as the first, the third twice as many as the second and the fourth as many as all the other boxes together.

How is this possible?

No. 699.—Central Change.

There are two words that you *and I*
Make bold and loud or soft and sly,
Both mischievous, and oft we go
Together set 'gainst friend or foe.
Quite different courses we pursue,
For when there's any danger you
Go off, while *I* in secret lurk
Exert my power for surer work.

No. 700.—A Tree Puzzle.

Fill each of the blanks with the name of a tree.

Last summer we had a pleasant trip to the ——. My sister, who deserves the —— for early rising, as she is always up at 5, called the rest of us.

After making ourselves look as —— as possible we started. It was cool enough for —— capes, but we did not ——, for the heat we knew would come later.

Dinner was an important feature of the day. We had clam chowder, a —— of chickens, —— pie, —— cake and other good things. An —— taken occasionally gave relish to all.

Our conversation turned on heroes, and my little brother said he admired Old —— more than any other president. We gathered daisies and roses. I never thought it possible that a —— grow so close to salt water.

Driving home, regardless of propriety, most of us were chewing —— all the way.

I was the one to settle the driver's exorbitant bill, and now my sisters —— me some money for weeks to come.

No. 701.—Anagrams: In the Kitchen.

1. I dress P. 2. Liz, resist 'er. 3. First love set. 4. Ever toss hubs? 5. Publish bylaws. 6. Dedicates a ——. 7. Sleek Etta T. 8. Poet sat. 9. Spirited N. P. 10. Mating pens. 11. In pants. 12. St. Lunen. 13. King V save beetle. 14. New liars off. 15. Sahib swans. 16. Buss what? 17 Ate raw lips. 18. The W. R. C. parties 19. See view, sir. 20. Year's rain tests.

What Might Be Expected.

"Please, sir," whistled the boy with two front teeth missing, "Minnie Williams' mother says Minnie can't come to school cos she's got a stitch in her side."

"Who is Minnie Williams' mother?" the new schoolteacher asked.

"She's the dressmaker."

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 687.—Labyrinth of Proverbs: Begin at the middle letter, N, and follow an almost spiral path. None are so deaf as those who will not hear. Think twice before you speak once. New brooms sweep clean.

No. 688.—Two Easy Diamonds:

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  C         C
 S A W     B E E
C A B I N C E D A R
 W I G     E A T
  N         R
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No. 689.—Mischievous Teresa: Book, pen, pencil, ink, knife, rubber, paper, letter.

No. 690.—Charade: Drug-get.

No. 691.—Geographical Divisions: Matterhorn, Colorado, Everest, Quito, Danbury, Indiana.

Hood's Pills cure indigestion.

Little Girl to her Mamma—What is a dead letter, please? Mamma—One that has been given to your papa to post.

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NERVES ON EDGE.

I was nervous, tired, irritable and cross. Karl's Clover Root Tea made me well and happy.—MRS. E. B. WORDEN. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff, South Paris.

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WINDOWS AND COZY CORNERS.

A decorated window adds greatly to the beauty of an apartment, and what to do with the unsightly inside shutter is a vexed question. When folded back in the daytime, its ugliness is in abeyance, but when closed it is far from decorative.

A method of divesting the shutter of its homeliness, is to get the Japanese bolting-cloth panels of suitable size, and tack them on the divisions of the shutters, or the amateur artist might paint a straggling pattern of vines or flowers across its expanse. India silk may be gathered across it, or small mirrors may be inserted in each panel, painted with flowers or a landscape, framed in gilt mouldings.

Windows may be effectively curtained with draperies of Swiss, *esprit* net, or lace; these may be left hanging or looped back; one curtain hanging and one draped, looks well; an upholstered window-seat with a pile of cushions is always cozy and comfortable. However, where there are several windows, variety is preferable, and a table with a jardiniere or a lamp with fancy shade is appropriately set in the embrasure. When richness is demanded, the thin curtains may be replaced or supplemented by lambrequins of stamped Spanish leather, plush, or old brocade.

In windows, where it is desirable to cut off an unsightly view, colored glass may be used, the colors harmonizing with the furnishings; the thick, disk-like knobs of green and pink glass make a soft and becoming light, used in this manner.

Doorways may be effectively draped with portieres of plush, brocade, or denim; a single curtain caught high, with a throw of silk across the pole and fastened to the upper part of the portiere, is artistic; a valance drapery tied in a twisted knot at intervals, and irregularly draped, is quaintly pretty. Thick and thin materials may be used to advantage.

