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MRS. GAY'S HINT, AND HOW IT WAS TAKEN.

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"My dear Mrs. Merril, what is the matter? Is the baby sick?" asked a pleasant voice as a neighborly face appeared at the door of the dull, disorderly room, where a tired woman sat crying in the twilight.

"The children are all well and asleep, thank Heaven, but I'm so anxious and discouraged that I couldn't help having a good cry," answered Mrs. Merril, wiping her eyes as if already comforted by the arrival of a friend.

"Tell me all about it," said Mrs. Gay, the new comer, as she poked up the fire until a little blaze brightened the whole room.

"I wouldn't tell any one but you, and I'm afraid I am partly to blame in some way, yet I don't see how," began Mrs. Merril, leaning back with a sigh of relief at the prospect of a chance to tell of her troubles and receive sympathy, if not advice.

"If the babies are all well, you cannot have any very heavy grief, dear. But I know that the small trials are often the hardest to bear; so confide in me, and we will see if we can't make the burden lighter," said Mrs. Gay, patting the hand that held the handkerchief, with such a cheery face, that her neighbor opened her heart freely.

"I'm worrying about John, and you'll see that I have cause to do it when I tell you that for the last month he doesn't come home to his supper half the time, but spends the evening at the tavern. He comes in late, and so cross and beery, I can't be glad to see him. If it goes on much longer, he will take to something stronger than lager, and I shall be a drunkard's wife."

Here the poor little woman fell to sobbing again as if her heart was broken. But Mrs. Gay's kind arms were around her, and the friendly voice said hopefully:

"It will be your own fault if you are, my dear, for John Merril is too good a man to do anything of that kind unless he is driven to it."

"What will drive him? Not poverty or trouble, for we are doing well and haven't a debt in the world," said Mrs. Merril with an air of honest pride.

"The want of a comfortable home will do it for him as for many another man."

"What do you mean? I am sure this is a nice house and I do my best to keep it so," cried the well-to-do mechanic's wife—surprised and a little offended.

"Forgive me, my dear, but I want to help you and can only do so by giving you some pain. Look around this room, and and tell me frankly if it is the sort of home a tired man likes to come to."

A long pause followed this bold speech, as Mr. Merril looked at the scene before her with eyes that seemed to see the clearer for the tears so lately shed. The room was comfortably furnished, but in the state of disorder which three lively children would produce during the day. Toys lay about the floor, chairs stood here and there, work heaped upon the sofa, and supper was spread on the table in a corner. Not a tempting meal, as untidy joint of cold meat, heavy looking bread, a lump of butter and cold tea. The cloth was rumpled, the lamp unlit, the fire untrimmed and the wife sat, red-eyed and despondent, in her wrapper, with her hair half down, waiting to receive her husband with tears and reproaches.

For the first time she seemed to see herself in a new light, and after that long look she gave a great sigh, as she said humbly:

"I see what you mean. It is hard on John, but I get so tired, and he doesn't seem to care. I have lost my pride in things and got shiftless. How can I do better?"

"I'll show you. Practice is better than preaching. Go up and make yourself nice and tell me when you come back if things are not improved," answered Mrs. Gay, with a nod and a smile that seemed to lift the other woman out of her slough of despond like magic.

"I'm ashamed to let you, but I will, for John's sake. If he will only come!" and Mrs. Merril ran away to hide the trouble in her face, as she thought of her John driven from home by her ignorance and neglect.

She did not hurry, for she was tired, and stopped to kiss her rosy children and cry a little more before she came slowly down in a neat woolen dress, white collar and apron, smooth hair, and a hopeful smile on her face.

It changed to a laugh of pleasure and surprise as she opened the door and stood surveying the cheerful change Mrs. Gay had wrought so quickly.

The room was in order, the lamps were lighted, the table drawn to the hearth, where a cheerful fire blazed, and a pair of slippers lay warming cozily. A well-worn dressing gown hung over the back of the easy chair, and the evening paper lay invitingly near by. A red geeranium with a green leaf or two stood in a glass in the middle of the table, and gave quite an air of elegance to the clean cloth, the dish of nicely sliced cold meat, tidy plate of butter and the pie Mrs. Merril had forgotten.

The fragrance of hot tea and toast was in the air, and Mrs. Gay was singing as she flew about the little kitchen.

When she heard the laugh she came in to receive the much improved hostess with the words—

"There! isn't that better! I couldn't do much at short notice, but it just gives a hint of what I mean. I do not think a tired man will want to leave a warm hearth, a comfortable supper, and a pretty wife for beer and smoke and cards, do you?"

"No! indeed I don't! How nice it all is. I used to keep it so until I got discouraged and careless. I hope John will come soon and enjoy it all."

"Put the lamp in the window, and run to meet him when he does come. I shall slip away and I advise you not to tell him your plan. Just say you want to have things nicer, and be your pleasantest self. He will be surprised and pleased, and fall into the trap we have set for him. Keep it always ready, and show a happy face, no matter how tired you are; that is a man's best welcome home."

"How can I thank you? Tell me something more that I can do to attract John. Shall I have beer for him? He depends on it now, and will miss it, I'm afraid," said Mrs. Merril, holding her good neighbor fast, eager for more helpful hints.

"Give him plenty of well-cooked, wholesome food, with a cheerful wife to serve it and he will soon cease to care for beer, I think. Try good coffee, tea and milk for drinks; give up pies and such stuff; things of that sort create a bad state of the stomach, and dyspepsia brings morbid taste for stimulants. Have your bread good and serve up simple, inviting meals every day, and John will soon enjoy them too much to want anything poorer," answered Mrs. Gay, hood in hand.

"I will try my best. I never thought that food made any difference. I can cook, and I'll feed John as you advise, nicely and wisely."

"My, dear, half the drunkards we see are led to their bad ways by poor food, uncomfortable homes, and wives who, through ignorance, selfishness or neglect, leave their husbands open to temptation. The poor men want rest, comfort and cheerful society, when the day's work is done, and home is the safest place to find them in. See that your John is not driven away by any failure on your part, then, if trouble comes, remorse won't add its bitterness to your share of the sorrow. I hear the gate creak—good-night, and may God bless you!" cried Mrs. Gay, cutting her lecture short and vanishing out at the back door as Mr. Merril came in at the front.

His wife was so anxious to play her part well that she could only express her thanks by a hasty hand-shake, and then turn to greet her husband with a smile he had not seen for weeks.

"Hullo, how smart and cosy we are! Is it anybody's birthday?" he exclaimed, pausing to look about with a face that rapidly changed from weary indifference to pleased surprise.

Mrs. Merril meant to obey her friend and say nothing of the fear which had led to this happy change, but her heart was so full it would overflow in spite of her, and running to her husband, she held him fast saying with a voice that trembled with love and hope and self-reproach—

"I wanted to make home look pleasant to you, John. I've been a selfish, careless wife, and I don't wonder you like other places better, but I am going to try to do my duty, and make you love to be here more than at the tavern, before it is too late. Forgive me, dear, and help me to keep 'father' safe for the babies' sake and mine."

There she broke down and hid her face in John's waistcoat; but her tears said what she dared only hint, and Merril found it hard to keep his own voice steady for a minute.

He understood, better than she knew, what danger menaced him, and blessed her for opening this refuge from the temptation which was just beginning to make its power felt.

"I will, please God!" he said manfully, as he laid his hand on the earnest little woman's bent head. "Don't blame yourself, Kitty when you have the hardest part to do. I hope I am man enough to keep steady and not disgrace my children. I will quit my bad ways and stay with you, for I am sick of them. I was tired of finding things in a muddle here, crying children, worried wife, and all the rest of it, but I ought to have lent a hand and not run away."

"No, it was my fault. Don't say a word more, but come and have tea; it is all ready, thanks to Mrs. Gay, who came and cheered me up and told me what to do," said Mrs. Merril, wisely leading her husband to his easy chair and bustling about to bring in the supper, and thus prove her penitence by deeds rather than by words.

"Ah, this is comfort! Beer be hanged! Here's to Mrs. Gay's health, and long life to her!" cried Merril, holding up his first good cup of tea with a nod and a smile to his wife.

They drank the toast and kept the pledge they silently made that night, helping one another to stand fast against the mutual temptations, and doing their best to make their home a safe and a happy place for both parents and children.—*The Press.*

How a Professor Retained an Audience.—An amusing story reaches us from Munich. During the past year the Professor of Æsthetics in the University, whose lectures are proverbially wearisome, delivered his lectures (as usual) to a somewhat exiguous audience. There were five students in all, who week by week melted and grew "beautifully less" until at last but one was left. This solitary individual, however, seemed to concentrate in his own person all the diligence, application, and punctuality of his frivolous fellows. At the conclusion of the last lecture of the course the Professor approached him and praised him for these admirable qualities, and proceeded to inquire of him:

"What is your name, my young friend?"

No answer.

"What country are you from?"

Absolute silence.

The matter was soon elucidated, for it was discovered that the patient and persevering disciple was a poor deaf-mute, who had taken refuge from the severe cold of winter in the warm lecture-rooms of the University.

A CONSCIENTIOUS MINISTER.

"I expect that in a few days I shall require your services," said a blushing young man to a Chicago minister.

"Ah, yes," replied the good man, encouragingly. "You no doubt are experiencing a change of heart, and are anxious to become a member of the church?"

"No, not exactly; I am going to be married next week, and I would like you to perform the ceremony.

A troubled look came over the face of the minister as he replied:

"Really, my dear sir, if you would appoint some other clergyman in my stead, you would place me under lasting obligations. I have married a great many Chicago people during my sojourn in this city, but so few of them stay married any length of time that I am beginning to fear that I do not possess the requisite qualifications to perform so important a ceremony successfully."—*Phila. Call.*

Wanted to See Her Home.—It was a Philadelphia schoolboy who became so obstreperous that the new teacher, who happened to be a young and pretty girl, determined to try severe measures. She kept him after school hours in the afternoon till darkness gathered, and then let him go. When she started for home, to her astonishment she found him waiting at the gate. He greeted her with, "It's too dark for a young lady to be alone on the streets. Will you allow me to see you home?"