Cozy corners can be arranged in a variety of ways; a long curtain-pole or several feet of Japanese fret-work may be used, the curtains being hung below and held back with silken ropes or strings of big glass beads. Another idea is, to secure a big brass ring to the ceiling with a length of drapery passed through it, giving the effect of a tent. Again, these lengths may be drawn together to resemble a canopy, and caught with a huge rosette. Sometimes two breadths of Persian silk are left hanging straight on each side, a valance being draped across the pole in negligent, unstudied festoons. Lambrequins, consisting of long knotted silken cords finished with tassels, look picturesque over curtains of damask or silk.

The flowered English cretonnes, Liberty silks, and velvets, may be substituted for the more costly materials. If it is not desirable to arrange a corner, a canopy may be substituted, on one side of a large room. When the apartment is decorated in rich, dark colors, Algerian or Turkish draperies are the thing; these may be supported with old iron spears; poles of gilded wood may be substituted. The small niches at the corners of fire-places may be made available by means of an upholstered ottoman, with festoons of drapery looped above.—Godey's Magazine.

WHAT TO GIVE AT CHRISTMAS.

The true value of a gift is the thought that is put into it. The tendency with many people is to give what will make the most show for the money, and good sense and sound judgment have little to do with the selection.

With due allowance for individual preferences, the generality of people are better pleased with something that supplies a real need than with a costly gift that is not useful. Don't be afraid of being too practical at Christmas, and don't feel that you must buy expensive presents to have them appreciated.

It is possible to put a great deal of love and sympathy into an article that costs less than a dollar, and it is better to make two hearts glad in this way, than spend the two dollars in one gift.

There are two things that we want to keep well in mind at this Christmas season. One is not to spend so much money that we cannot promptly meet our bills, and the other is, to hunt up and remember, in a sensible way, the people who are most likely to be forgotten.—The Household.

RECIPES.

CURRANT CREAM.

Beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth, adding two tablespoonfuls each of powdered sugar, currant jelly and raspberry jam, and set on the ice an hour before serving. Serve with wafers or small sponge cakes.

JELLY TARTS.

The only material necessary for this dainty addition to the tea-table is some rich pastry and a tumbler of jelly. The pastry should be prepared the day before using, and kept on the ice or in a cool place till wanted; it will then be crisp and light. Roll the pastry about a quarter of an inch thick, and cut into squares, three inches on a side; bring one corner of the square over to touch the opposite corner, making a triangular shape, and being careful not to press the edges together. Sift sugar over the top and bake in a quick oven till a delicate brown. When cold they can be pressed carefully open, and a spoonful of bright jelly put in each. Fill just before using.

PRUNE WHIP.

Pour boiling water into one pound of prunes; stone them and cut into thirds. Beat the whites of four eggs to a stiff froth, with four tablespoonfuls of powdered sugar, then add to the prunes. Bake in a slow oven twenty minutes, and serve cold with cream.

PINEAPPLE TRIFLE.

Soak one box of gelatine one hour in a cup of cold water. Put it into a deep dish with two teacupfuls sugar, one pineapple peeled and chopped finely, the juice and grated rind of a lemon. Let it all stand one hour, then pour over it three cupfuls of boiling water, then strain through a cloth, squeezing it well. Set on ice and when it begins to harden stir into it the whites of three eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Strawberries, raspberries or oranges may be used instead of the pineapple.

CRANBERRY PIE.

Pick over and wash the cranberries, put them in a porcelain kettle with a very little water, and cook until tender. Then press through a strainer, and add sugar to make it very sweet. Line a plate with rich paste, fill with the cranberry, put on crossbars of paste and a strip on the edge and bake.

NUT WAFERS.

One-fourth cupful of butter creamed with one cupful of sugar; add one egg well beaten, one cupful of flour, one cupful nutmeats, sliced thin. Use walnuts or cream nuts. Drop on buttered tins, and bake quickly.

CARROT, OR CRECY SOUP.

One quart rich brown stock, one teaspoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, one-half saltspoonful pepper, one small onion sliced.

Wash and scrape the carrot; shave off in thin slices a pint of the outer part. Do not use the yellow centre. Cook the carrot with the onion in boiling salted water to cover, till very tender. Rub the carrot through a squash-strainer. Add the stock and heat again. Add the sugar, salt and pepper, and, when hot, serve immediately with croutons.

CREAM CANDY.

Half a cupful of cream and two cupfuls of powdered sugar, boil five minutes in a granite kettle, counting from the time it boils all over. Place the kettle in cold water and beat it until stiff enough to hold candied fruit. Add quarter of a pound of candied fruit, cut fine, and pour the cream into a breadpan, buttered or lined with paraffine paper. The second layer is the same, using in place of the fruit one teaspoonful of vanilla, and one small square of chocolate melted. The third layer is colored pink with cochineal and flavored with chopped almonds. The fourth layer is like the first.

MARRIAGES THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

The saddest marriages-that-might-have-been are those disappointments which come from worldly obstacles—those obstacles which are so abundant and gigantic in older countries and more easily evaded here. In countries where every place seems filled, where self-support is so difficult as to seem impossible, it may be needful to wait for middle life and a comfortable income before marriage. But here, where the openings are still so much greater, the standards still so much simpler, it is different. Instead of a gospel of worldly prudence as regards marriage, we need rather a gospel of brave imprudence; that young people who have health and love and energy should take them as their capital, should marry on faith and hope and not on a certain supply of bank stock and railway shares. Who has not seen the happiness that comes from the need of mutual sacrifices, the joy of little successes achieved together, the gradual building of a home? The happiest marriages, surely, are those which begin in this way, and not those which are postponed till the freshness of youth is passed—marriages which, in order to have something to live upon, forego the actual joy of living. That poet of the people, Riley, touched a cord well-nigh universal when he sang:

"Let's go a-visiting back to Grigsby's Station,
There where we used to be so happy and so poor."

The young man in love with the rich girl waits for years until he can "support her in the manner to which she is accustomed," and finds too late that she would have flung all away and lived with him in jubilant poverty, had he trusted her and himself a little more. Yes, the saddest of the marriages-that-might-have-been are those that ought to have been and could have been and were not.—Harper's Bazar.

A $200 SPEECH.

A certain well-known German physician of the south side was the victim of his own "previousness" the other day. He had successfully treated a wealthy lady's daughter for diphtheria, and the lady was extremely grateful for it. When the child was thoroughly well mo her and daughter appeared at the physician's office. The little girl shyly handed the physician a neat little knit purse, while the lady went on to say;

"For having saved my child, doctor, I want to present you with this purse."

"But," said the physician, a ter an embarrassing pause, "I have sent you a bill for $300."

The lady flushed, then said quietly:

"Let me have the purse, please."

"She took two $100 bills out of it and returned it to him with the remark:

"There are $300 in there now, so your bill is paid," and left the room.

Now the doctor is cursing his clumsy tongue for the bad break it made. That little speech cost him $200.—St. Louis Republic.

TENDER-HEARTED M. C.

There is an Illinois congressman who is a trifle absent-minded.

His friends tell a story about him that exasperates him so that he has threatened to kill the very next person who repeats it. That only proves that it is true, you know.

However, this is the story.

The congressman was walking along a Chicago street one day with a friend, when he was stopped by a beggar who bore the sign, "Help the dumb."

The congressman—you know how tender-hearted congressmen are—went down into his pocket. He looked at the beggar sympathetically, says the Washington Post, as he handed him half a dollar.

"How long have you been dumb?" he asked.

"Twenty years," said the beggar.

"Dear me, dear me," murmured the congressman as he walked on. "Isn't that dreadful! Dumb twenty years!"

And then the point dawned on him.

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Col. Corkscrieugh of Kentucky was a dignified citizen, with a blooming red nose, and while he had his weaknesses, he was held to be scrupulously honest. One day a business man called him into his office.

"Colonel," he said, "I want to leave a valuable package with you for a week or so."

"Very good, sir," replied the colonel, "where is it?"

"It's here in my desk. I want to say to you that it is a gallon of whiskey. Are you to be trusted with it?"

The colonel's face flushed.

"My honor's at stake, sir," he returned haughtily.

"Yes, I understand; but this is not drug store whiskey; it's genuine thirty-year-old stuff."

The colonel's eyes shone.

The man took the demijohn out, and the colonel inspected it carefully and satisfied himself that it was as represented, then he set it down on the floor.

"Excuse me, sir," he said slowly, "but I think you had better store that in the vault of the safe deposit company."

Stiffkins (a neighbor)—"Hello, Jones, what are you doing? Laying down a carpet?" Jones (who has whacked his thumb)—"No, you blasted idiot—the carpet was here when we moved in. I am just putting the floor under it."

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