A NEW WORLD LEGEND.

BY FRANCIS L. MACK.

Of the many beautiful fancies
With Indian legend wrought,
The bridal of Winds and Waters
Enfolds the happiest thought.
It grew as the forest blossoms,
Without touch or thot of art,
A greenwood spray of living truth
Fresh out of Nature's heart.

In the East, that realm of story,
Where even the gods were born,
Was the fairest of all the wigwams,
The lodgings of the Dawn;
Behind its rose-red curtains,
In his lonely majesty,
Dwelt the viewless one, the Heart of Heaven,
Soul of the azure sky.

He saw the new world lying
Barren and drear and cold,
Nor voice nor prayer uplifted
To the morning's gate of gold.
He spoke, and four strong Brothers
From his breath had instant birth,
Who came as gods with rushing wings
To each corner of the earth.

Of keen and boundless vision
And swifter than eagles are,
One made his lodge with the daybreak
Just under the morning star.
Jewels of glistening amber
Fastened his garment's fold,
And his head was crowned with tossing plumes
Yellow as burnished gold.

One flew to the glowing southland,
His garments all of red,
And feathers of lurid crimson
Drooped darkly on his head.
The third to the land of sunset
Sped with the fading light,
And his lodge was curtained with ebon shades
For the slumber couch of Night.

The last to the ice-world hastened.
The realm of the Lord of Death;
Snow-white were his strong, keen pinions,
And pitiless cold his breath.
Then too and fro unceasing,
Wilder and fiercer still,
Roamed over the earth these four great Winds,
Each seeking his own rude will.

Then murmured the Heart of Heaven:
"Though strong these Brothers be,
They can not ripen the spring-time,
Blossom, nor fruit, nor tree.
I must give them loving helpers,
Who, with wiser gentler hand,
Will guide their aimless power to bring
New life to the waiting land."

"Come forth, O Falling Water!"
Then a shining one had birth,
And in bright cascade swift springing
She took her place on earth.
"Come forth, O Beautiful Water!"
And the great blue Lake was seen,
With dripping lilies lifted up
On her breast of azure sheen.

"And thou, O Water of Serpents!"
In sinuous, gliding grace
Went forth the queenly River
Unto her chosen place.
Then called he the youngest, the fairest:
"Step softly, Water of Birds!"
And the silver-footed Brook stole out,
Singing songs that had no words.

Ah! wondering, rejoicing,
Were the fierce Brothers four,
The North Wind sing his greeting
Close to the blue Lake's shore.
The East Wind's trumpet music
With the Cataract's voice was blent;
And the West Wind down the River's tide
His passionate whispers sent.

Long under the forest branches,
Swift-footed, playful, shy,
Fair Water of Birds evaded
The South Wind's glowing sigh.
But he gave her the wildwood roses
And violets for her wreath,
And a murmur at last of sweet response
Stole on her perfumed breath.

Glad was the watching Father,
The soul of the bending sky,
When he saw this happy wooing
From his hidden lodge on high.
The cloud birds clapped their pinions
Loud over crag and plain,
And the wine they poured for the bridal cheer
Was the bountiful, sparkling rain.

Now ever in happy union
The Winds and the Waters live,
Blossom, and fruit, and harvest,
And wealth of the mine, they give.
And when from invisible breakers
Dashes the midsummer rain,
They are keeping the feast of their bridal day
With the wine of heaven again!

—*Harper's Magazine for Mar.*

A HAPPY MISTAKE.

"No, life is not fair. Its troubles are given to the many; its pleasures only to the few!" mused Mrs. Merriam, as she stood in her cottage door looking after the fine carriage of an old schoolmate that had just dashed by. "She has so much, and I so little! And yet, I once had the opportunity of accepting that rich husband of hers, and she would have given her eye, in those days, if Tom Merriam would have cared for her as he cared for me! I wonder how it would have been if I had taken Jacob Marabout instead of telling him that I was engaged to Tom, and seeing real tears as I listened! I wonder if Tom—But what am I thinking of? I am quite sure that Tom could never have cared for her,—no, never!"

Mrs. Merriam's face softened a little as her memory went back to the days when Tom wooed and won her, and when she was so glad to secure him after her long fear that Hermione Macy would be his chosen bride.

But the next moment the bright sunlight flashed upon the highly varnished panels of Hermoine's pony carriage far up the George road. She turned away from the open door with a heavy sigh and entered the plainly-furnished sitting-room where her two little girls were getting ready for school.

"Put it away! Hide it under your apron, Rosy, or mamma will see it!" she heard her twelve-year-old Inez say in a frightened whisper as she laid her hand on the latch of the door.

"Rosy was shuffling something out of sight under her white pinafore with a very guilty face. Both the children were anxious to set off to school before their usual time, and when the mother had allowed them to do so she saw them turn out of their road to go to their father, who was at work in the field on the hillside.

The two trim little figures stood on the hill-top, in strong relief against the pale-blue horizon, and Rosy's apron was unfolded, and "father" was evidently made the participator in the secret which "mother" was not to know!

It was a little thing, but it added to the discontent with which the neat and capable housekeeper went about her usual tasks that morning.

Tom Merriam was unusually silent that noon when he came to dinner. He partook of the tempting meal in an absent-minded kind of way and went back to the hillside the moment he had finished, instead of lingering to talk to his wife as he generally did.

And yet this was her thirty-fourth birth-day! Tom might have remembered it sufficiently to say a good word or two in praise of the extra good dinner which she had given him. But no; there he was on the hillside again and actually leaning over to talk to Hermoine Marabout as she drove by on her way back to the beautiful little villa which her husband had taken for her during his absence in Europe on important business.

The hillside conference lasted near ten minutes; then the pony carriage rolled by the small brown farmhouse once more; but Hermione's face was persistently turned the other way.

"She has forgotten, too!" thought Mrs. Merriam, bitterly. "And yet her own birthday comes only one week after mine."

She finished washing and putting away the dinner dishes and swept the kitchen floor. Her house was none the less spotless and tidy because her heart was aching.

In the pantry were tiny loaves of fruit cake—one for each member of the family—which she made in secret, and the wheaten bread, the graham rolls, the chipped beef and home-made preserves were ready for the supper table on the shelves.

No work was pressing for the afternoon. For a week past she had planned to secure four leisure hours at this time, and now they hung heavily and sadly on her hands.

She wandered around from room to room a few moments, biting her lips hard every now and then to keep back the unwelcome tears. At last she snatched up her sun-bonnet, and leaving the house by the back door she hurried across the garden and a small neck of pasture land, and reached the cool, green shadow of the woods.

In the silence and beauty of the maples she flung herself down and burst into tears. Long, long she wept, till the sadness and discontent which had been making her heart sore all through the day were entirely gone.

Raising herself on her elbow at last, a quick whirr of wings close beside her cheek startled her. She searched among the moss, and found under the root of three tiny maples, scarcely two inches high, a lovely little hair-lined nest with four little warm white eggs in it,—the latest of the season.

"I will not disturb you, pretty one," she said to the small, brown mother, who sat on a barberry bush close by, chirping pitifully. She rose and walked on.

The great trees rustled and waved their green and golden leaves about and over her head in the sunlight and fresh air.

A brilliant red bird, with jet black head and wings, flashed past; a golden robin chattered and scolded from a tall ash at her, and a red squirrel barked himself away, just above the robin's head, when he saw her coming; sweet-scented thistles, honest-faced mullein, and the cheerful golden-rod were in bloom on every side; blackberries, late rasp-berries, and crimson "Scotch-caps" overran the woods, and barberry bushes hung full of yellowish fruit. A bird, unseen in the depths of the forest, sang every moment three flute-like notes, half-sweet, half-sad.

Toward the west a deep bell tinkled melodiously, and the straw berry-roan cow came in sight, leading the rest of the herd to higher pastures. A woodchuck, standing on his hind feet at the door of his house, bolted down the narrow path as she passed by.

All was life, movement, happiness, sunshine, blue skies and perfumed breezes wherever she turned. She stooped to wonder at the curious tunnel that the wood-spider wove for a hiding place in the midst of her net, the rounded shafts sunk through the dried grass by the meadow mole, and the busy ants carrying their eggs about when a stone chanced to be upturned, alike attracted and enchained her attention.

Two hours passed before she was aware of their flight; and in all that time she had forgotten to be unhappy.

"The woods have taught me a lesson that I needed," she thought as she turned back to the lonely cottage home that had never before seemed half so dear; "and I have had a pleasant birth-day, after all."

By the back door she entered her home again. Glancing into the pantry as she passed, she saw with surprise that the materials for the birth-day feast had disappeared.

A confused murmur of voices sounded from the parlor. The dining-room door stood wide open. There on a table beautifully decorated with hot-house flowers, were the lost dainties in company with cakes, ices, fruits and creams, such as she had never seen before; while on the improvised side-board stood the heavier viands—cold roast fowl, a ham in paper frills, and dressed with parsley, and a tongue.

Speechless with astonishment the farmer's wife crossed the hall and peeped into the parlor.

A beautiful rosewood arm-chair, covered with velvet—a chair such as she had always secretly longed for, but never had hoped to possess—stood near the open fire-place. Over the carved and arched top Hermione and Marabout were arranging a wreath of golden-rod and field-daises, while Tom Merriam was fastening above the wreath a finely-executed inscription, painted in colors upon tinted pasteboard.

"Oh, do hurry, papa, please!" cried Inez, dancing up and down in her Sunday slippers and best muslin frock. "Rosy and I saw her just now coming from the woods, and—here she is!"

There were two screams of delight from the lips of the children in their Sunday attire; and Tom Merriam—also dressed in his best—turned from the chair and added his embrace to that of Inez and Rosy.

"Welcome, dear wife!" said the glow-letters on the tinted board.

"Welcome, dear wife!" said the husband as he kissed her.

"Inez painted the letter and I made the wreath!" cried Rosy, capering about like a mad thing. "And we were so afraid you would see them both, this morning."

"And papa bought this chair and hid it out in the barn all last night," chimed in Inez. "And Mrs. Marabout has brought you—oh, such a lovely new black silk dress, and such lots and lots of nice things for supper! And it's just the happiest birth-day in all the world—now, isn't it, mamma?"

"I congratulate you, dear; and I am afraid I envy you," said Hermione, in a low tone as she kissed her friend. "I married for money, you know, and have it; but that is all. Never once in my life, Esther, have I known the least tithe of joy that you feel this day. You are a very happy woman, my dear. May God keep you so."

With light hearts they all sat down together to share the birthday feast.

But in the twilight of that evening, when they two were alone, the wife confessed to her husband all the evil thoughts that had beset her that day.

Never again did they trouble her. Never has she forgot the silent lesson taught her by that momentary glimpse of the two sides that may exist in the most fortunate of human lives.

—Poultry will furnish more eggs this month and next, if confined to warm rooms, and furnished with a variety of food, oyster shells, pure water, and clean gravel, than they will if allowed to run at large every day, or even every pleasant day. If it is intended, however, to set the eggs so as to bring out early chickens in March or April, it is better to let them run out as often as the weather is fit. Eggs seldom hatch well if the hens are confined all the time. If the flock kept is large enough to bear dividing, a few of the best fowls should be selected to breed from. Ten hens if Brahmas or Cochins, twelve or fifteen if Plymouth Rocks, and twenty if Leghorns, may be allowed to each cock. The separation should be made at least a month before the eggs are wanted for setting, and even two months is better. In selecting fowls for breeding, do not be influenced too much by size. They should be well-grown, but not over-grown, and as near perfect in shape, style of carriage and color, when color is accepted as a mark of purity of the breed, as is possible.—*Portland Transcript.*

A FINE NEW MACHINE SHOP.

[Industrial and Mining Journal.]

One of the most commodious and conveniently arranged machine shops in Maine is the new establishment of J. W. Penney, at Mechanic Falls. The main building, 80 by 33 feet, two stories, with tinned roof, is a heavily timbered one and constructed throughout in the most thorough and substantial manner. The heaviest sheathing paper is used on the walls and between floors, and the building is also sheathed inside with kiln-dried sheathing, which so effectually prevents the penetration of frost that in the coldest weather the men work as in summer time—with hats off and sleeves rolled up. Mr. Penney believes that this kind of a shop pays, in the extra amount of work men will turn off when they are comfortably warm instead of shivering with the cold. The shop is piped with 1 1-4 inch pipe and heated by exhaust steam, which works to perfection. There will be no fire of any kind within ten feet of this building, the 20-horse-power boiler being located in another building.

The boiler house, 35 by 25 feet, is ten feet distant from the main building, forming an ell, the two being connected by a roadway six feet wide, covered by a tinned roof. This building will also contain the blacksmith shop, the boiler room being partitioned off and fitted up frost-proof. A twelve-foot section of one end of the main building is partitioned off into three apartments, one for the 15-horse-power engine and the other for offices. One of the latter is finished in brown ash and black walnut, and will be used for a draughting room. The offices are very neatly finished, and are much admired for their beauty and convenience. The lot upon which the new shop is located covers a half acre, with a frontage of 155 feet on Maple Street, giving ample room for further extension of present buildings and for the erection of a contemplated foundry.

Mr. Penney at present employs from six to eight men, and now has room to largely increase the number whenever business demands it. His trade has been steadily increasing during the past year, and for some time past he has had all the business he could handle in his old quarters. He reports the outlook at the beginning of the present year as very fair, with a prospect of plenty of work, although prices are too low to admit of much profit. He is paying his help the same prices as usual, however, and does not propose to cut down any on wages or shorten time.

Mr. Penney's specialty is steam engines, in which line he has established a most enviable and a widely extended reputation; and in his new establishment he does not purpose to lower the standard of excellence, but will still further advance and improve as any chance for improvement may be found.

He is making and selling engines, right along, of similar capacity to those made by other builders, at much better prices; and aside from their lower price, his customers say they prefer the Penney engines to those made out of the State by larger concerns.

His sales for December were five engines and three boilers, with one 60-horse-power cylinder for an old engine. At present he is building one 15 and six 4-horse-power engines; a circular board saw-mill, to order, N. J. Cushman, North Paris; together with the usual amount of small orders and jobbing.

For the Democrat.

A WORD TO YOU, BOYS.

Do men a social glass of whiskey take,
That fires the brain, and kills as sure as fate?
Don't do it.

Do they tobacco chew, that poison weed,
Nor yet the warning voice of wisdom heed?
Don't do it.

Do they smoke the filthy pipe, or vile cigar,
Beclouding thus "the gate that stands ajar"?
Don't do it.

Do they take the awful name of God in vain,
And scorn the mercies of a Savior slain?
Don't do it.

Do they profane the holy Sabbath day,
And in the bar-room pass the time away?
Don't do it.

Do they forget, when looking in the tomb,
That it is soon to be their narrow home?
Don't do it.

Do men do all these things, devoid of fear,
And at the thought of death and judgment sneer?
Don't do it;

But shun the path of vice, a Christian be;
And find a blissful home beyond the sea.
Don't forget to do it. L. D.

WHAT CONNECTICUT IS COMING TO.

"Where are you going, Mary?"

"Across the street to lunch with Nellie Black."

"Are you sure there are no strange characters lurking around?"

"I have looked out of all the windows and cannot see any one except, of course, the detectives."

"Have you notified them that you wish to go out?"

"Yes, and they promised to be on the alert."

"You have your revolver and bowie knife and police rattle in your pocket of course."

"Yes, ma."

"Well, you may go, but don't stay long for it looks like rain, and your cartridges may get damp."

TECHNICALLY TOLD.

"Yes," said the Widow Brown, "Deacon Blank is one of the pillows of our church."

"Well," snapped Miss Lily Turtle, "I'm glad I don't belong to a church that has to be bolstered up by such a man as he is."

"He hasn't a feather's weight of influence," observed sister Harding, threading the point of her needle.

"I have always regarded him as a sham," said the other deacon's wife.

"I know he's always a wet blanket at our parties," pouted Miss Lily.

The deacon coming in just then, all the ladies said in a chorus:

"Oh, deacon! you're just the one we want to select texts."

"Double Up, Lucy."—A very slight error of fact or practice will sometimes result in a serious mistake. This was recently illustrated in a school in Boston, where a pupil who had been impressed with the force and value of double letters, such as, "double o" in "fool," double e" in "heel," etc., was called upon to read that touching poem exhortatory to early rising, beginning:

Up, up, Lucy! the sun is in the sky!

Surprise, which gave way to hilarity, was caused when the pupil read: "Double up, Lucy! the sun is in the sky!" thus giving it a significance by no means contemplated by the poet.

—Jones—"I see that Mr. Beecher says he knows of a man who would not go to his store on Sunday to save his property from fire, but who would take his neighbor by the throat and say 'Pay me what thou owest.'"

Smith—"No dobut, no doubt! I know hundreds of such men."

Jones—"Hundreds who would not go to their stores on Sunday to save them from fire?"

Smith—"Yes, hundreds."

Jones—"You amaze me!"

Smith—"They have their stores insured for twice their value."

A Poor Mode of Travel.—"Where air you frum, stranger?" asked an inquisitive Arkansaw man of a commercial traveler.

"Oh, up the road a piece."

"But how fur up the road?"

"It might be further, and then again it might not."

"Yer is a pert stranger; but I'd like ter know how fur you are cum?"

Oh, about as far again as half from the forks of the road."

"Suppose so. Say, now, how're yer travelin'?"

"Why, along this road of course."

"I supposed so, but that ain't how."

"Well, I am going away from the starting place."

I supposed so, but I want to know jest how you are travelin'.

"Gaze on me; I am traveling on my good looks."

"That's enough, stranger. I don't know how fur you air come, case I don't know yer age, but I'll bet a coon skin it'll take yer six months, travelin' that way, to get from one side of the road to t'other."

Hired him over Again.—At the engineer's ball in Chicago, the other evening one of them told a story about Potter Palmer. He is a man, the narrator said, who likes to make things unpleasant for his help, just on general principles. I was once engineer there, and one day he came down in the room and found fault with something he knew nothing about. I was getting $1,500 a year. He said I wasn't worth it, anyway, and I was discharged. I went to my room, dressed in my Sundays, and came down to the office. I told him I wanted a job as engineer, and wouldn't work for less than $2,000 a year. He accepted the proposition, and I worked there for over eighteen months, and he never knew I was the man he discharged.

ROLLER SKATING NOTES.

[Correspondence on all matters of interest pertaining to Roller Skating is solicited. Address communications for this department to Mr. F. B. Maxim, So. Paris, Me.]

Fits any size foot. The best in the market.

The editor of the American *Roller* well says "That roller skating is yet in its infancy. It is destined to be greatly developed and improved upon until it becomes the popular national amusement, and "Polo" on roller skates the great national game. The strongest corroboration of this is the fact that new and luxuriously appointed rinks, costing from $5,000 to $20,000 are constantly being built, not only in New England, but all through the Western and Southern States and on the Pacific slopes.

Capitalists are beginning to embark their money in these enterprises. The demands made upon the manufacturers of skates are constantly increasing and it is very difficult for the managers of rinks to get their orders filled.

Again the demand for the leading rink performers is unprecedented, so that the greatest difficulty is encountered in arranging their dates with the army of "managers" who desire their services. Books and papers devoted to the interests of roller skating are being published from Portland, Maine to Minneapolis, Minn. It is an exhilirating exercise and popular amusement which admits of the commingling of the sexes free from the objections and prejudices which are sometimes urged against dancing. It was this feature that gave croquet so long a run, and has lately made lawn tennis so popular in the fashionable world. Roller skating has an advantage over the amusements in that it can be participated in at all seasons of the year and in its development calls for a higher order of artistic talent.

The game of "polo" on roller skates is just beginning to be introduced adding another strong attraction. The organization of new clubs is being rapidly pushed and already we have in addition to the various State leagues a New England and a National league. Even way down here in Maine, there are seven polo clubs, and a State league. A thorough study of all the phases of the movement for the further development of roller skating and polo cannot fail to convince even the most apathetic that the end is not yet.

Miss Jennie Houghton popularly known throughout New England as the "Queen of the Rink," is a native of Maine, and formerly lived in Eastport. The people of the Pine Tree State are always proud of their sons and daughters who have won distinction, and should she make a tour through her native state, she would everywhere meet with a most enthusiastic reception. Two "cards" have lately been published in the American Roller accepting Miss Houghton's challenge to skate any lady roller skater in America for the championship of the United States, and a gold medal of the value of $100. One by Mr. Will M. Drown, in behalf of Miss Jessie Darling, and the other by Mr. J. F. Harvey, manager of the Pythian Club rink, Chelsea, Mass., in behalf of his daughter, Miss Hattie.

Mr. H. T. Walker, manager of the So. Paris rink, will run an excursion train from So. Paris and Norway to the Portland rink and return on the evening of Saturday, March 1st. Fare for the round trip including Skating, $1.25.

Mr. E. Smith of Portland is about to publish a manual of instruction in roller skating, and the new national game of polo. It will doubtless be an invaluable hand book for both beginners and experts.

Mr. G. L. Bailey of Portland is soon to bring out a new roller skate which is said to embody a new principle not heretofore adopted. It has the endorsement of such professional experts as Profs. M. F. Winslow, Wm. E. Livesey and others.

The Portland Polo Club had bad luck in their games at Bath, and Biddeford, being beaten in both places, but they will no doubt redeem their reputation at an early day.

PORTLAND.

Our Correspondent writes: The Portland Rink has lately changed managers. Mr. Geo. H. Whitney has given away to Prof. M. F. Winslow. This rink boasts the first hard wood floor laid for roller skating. It is of maple 125 x 40. The skates used here are Winslow's Vinyard, of which they have a stock of 450 pairs.

Mr. Chas. Marwick has nearly completed a new rink on Federal St., with skating surface 98 x 60, which will open about the middle of March. Mr. Geo. H. Whitney, formerly of the Portland rink, will be manager. Knowlton's rink is reported on good authority to be doing an excellent season's business.

LEWISTON.

Our correspondent writes: Mr. O. N. Billings of the Lewiston rink, with his various races and excursion trains proves a most excellent caterer to the amusement loving public. Electric lights have lately been placed in the hall which make a brilliant illumination and enthuse the skaters with new life and spirit. The people of Lewiston and Auburn are enthusiastic over roller skating, and the rink is well patronized by the very best people of both cities.

HOULTON.

A new rink is nearly ready to open here by Bedford O. Borne.

PEAK'S ISLAND.

A large rink 180 x 84 is soon to be erected here by several capitalists and owners of property on the Island.

BANGOR.

The Bangor people are soon to have a new rink costing $15,000. Besides skating the building will be used for public purposes.

SOUTH PARIS.

One of the most brilliant masquerades ever given in this section, came off at the So. Paris rink on the 19th. The rink was crowded to its utmost capacity by the best people of Paris and Norway. Many of the costumes were very elaborate. The disguises most effectual, the character impersonations excellently carried out, and altogether it was a most successful entertainment.

WEST PARIS.

There is a good attendance at the rink every Tuesday evening, and there is every indication that the enterprise of Messrs. Barker and Dunham will be an established success.

NORWAY.

In the mile race on roller skates which took place here Feb. 14, Chas. W. Bowker of So. Paris won the race—time, 4 minutes 8 seconds; W. C. Pierce of Norway, 2d, —4-12. On the evening of the 20th, there was another excursion party here from Lewiston. There was skating till 11 o'cl'k when the Lewiston Zouaves gave an exhibition drill, after which there was a short dance. On the evening of the 21st there was another mile race, with several entries from So. Paris—report of result next week.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

The handsomest dollar in the world is that which is earned by some good, honest employment of the head or hand. Wealth that comes by chance is no measure of the capacity of its possessor, and is never appreciated like that which is earned. Many people are traveling straight to the poorhouse by reason of their undue eagerness to go in the opposite direction. They want riches at a bound. They have seen others fill their chests by some lucky speculative manœuvre, and conclude they can do the same thing. Accordingly in goes their little heap, which, ten to one, they never see again.

The petroleum trade has swallowed up the fortunes of thousands of investors—greenhorns who depended for their success upon the shrewdness of others and got floored under the shears of the monopolist. There are a plenty of safe investments without assuming the awful risks of the gambler—notably among these *Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil*, which yields good dividends every time. Especially to those suffering from nasal and throat affections, rheumatism, neuralgia, wounds and lameness, we strongly recommend it. *Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil* will cure any one of these troubles, and is sold by druggists everywhere under a *guarantee to give satisfaction.* Would walk ten miles for it: S. S. Graves, Akron N. Y. Beats the world: H. C. Hoberman, Marion, Ohio. Keep it what it ought to be—just what it is: S. A. Hewett, Monterey, Mich. Best of all good medicines: Alfred Carpenter, Ansonia, Conn.

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When we have doctors of politics, the "heelers" will get the degree first.

Why use a gritty, muddy, disagreeable article when Hood's Sarsaparilla, so pure, so clear, so delightful, can be obtained. 100 doses $1.00.

A Pennsylvania editor makes this confession: It makes a red-nosed man mad to have the agent at the box office say,—"You want a seat near the door, of course?"

"Rough on Corns."

Ask for Wells' "Rough on Corns." 15c. Quick, complete, permanent cure. Corns, warts, bunions.

A boy in a history class in school was trying to recite about Napoleon's troops ascending the hill in platoons, and said, "They marched up the hill, pantaloon after pantaloon."

You can get of A. M. Gerry, Kemp's Botanic Liver Pills for Headache, for the Complexion, for Torpid Liver, for Biliousness.

A Rockland man who had been drinking went home the other night and growled so at his wife that she called him her sour mash. He said that if she called him that again he'd liquor.

Tells the Truth.

"This medicine I can highly recommend. *Burdock Blood Bitters* are the best blood purifier we have ever used." Charles A. Burt, 15 Court St., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Bangor young man broke his engagement, alleging that his sweetheart couldn't cook. She replied that she could "cook her-ring, and you know darned well that them's all you can afford to pay for."

The Boston Star

says Dr. Kaufmann's great book on Diseases, its causes and home cure, with fine colored plates, is the best work ever published. A copy will be sent free to anybody who sends two 3 cent stamps to pay postage to A. P. Ordway & Co., Boston, Mass.

"Mary," said a landlady to her green bird girl, "was the boarder on the third floor inebriated when he came in last night." "No, mum; he was so drunk he couldn't get up stairs and I let him sleep in the back hall."

Evidence of the Best Kind.

Richard T. Robinson is a druggist living in Racine, Wis. Here is what he says: "Afflicted with laryngitis I was unable to articulate a word distinctly for fully two months. A liberal application of *Thomas' Eclectric Oil* completely cured me. Am pleased to recommend it.

"I took some stock in the Great Desert & Nowhere Railroad," said Lambskin, "because the broker said it was a good buy." "And was it?" asked Sheepskin, ready for a point. "Yes," said the other, "a good-by to my money."

I can safely recommend Ely's Cream Balm for the cure of Catarrh, Cold in the Head, etc. Before I have used the first bottle I purchased I find myself cured. At times I could scarcely smell anything and had a headache most of the time.—Henry Lilly, Agent for the American Express Co., Grand Haven, Mich. [Price 50c cents.]

Fortune's favors are unequally distributed in this world. Thomas Nast gets $100,000 a year for sketches that are not printed, while the man who sends poetry to the newspapers without hope of reward gets back neither his manuscript nor his stamp.

It Tells Its Own Story.

Lancaster, N. H., Dec. 3, '79.

By the way, I will say that I think Downs's Elixir the best cough remedy that I can find at our Druggists'. We always use it. J. S. Peavey,
Pub. of *Republican.*

All diseases arising from Biliousness or Torpid Liver, are quickly cured by the use of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters. See notice of Arnica and Oil Liniment in another column.

A distinguished analyst has been making a chemical examination of the water of the holy well of Zem-zem, at Mecca, and has discovered it to be full of the worst kind of impurities. When this fact becomes generally known, certain Americans will stop drinking the waters at Saratoga and go to Mecca. They must have the worst.

A man in Stafford, Va., poured spirits of turpentine into his ear to cure the earache. It went right to the spot and he has not suffered a particle of pain since. Unfortunately the man didn't live long enough to write a "testimonial" recommending his cure.

When You Feel Blue

And your back aches, and your head feels heavy, and you wake unrefreshed in the morning and your bowels

The Oxford Democrat.

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PARIS, MAINE, FEBRUARY 26, 1884.

GEO. H. WATKINS, Editor and Proprietor.

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

A REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

WILL BE HELD IN

NORUMBEGA HALL, BANGOR,

Wednesday, April 30, 1884, at 11, A. M.,

for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor to be supported at the September election, and selecting two candidates for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and four delegates at large and four alternates to attend the National Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, June 3, 1884, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for governor in 1882 an additional delegate, and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 votes, an additional delegate.

The State Committee will be in session in the Reception room of the Hall, at nine o'clock on the morning of the convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in favor of elevating and dignifying American labor; protecting and extending home industries; giving free popular education to the masses of the people; securing free suffrage and an honest counting of ballots; effectually protecting all human rights in every section of our common country; in effecting measures for the encouragement of American shipping and ship-building; in temperance; in an economical, just and efficient administration of public affairs, and who desire to promote friendly feeling and permanent harmony throughout the entire land, by maintaining a national government pledged to these objects and principals, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in selecting delegates to this convention.

Per order Republican State Committee.

GEORGE C. WING, Chairman.

HENRY M. SPRAGUE, Secretary.

IT is not necessary for us to state that Gov. Robie's action in appointing Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel as one of the Supreme Judges, is very popular with the people of Oxford County. Our people were hoping that Mr. Foster would receive the appointment, knowing that he would honor the position, and his nomination is very satisfactory to all. There was no mistaking the expressions made by those who attended Probate Court, last Tuesday, representing, as they did, all sections of the County, and all political parties. Hon. R. A. Frye, late Democratic Judge of Probate, said he was glad that Mr. Foster was nominated, he is a clean man, represents no partisan clique, and no man practicing at Oxford Bar has given such assiduous study to questions of law. E. E. Hastings, esq. of Fryeburg, representing the young Democracy of Western Oxford, expressed the liveliest satisfaction, that the honor was coming to Mr. Foster and to this county. A. S. Kimball, esq. of Norway, and other Democrats, not only joined in congratulating Mr. Foster, but were free in their expressions of commendation. The nomination is well received throughout the State, as the press comments, below published show. It is with much pleasure that we present the following graceful little sketch of Judge Foster, written by Hon. E. W. Woodbury, as it corrects a few errors which have crept into other papers, and is an estimate of his character and fitness by one well capable of forming a just and accurate opinion:

JUDGE FOSTER.

The appointment of Hon. Enoch Foster, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, by Gov. Robie, is particularly gratifying to his friends; and the State is to be congratulated in having a man to succeed Judge Barrows (who declines a re-nomination), so well fitted by nature and education. Mr. Foster was born in Newry, Oxford County, in 1841, and received his preparatory education in Gould's Academy, Bethel, and the Maine State Seminary, Lewiston, and entered Bowdoin College in 1860 in the Class with Hon. C. F. Libby, former Mayor of Portland, and Rev. Webster Woodbury of Foxboro, Mass. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he entered the Union Army, and was attached to Co. H, Thirteenth Maine Regiment, as Second Lieutenant. He served in the expedition that captured New Orleans, under General Butler, and was afterward commissioned First Lieutenant, and served three years in the Army of the Department of the Gulf. Gen. Banks appointed him Provost Marshal, and he served in that capacity one and one-half years, resigning at that time, to join his regiment, and serve in the disastrous Red River campaign under Gen. Banks. At the close of the war, he received his diploma from Bowdoin College, and entered the law office of Hon. Reuben Foster of Waterville, and graduated from the Law School of Albany, N. Y. After his graduation, he opened a law office in Bethel, where he has had an increasing and lucrative practice ever since. In 1867 he was elected County Attorney for Oxford County, and was re-elected in 1870, serving the County acceptably, and with much credit to himself. He was elected to the Senate of Maine in 1874 and at once took rank as a leading debater. Since retirement from the Senate, he has applied himself studiously to his profession, and won distinction at the Oxford Bar. He is a man in the prime of life, with a clear judicial mind, of studious and domestic habits, an open, outspoken temperance man, believing in total abstinence and practicing it, a consistent member of the First Congregational Church, and an able advocate of all those benevolent and philanthropic institutions that have for their object the amelioration of the condition of man and the uplifting of the masses. The cause of education, a sound currency, a free and untrammelled ballot, have always found in him a faithful friend, and an able advocate; and his friends bespeak for him a brilliant career upon the Bench, if a thorough education, loyalty to his country, and above all, loyalty to the Ruler of all Countries is to count for anything in this nineteenth century.

E. W. WOODBURY.

PRESS NOTICES.

[Belfast Journal.]

Governor Robie has nominated Hons. W. L. Putnam of Portland and Enoch Foster of Bethel, Justices of the Supreme Court, to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Judges Symonds and Barrows. These appointments meet with general approval. Judge Symonds has retired to resume the practice of law. His term did not expire until Oct. 16, 1885.

[Kennebunk Star.]

These two nominations will give general satisfaction. Mr. Foster was a graduate from Bowdoin College in the Class of '62. He immediately entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several times represented his town in the Maine House of Representatives and his County he has ably served several terms in the Senate.

[Bridgton News.]

Hon. Enoch Foster, the newly-appointed Judge from Oxford County, is 43 years of age. He was a soldier, serving in the Thirteenth Maine, reaching the grade of First Lieutenant; has been County Attorney of Oxford, and a member of the Maine Senate. He will make an able and upright Judge. Judge Foster is an Odd Fellow and a member of the G. A. R.

[Farmington Chronicle.]

Mr. Foster is a graduate of Bowdoin, Class of 1862. Later, he entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several terms represented his town in the House of Representatives, and his County in the Senate, and has also served as County Attorney. As a lawyer he has for years stood in the front rank, and as a man his character and record are unspotted.

[Lewiston Journal.]

Our special dispatch from Augusta announces that Governor Robie has appointed Hon. Enoch Foster, of Bethel, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Hon. William G. Barrows of Brunswick, who will retire March 24th, and Hon. William L. Putnam, of Portland, as Associate Justice to succeed Hon. Joseph W. Symonds of Portland, resigned. These two nominations will give general satisfaction. Mr. Foster was graduated from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1862. He immediately entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several times represented his town in the Maine House of Representatives, and his County he has ably served for several terms in the Senate. As a lawyer he has for years stood in the front rank, and as a man his character and record are unspotted. That he will make a Judge who will be a worthy successor of the eminent gentleman who voluntarily retires from the Bench which he has so long honored, there can be no manner of doubt. Mr. Foster's experience at the Bar and in public life have been large for so young a man. He has for several terms ably served as County Attorney of Oxford County, and in every respect he has the fullest confidence of the people and the Bar.

[Maine Sentinel.]

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[Kennebec Journal.]

Enoch Foster was born in Newry, and is 43 years of age. He was educated at Gould's Academy, Maine State Seminary and Bowdoin College; studied law in the office of Hon. Reuben Foster of Waterville and graduated at the Law University of Albany, N. Y.; commenced practice at Bethel in 1865, and has been in active practice ever since; and has the reputation of being the leading lawyer of Oxford Co. to-day. He was elected County Attorney for Oxford County in 1867, for three years and re-elected in 1870, which office he held until Jan. 1st, 1874. In the Maine Legislature of 1873-4 and 1874-5, he served in the Senate, being one of the most active and ablest members of that body. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he entered the army, September, 1861; was commissioned Second Lieutenant in Company H, Thirteenth Maine Regiment, which was assigned to the expedition under General Butler for the capture of New Orleans; afterward commissioned First Lieutenant, and served three years in the Army of the Department of the Gulf. Was appointed Provost Marshal by General Banks, and served in that capacity for a year and a half in Louisiana; resigned that position and joined his regiment to serve in Gen. Banks's ill-fated Red River and Texas campaign.

[Rockland Free Press.]

Of Mr. Foster, also nominated to fill a vacancy soon to occur, we publish a brief sketch elsewhere.

[The Kennebec Journal article, copied above.—EDS.]

[Portland Advertiser.]

The unexpected resignation of Judge Symonds has relieved Governor Robie of an embarrassment growing out of the strong desire of the Republicans of Oxford County for the appointment of Mr. Foster instead of Mr. Putnam to succeed Judge Barrows upon the Supreme Bench. The Governor has nominated Mr. Foster to succeed Judge Barrows and Mr. Putnam to succeed Judge Symonds. Mr. Putnam is now in Washington, and no one is authorized to say positively whether he will accept the appointment or not, though the probability is that his duty to his clients will require him to decline it. There is no doubt whatever that both nominations will be confirmed by the Executive Council.

[Bangor Whig.]

Our dispatches this morning announce that Governor Robie has appointed Hon. Wm. L. Putnam of Portland, and Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel, to succeed Justices Symonds and Barrows, both of whom have tendered their resignations. Both appointments are good ones and will give satisfaction throughout the State. * * * His successor, Mr. Foster, is also a graduate of Bowdoin, Class of 1862. At the expiration of his college course he fitted himself for the law which he has since practiced in Bethel. He has served with distinction in both branches of the Legislature; has been County Attorney several terms and has always enjoyed the confidence of his townsmen and the respect of the Bar. A gentleman of spotless character, he will fill the high position with credit to himself and honor to his State.

[The Argus.]

These two nominations will give general satisfaction. Mr. Foster was a graduate from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1862. He immediately entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several times represented his town in the Maine House of Representatives, and his County he has ably served several terms in the State Senate.

[Portland Press.]

Yesterday morning the Governor made nominations for the two vacancies on the Bench of the Supreme Judicial Court, caused by the resignation of Justice Symonds, and the expiration of the term of Justice Barrows who declined a reappointment. As the successor of Justice Symonds the Governor names Hon. William L. Putnam of this city, and as the successor of Justice Barrows he names Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel. Both these gentleman are eminent in their professions, and both have been strongly recommended by their brethren of the Bar. It is unlikely that any objection to the confirmation of the nominations will be made, and the Governor's action will give general satisfaction. The Executive has no more delicate and responsible duty than the selection of justices of the highest court and it is matter of congratulation that Governor Robie has discharged this duty so well. Mr. Foster is a native of Newry in York County where he was born about forty-three years ago. He was educated at Gould's Academy, Bethel, and at the Maine State Seminary and afterwards entered Bowdoin College. At the outbreak of the war he, with many other patriotic young men, entered the army, and was attached to Company A, Thirteenth Maine Regiment as Second Lieutenant. He served in the expedition for the capture of New Orleans under General Butler, and was afterwards commissioned First Lieutenant and served three years in the Army of the Department of the Gulf. General Banks appointed him Provost Marshal and he served in that capacity a year and a half, resigning at the end of that period to join his regiment and serve in the ill-fated Texas and Red River campaigns under General Banks. Mr. Foster's legal studies were begun in the law office of the Hon. Reuben Foster of Waterville and completed at the Albany Law School from which institution he was graduated. He entered upon the practice of the law at Bethel in 1865, and has been in active practice since. In 1867 he was elected County Attorney of Oxford County and was re-elected in 1870, holding the office for six consecutive years. He was elected to the Maine Senate in 1874, and was re-elected in 1875. Mr. Foster is reckoned among the foremost lawyers of his County, and his public career has been an exceedingly honorable one.

THERE was a very large attendance at the Probate Court, last Tuesday. An unusual amount of business was transacted. Sewall C. Strout, esq., of Portland, was among those in attendance, and there was a large delegation of the leading members of Oxford Bar, including Councillor Swasey, Hon. Enoch Foster, the late Judge of Probate, Hon. R. A. Frye, E. E. Hastings of Fryeburg, H. A. Randall of Dixfield, besides the Paris and Norway attorneys.

BISCUIT. — Take one quart of sifted flour, half a teaspoonful salt, one measure of Horsford's Bread Preparation, three gills of water, mix in pan with a spoon.

CAME TO HIS OLD HOME TO DIE.—NOW A HAPPY MAN.

STARKS, ME., Aug 21, 1883

I have suffered with Scrofulous Humor and the Catarrh for 15 years. I had the Catarrh so bad it would drop down in my throat, and produced a catarrhal cough, I have lived a number of years in Boston, and employed the best doctors in the State of Massachusetts, but they told me that they could not cure me. I was a down-hearted man, and returned to my old home in this town to die. After returning I employed several prominent doctors in this State and used all kinds of medicine, but found no relief. My friends in town know how I suffered. Last spring, hearing of the virtues in The Household Blood Purifier and Cough Syrup, my friends advised me to try it; although discouraged, I decided to try it, and used one bottle; after using it, to my surprise it gave me relief. I immediately purchased six bottles and have used four. Since using it I am thankful to say that it has relieved and cured me. I have not enjoyed good health before for 15 years. I cannot recommend the medicine as much as it deserves, and I advise all people that are suffering with Catarrh, Scrofulous Humor, Loss of Appetite, or run down, to use it it will save your life. My son has used this medicine for a Lung trouble caused by lung fever, and it has cured him. Please publish this letter for the benefit of the suffering people. I am willing to take my oath to the above facts. I have paid out in all over $500 for doctors and medicines, and this medicine has cured me by cleansing the disease from my blood. If any one wishes to know about my case they can call on or write to me.

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Commissioners Notice

THE undersigned having been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, Commissioners to receive and examine the claims against the insolvent estate of Sylvanus B. Francis, late of Oxford, hereby give notice that they will be in session at the following times and places to receive and audit such claims, viz: At the residence of Roscoe Brown, in said Oxford on the third Tuesday of March and on the second Tuesday of June, at ten o'clock a. m., on each of said days.

ROSCOE BROWN,
A. M. FRENCH,
Commissioners.

February 22, 1884.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Will be sold at public auction unless previously disposed of at private sale, all the property of the South Paris Manufacturing Association, situated at South Paris Village, consisting of Real Estate and Personal Property, viz: One lot 150 feet front by 140 feet back, with aqueduct of never failing Water, Factory Building, 43 x 50 feet, two story high, 40 x 70 feet. Also all the apparatus for manufacturing chosser. Sale to take place on the premises, on Wednesday, March 5th, at 10 o'clock A. M. Terms cash.

G. C. PRATT,
A. SHURTLEFF,
Committee.

South Paris, Feb. 18th, 1884.

GERMAN AMERICAN INSURANCE CO.,

Of New York.

Statement, January 1, 1884.

ASSETS

Par Value.		Market Value.
$1,200,000	U. S. reg'd 4 per cent bds,	$1,400,160 00
118,000	U. S. Coupon 4 per ct bds	140,123 40
750,000	U. S. Coupon 4½ per ct bds,	866,025 00
350,000	U. S. reg'd 3 per ct. bds,	351 500 00
100,000	U. S. Currency do,	113,000 00
600,000	R. R. Stocks and Bonds,	795,000 00
3,180,000	Cash in Banks,	90,541 72
	Agency premiums in due course of collection,	86,422 34
	Premiums due on Policies, local Department,	19 546 84
	Interest Accured,	2,000 00
	TOTAL,	$4,065,904 31
	Capital Stock,	$1,000,000 00
	Reserved for losses adjusted, not due and in process of adjustment,	159,899 87
	Reinsurance reserve (New York standard),	1,186,126 25
	Commissions due agts and other current liabilities,	31,038 43
	Net surplus,	$1,688,940 26
	TOTAL,	$4,065,904 31

E. OELBERMANN, President.
JOHN W. MURRAY, Vice Pres.
JAMES A. SILVEY, Sec'y.

Notice of Foreclosure.

WHEREAS, Maynard P. Burbank, Sylvia B. Burbank, and Annie B. Burbank, all of Gilead in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, by their mortgage deed dated the twenty-sixth day of December A. D., 1877, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 177, Page 351, conveyed to us, the undersigned a certain parcel of real estate situated in said Gilead, and described as follows: The homestead farm of the late Paul J. Burbank late of said Gilead, meaning that real estate lying in said Gilead where Maynard P. Burbank, alias said now lives, and occupies as a homestead, and which one James Burbank conveyed to Elphalet Burbank by his deed dated April 6, 1818, recorded in said Registry, Book 79, Page 207, excepting about two and one-half acres conveyed by Elphalet Burbank to Leonard B. Burbank, and also about three-fourths of one acre off the west end of the piece which lies on the North side of the road, and also excepting all that Paul J. Burbank conveyed to Barker S. Burbank, and whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, we claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

BENJAMIN W. CLARK,
DAVID GARLAND,
JOHN HASELTON,
Trustees under the will of Samuel Peabody, late of Gilead, deceased.

February 23, 1884

Messenger's Notice.

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

OXFORD, ss.—Feb. 20, A. D. 1884.

THIS is to give notice, that on the twentieth day of Feb. A. D. 1884, a Warrant in Insolvency was issued out of the Court of Insolvency for said County of Oxford, against the estate of Charles O. Wood of Denmark, adjudged to be an Insolvent Debtor, on petition of said debtor, which petition was filed on the 19th day of Feb., A. D. 1884, 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 19th day of Mar. A. D. 1884, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Given under my hand the date first above written.

ELBRIDGE G. OSGOOD, Deputy Sheriff, as Messenger of the Court of Insolvency, for said County of Oxford.

THE Subscriber hereby gives Public Notice that she has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of administratrix of the estate of JEDEDIAH G. LARY, late of Gilead, in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

DEBORAH C. LARY.

Feb. 19, 1884.

[Farmington Chronicle.]

Mr. Foster is a graduate of Bowdoin, Class of 1862. Later, he entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several terms represented his town in the House of Representatives, and his County in the Senate, and has also served as County Attorney. As a lawyer he has for years stood in the front rank, and as a man his character and record are unspotted.

[Lewiston Journal.]

Our special dispatch from Augusta announces that Governor Robie has appointed Hon. Enoch Foster, of Bethel, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, vice Hon. William G. Barrows of Brunswick, who will retire March 24th, and Hon. William L. Putnam, of Portland, as Associate Justice to succeed Hon. Joseph W. Symonds of Portland, resigned. These two nominations will give general satisfaction. Mr. Foster was graduated from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1862. He immediately entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several times represented his town in the Maine House of Representatives, and his County he has ably served for several terms in the Senate. As a lawyer he has for years stood in the front rank, and as a man his character and record are unspotted. That he will make a Judge who will be a worthy successor of the eminent gentleman who voluntarily retires from the Bench which he has so long honored, there can be no manner of doubt. Mr. Foster's experience at the Bar and in public life have been large for so young a man. He has for several terms ably served as County Attorney of Oxford County, and in every respect he has the fullest confidence of the people and the Bar.

[Maine Sentinel.]

Mr. Foster was a graduate from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1862. He immediately entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several times represented his town in the Maine House of Representatives and his County he has ably served several terms in the Senate.

[Kennebec Journal.]

Enoch Foster was born in Newry, and is 43 years of age. He was educated at Gould's Academy, Maine State Seminary and Bowdoin College; studied law in the office of Hon. Reuben Foster of Waterville and graduated at the Law University of Albany, N. Y.; commenced practice at Bethel in 1865, and has been in active practice ever since; and has the reputation of being the leading lawyer of Oxford Co. to-day. He was elected County Attorney for Oxford County in 1867, for three years and re-elected in 1870, which office he held until Jan. 1st, 1874. In the Maine Legislature of 1873-4 and 1874-5, he served in the Senate, being one of the most active and ablest members of that body. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he entered the army, September, 1861; was commissioned Second Lieutenant in Company H, Thirteenth Maine Regiment, which was assigned to the expedition under General Butler for the capture of New Orleans; afterward commissioned First Lieutenant, and served three years in the Army of the Department of the Gulf. Was appointed Provost Marshal by General Banks, and served in that capacity for a year and a half in Louisiana; resigned that position and joined his regiment to serve in Gen. Banks's ill-fated Red River and Texas campaign.

[Rockland Free Press.]

Of Mr. Foster, also nominated to fill a vacancy soon to occur, we publish a brief sketch elsewhere.

[The Kennebec Journal article, copied above.—EDS.]

[Portland Advertiser.]

The unexpected resignation of Judge Symonds has relieved Governor Robie of an embarrassment growing out of the strong desire of the Republicans of Oxford County for the appointment of Mr. Foster instead of Mr. Putnam to succeed Judge Barrows upon the Supreme Bench. The Governor has nominated Mr. Foster to succeed Judge Barrows and Mr. Putnam to succeed Judge Symonds. Mr. Putnam is now in Washington, and no one is authorized to say positively whether he will accept the appointment or not, though the probability is that his duty to his clients will require him to decline it. There is no doubt whatever that both nominations will be confirmed by the Executive Council.

[Bangor Whig.]

Our dispatches this morning announce that Governor Robie has appointed Hon. Wm. L. Putnam of Portland, and Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel, to succeed Justices Symonds and Barrows, both of whom have tendered their resignations. Both appointments are good ones and will give satisfaction throughout the State. * * * His successor, Mr. Foster, is also a graduate of Bowdoin, Class of 1862. At the expiration of his college course he fitted himself for the law which he has since practiced in Bethel. He has served with distinction in both branches of the Legislature; has been County Attorney several terms and has always enjoyed the confidence of his townsmen and the respect of the Bar. A gentleman of spotless character, he will fill the high position with credit to himself and honor to his State.

[The Argus.]

These two nominations will give general satisfaction. Mr. Foster was a graduate from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1862. He immediately entered on the practice of law in Bethel, where he has since resided. He has several times represented his town in the Maine House of Representatives, and his County he has ably served several terms in the State Senate.

[Portland Press.]

Yesterday morning the Governor made nominations for the two vacancies on the Bench of the Supreme Judicial Court, caused by the resignation of Justice Symonds, and the expiration of the term of Justice Barrows who declined a reappointment. As the successor of Justice Symonds the Governor names Hon. William L. Putnam of this city, and as the successor of Justice Barrows he names Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel. Both these gentleman are eminent in their professions, and both have been strongly recommended by their brethren of the Bar. It is unlikely that any objection to the confirmation of the nominations will be made, and the Governor's action will give general satisfaction. The Executive has no more delicate and responsible duty than the selection of justices of the highest court and it is matter of congratulation that Governor Robie has discharged this duty so well. Mr. Foster is a native of Newry in York County where he was born about forty-three years ago. He was educated at Gould's Academy, Bethel, and at the Maine State Seminary and afterwards entered Bowdoin College. At the outbreak of the war he, with many other patriotic young men, entered the army, and was attached to Company A, Thirteenth Maine Regiment as Second Lieutenant. He served in the expedition for the capture of New Orleans under General Butler, and was afterwards commissioned First Lieutenant and served three years in the Army of the Department of the Gulf. General Banks appointed him Provost Marshal and he served in that capacity a year and a half, resigning at the end of that period to join his regiment and serve in the ill-fated Texas and Red River campaigns under General Banks. Mr. Foster's legal studies were begun in the law office of the Hon. Reuben Foster of Waterville and completed at the Albany Law School from which institution he was graduated. He entered upon the practice of the law at Bethel in 1865, and has been in active practice since. In 1867 he was elected County Attorney of Oxford County and was re-elected in 1870, holding the office for six consecutive years. He was elected to the Maine Senate in 1874, and was re-elected in 1875. Mr. Foster is reckoned among the foremost lawyers of his County, and his public career has been an exceedingly honorable one.

BISCUIT. — Take one quart of sifted flour, half a teaspoonful salt, one measure of Horsford's Bread Preparation, three gills of water, mix in pan with a spoon.

OXFORD ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1884.

LEWIS H. REED, administrator on the estate of Mary A. Brown, late of Mexico, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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

OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1884.

MARY E. STEAR (formerly Mary E. Bryant), administratrix on the estate of Henry M. Bryant, late of Greenwood, said County, deceased, having presented her account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of February, 1884.

CHARLES H. GOODWIN, Guardian of Hattie A. Goodwin, minor child and heir of John A. Goodwin, late of Haverhill, Massachusetts, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

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

GEORGE 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 Feb., A. D. 1884.

AMOS G. BEAN, Guardian of Ida M. Knightens, minor child and heir of Samuel Knightens, late of Albany in said County, having presented his account of guardianship of said ward for allowance:

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

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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 Feb., A. D. 1884.

JOHN A. MORTON, former husband of Donna A. Morton, late of Bethel, deceased, having presented his petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased:

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 Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County on the third Tuesday of Mar. next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the same should not be granted.

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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OXFORD, ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1884.

EDGAR E. BARKER, administrator on the estate of Alexander E. Barker, late of Newry, in said County, deceased, having presented his account of administration of the estate of said deceased for allowance:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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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 Feb., A. D. 1884.

HANNAH A. IRISH wife of Andrew J. Irish late of Woodstock, deceased, having presented her petition for an allowance out of the Personal Estate of said deceased:

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

GEO. A. WILSON, Judge.

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

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administrix of the Estate of

PETER T. BEAN, late of Bethel,

in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

AMY E. BEAN.

Feb. 19, 1884.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice that she has been duly appointed by the Hon. Judge of Probate for the County of Oxford, and assumed the trust of Administratrix de bonis non of the estate of

HENRY M. BRYANT, late of Greenwood, in said County, deceased, by giving bond as the law directs; she therefore requests all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment, and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

MARY E. STEARNS.

Feb. 19, 1884

OXFORD ss:—At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of Feb., A. D. 1884.

ON the petition of Henry G. Gordon, of Fryeburg, in said County, praying that David R. Hastings of Fryeburg be appointed Administrator on the estate of Samuel Tyler, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased:

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 Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said county on the third Tuesday of Mar. next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the same should not be allowed.

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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 Feb., A. D. 1884.

ON the petition of Henry G. Gordon, of Fryeburg, in said County, praying that Sylvia R. Hastings of Fryeburg be appointed Administrator on the estate of Samuel Tyler, late of Fryeburg, in said County, deceased:

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 Paris that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said county on the third Tuesday of Mar. next at nine o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the same should not be allowed.

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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 Feb., A. D. 1884.

ON the petitions of Eliza J. Burns of Woodstock, in said County, praying that Freeman Burns, of Paris, be appointed administrator on the estate of John G. Burns, late of Woodstock, in said County:

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 Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris, in said County, on the third Tuesday of Mar. next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and show cause if any they have why the said Instrument should not be proved, approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

Professional Cards, &c.

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STANLEY & WATKINS,
Real Estate and Loan Agents,
PARIS, MAINE.
The subscribers have, this first day of January 1884, established a real estate and loan agency at Paris Hill, for the purpose of buying, selling and renting real estate, on commission. They will also place loans on real estate in Oxford County, and invest funds in real estate and personal property securities for those who desire such services.
Mr. J. F. Stanley is Register of Deeds for Oxford County, and having the County records at his disposal, can readily ascertain the value and conditions of Real Estate offered for sale or on account.
Mr. Geo. H. Watkins, being publisher of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT has excellent facilities for advertising property offered for sale or to let.
Persons having real estate for sale or to let and those who wish to purchase or hire, persons having money to loan, and those wishing to raise money by mortgage, are invited to correspond with the undersigned.
J. F. STANLEY. GEO. H. WATKINS.
P. S.—When desired, we will receive money on deposit, and invest the same in good securities at the first favorable opportunity. Small sums will be received on deposit, and when a sufficient sum has accumulated, the whole will be invested as above.

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88 Court St., Room 9, Boston, Mass.

OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

ANDOVER, Feb. 22.—Everybody is praising the weather, just now.

J. L. Ripley, esq., is doing a good business at his new saw mill.

Those who did not secure a supply of ice early in the season, are puting it in now. One man, H. W. Poor, cut 120 cakes, 14 inches square, and nearly as thick, sawing them both ways, one afternoon of this week.

John F. Caldwell, is Treasurer of the Farmers' Hill Library Association, instead of John F. Wardwell, as the types made us say last week.

Town meeting occurs a week earlier this year than formerly, in accordance with vote at the last annual meeting to change the time of meeting from the second to the first Monday in March.

Miss R. I. Bailey has been engaged to teach a Spring school in the Pond Dist., Roxbury, commencing next Monday.

There was a pleasant sociable at the parsonage, Wednesday evening of this week, Mr. and Mrs. Dame entertaining in their happiest manner. The ladies realized something over $4 from the occasion.

Mr. A. S. Jordan is teaching singing school at Byron.

Born, in Andover, Feb. 17th, to the wife of Wm. Gregg, esq., a daughter.

The many invalids about town are apparently regaining health. E

BETHEL, Feb. 20.—The death of James French, which occurred in Bethel, Jan'y 21st, deserves more than a passing notice. He was the second son of James and Anna (Whitney) French, who moved from Massachusetts to Norway, Maine, a few years before the birth of the subject of this notice, which occurred May 26, 1811. They had ten children,—eight sons and two daughters; one died in infancy, and one was killed by an accident when 30 years old. The mother died at the age of 67, and the father lived to the ripe old age of 92. George French of Albany, the oldest of the family, died in September last, aged 74, and James was 72 years 7 months and 26 days at the time of his death. The family living in the north part of the town, the privileges of school were limited, and being one of the oldest of a large family, these privileges were denied him. He obtained most of his education after arriving at his majority. In 1842 he was commissioned a Captain in the State militia by John Fairfield, then Governor of Maine. March 29, 1845, he was married to Sarah, eldest daughter of Osgood Brown, and removed to Albany, where he resided nineteen years, and was one of the Selectmen for six years. In 1864 he moved to Bethel and remained two years, when he moved to Gilead and remained until May, 1883, when he returned to Bethel in feeble health and purchased the "Dutton villa," a beautiful home in which to spend his last days, and to leave to his widow and children. He was ten years one of the Selectmen in Gilead, beside holding the office of Treasurer, Collector and Superintending School Committee at different times. As the fruits of his marriage he had three sons, the oldest of whom died while attending the Normal School at Farmington, in 1867. His death was a severe blow to his parents, from which they never recovered. He was a young man of unusual promise, and the resolutions passed by his schoolmates at the time, speak of him as an earnest Christian who would have graduated with the highest honors had he lived a few months longer. The widow and two sons live in Bethel, and sincerely mourn the loss of a kind husband, and indulgent father, who devoted his life to their interest, and leaves them a competence of this world's goods, besides, what is worth more to them, an unsullied character. W.

BUCKFIELD, Feb. 22.—The Fair held on Tuesday evening last for the benefit of the Baptist Society netted over $63.00, which will be used for the insurance of the church. The Antiquarians, with their old-time costumes and music, were the attraction of the evening.

Mr. Holman W. Waldron of New Castle, Ind., is spending a few days among his old friends. He has not entirely recovered from the injury received in the autumn, which so nearly resulted in a broken neck, but is improving slowly.

Mr. Samuel Thomas was stricken with paralysis while at work in the barn on Sunday morning the 17th inst. He succeeded in reaching the house, but was unable to speak. He seems now in a fair way to recover.

T. S. Bridgham, esq., has returned from his Southern trip—whether to remain in the North we have been unable to learn.

Mr. James Gammon left here Monday; after visiting friends by the way, he will rejoin his family in Missouri. His health is much improved by his five months' sojourn among his native hills.

The High school opened Tuesday with 45 scholars; more are expected soon.

The ice which encased the rails on the R. F. & B. R. R. after the heavy rain of Wednesday was over, kept the section-men on the whole line busy during most of the night and the following morning. The train due here at 5.20 A. M. did not arrive till nearly eleven. This is the first time for the winter that our trains have failed of their connections. ***

FRYEBURG, Feb. 22.—On Thursday evening, 21st inst., Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Spring, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage, at the residence of Wm. G. Spring, esq. About one hundred invited guests were present, from Portland, Brownfield and Fryeburg. The presents were numerous, well selected and desirable. Though a tin wedding, the donors did not confine themselves to that limited field. At nine o'clock the hum of conversation ceased and supper was served, which in every particular called forth and merited the approval of all. No otner argument is needed in its behalf than the rapid manner in which the many "good things" were disposed of. The host and hostess spared no pains to secure the comforts of their guests, and also, that this happy event of their son would be such, as to be long remembered by himself and family. We trust their silver wedding will find them surrounded by as many friends, and hope the future may have in store, that not often reached period—their golden wedding.

Miss Hattie Pike, who has been severely numpish for the past two or three weeks, is out again.

Miss L. C. Shirley and Lottie Towle, of the Caswell school, Portland, are in town for a few days.

Miss M. M. Bourne, of Abington, Mass., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Dr. Mason has been quite under the weather for the past week or more, but is better now.

Mr. F. E. Howe, leaves town next week for Minneapolis, Minn.

The young ladies of the Academy, gave a leap-year party, at the Congregational vestry, last Tuesday evening. They did the handsome thing; no gentleman went home without an escort.

Miss Sarah K., our fashionable dress maker, undertook to count the stars the other evening. She gave it up however, and concluded that people *should* sand their side-walks.

Hon. F. Y. Bradley, has sold the house lot next to Mr. Perry's, on Main Street, to J. P. Barker, of Charleston, Mass. DOUNO.

GREENWOOD, Feb. 19.—There are fourteen persons living within a radius of about two miles of my place, the sum total of whose ages is 1086; their average ages being 77 1-2 years. Their several names and ages are as follows: David Morgan, 71; Sarah Morgan, 73; Deborah Howe, 80; Sarah Cole, 92; Jane Merriam, 79; Betsey Hicks, 77; Almira Swan, 75; Amos Clifford, 81; Ruth Cummings, 86; Southern Cole, 77; Hannah Cole, 76; Caroline Martin, 75; Willard Ames, 72; Nancy Ames, 72. These aged people are all living with their children, except two, and all have good homes. Mr. Morgan buried his wife last fall, and has lived the most of the time since with his sister. Mrs. Merriam buried her husband a few years ago, and is living with her brother, E. E. Wentworth, on the old homestead where they were born. She married late in life, and had no children. She is said to be the first female born in Greenwood. The two oldest of these people, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Cummings, are growing helpless, and life's taper must soon go out; and the care their daughters take of them reminds one of the care a mother takes of her infant. All the women mentioned above, are widows, except Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Southern Cole; Mr. Cole is her second husband, and she is his third wife.

I happened into a store, the other day, where there were half a dozen men talking on the subject of temperance, and they all gave it as their opinion, that nine-tenths of all the crimes committed in this country are caused directly or indirectly by liquor. If the rum-seller had anything better than a second hand gizzard in him, I should request him to take the subject home and look it over a little; but one might as well talk to the mummy of the great King Cheops as to a liquor vender of the present day. But the world moves, nevertheless.

Of all the curses, which have come to earth,
Since nature first from chaos gave it birth,
Intemperance goes ahead, and leads the van;
Turns peace to war, and makes a fiend of man.

Vile trafficker of whiskey, rum and beer,
Are you aware what you are doing here?
Look 'round you now, and ponder well and long;
See what fruit springs from your foul "devil's spawn!" L. P.

Feb'y 20th.—Very interesting exercises were held in the school house in the Cole District, last Wednesday evening, consisting of a drama, singing, recitations and declamations. A successful term of school closed here a short time ago, taught by Miss Mary Cole, who has been interested in helping the scholars and neighbors get ready for the occasion. She took charge of the exercises, and they all acted their parts well.

The weather is fine, but colds are prevalent. NOM DE PLUME.

NORWAY.—The town reports are in the hands of the printer. We are in hopes to get them, in a day two. The town meeting will be held a week from Monday. It will be very quiet—all one way.

Business good at the shoe factory and tannery.

Rousing temperance meetings — most excellent singing nearly every sabbath.

O. W. Collins has gone to Brunswick to attend a course of medical lectures. J. A. Roberts will take his place as teacher of the High School, the spring term of which begins March 10th.

Roller skating has been the principal amusement for the winter.

Mr. John D. Wilson goes to to Florida next week on a business trip.

NO. NEWRY, Feb. 20th.—C. M. Walker's family are all sick with the measles.

C. C. Bennett, who with his brother F. C. Bennett, have been logging for parties in Lewiston, is quite ill with them. It will put them back with their work some, as Charlie was teamster. They are putting up at the Barker place, in Newry. Mrs. Barker is a very smart lady, over seventy years of age, she knits and sews and reads with as much ardor as a young woman. She attends the sewing circles and seems to enjoy it very much.

Jonathan Bennett, about seventy years of age, with his wife, are living alone this winter. Mr. B. takes care of nearly twenty head of cattle, and a horse, drives them quite a distance to water, cuts the wood for two fires and makes an ox yoke or axe handle occasionally, besides going a mile or two, twice a week, to see how the boys get along logging. Mr. and Mrs. B. have been, and are still, a hard-working couple, and are always ready to render assistance to any one, and are just boss people to visit. D. D.

OXFORD.—M. F. King, the Republican candidate for Mayor in Portland, is a native of this village. He has many warm friends here.

John Harper, formerly agent of the Harper Manufacturing Co., Welchville, was in town last week. He is Superintendent of a factory in Sabattis. He reports business very dull.

A portion of District No. 6 got up an oyster supper for the Oxford Band, last week. Five gallons of oysters were consumed, amid a general good time in the school house.

The editor in condensing my item about S. D. Edwards, last week, slightly changed the meaning. He is not a "mind reader" but having been assistant of a famous sleight-of-hand performer in his younger days, reads the sealed letters by a mere trick in magic.

Several cases of scarlet fever and canker rash in Welchville.

Washburn & Ellingwood of North Paris have sent twelve different varieties of their chairs to Mr. Chase to be photographed.

A man at work for Hosea Huntress has chopped 23 1-2 cords of hard wood in eight

Mrs. Lorana French has an old-fashioned clock which has been cleaned and fixed only twice in 52 years. It still keeps good time. A. WARD, JR.

PARIS.—David B. Woodbury whose flowers attracted such wide attention, last season, is now sending out packages of assorted pansy seeds, and also gladiolus bulbs. He has a fine printed catalogue or price list which he mails free, and his goods are put up in neat packages bearing his name as "originating florist." See advt. and send for price list.

Gov. Perham's house will be closed for the present, his family having gone to the city for the balance of the winter.

The village schools closed on Friday of last week. Public exercises were held at the school house on Thursday afternoon in the primary, and on Friday afternoon, in the grammar department. The exercises consisted in declamations, recitations, select readings and singing, and were very creditable to the pupils and teachers. Mr. G. L. Dunham and Miss M. Rose Giles, have had charge of the schools, and the examination proved that the schools have done efficient work the past winter. Miss Giles has had charge of the primary department for the most of the time for several years and is one of the very best instructors. Mr. Dunham is a very able teacher, has the happy faculty of controlling his school by securing the love and respect of his pupils. He has secured a position as principal of the Centre Street school in Portland, at a good salary. Many of the parents in the village attended the closing exercises, and remarks were made at the close of the exercises by ex Gov. Perham, Rev. Mr. Cochrane and J. S. Wright.

Sociable at the Baptist Vestry, Wednesday eve. All are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served—free to members of the Young Folks' Society, others five cents.

SO. PARIS, Feb'y 25th.—Mr. Hiram H. Briggs was found dead in his bed last Saturday morning. The indications were that he had not moved after getting into bed. He was not subject to any disease; worked as usual Friday, ate a hearty supper and retired apparently in his customary good health. Deceased was 43 years of age and leaves no family; was a member of Mt. Mica Lodge I. O. O. F., also of the Odd Fellows Mutual Relief Association, which pays an insurance of $1500.

An actual count shows that 28 new families have either bought houses, secured rents or taken board in the village since Oct. 1 and only three families have moved away during that time. Nearly as many more are anxious to come. There is a daily inquiry for vacant tenements and if there were twenty-more they would all be taken within a week. It is estimated that 25 or 30 new houses will be built during the early summer—probably more.

At the sled factory the workmen are making good progress hanging shafting and setting up machinery. The new double engines of 120 horse-power are now all complete and took steam for the first time Wednesday, the 20th. Mr. Morton, the manager, estimates that they have enough lumber bought to keep the teams busy as long as the sledding lasts, and that they will get quite a portion of the machinery in operation during the next two weeks.

Chas. W. Bowker only had his advertisement of "Stand for sale or to rent" in the DEMOCRAT one week before it was taken by a Mr. Rich of Bethel.

Rev. C. Ingalls of the Congregational Church, returned Friday from a short wedding tour. We have learned no particulars but understand the lady was Miss Ella Cloudman of Saccarappa. They have the best wishes and congratulations of the community. The happy couple will take up their residence for the present at Mr. A. C. Hall's, corner of Oxford and Highland Sts., where they will be happy to receive their many friends.

Harry Rust Post, G. A. R., had a campfire, Friday evening, in Grange Hall. There was a large attendance. Music, speeches, reminiscences, and refreshments, were the order of the evening.

Mr. Ephraim Maxim is reported to be quite sick for a week past. JEAN.

"KETTLE-DRUM."

"The Ladies' Social Circle" of the So. Paris Congregational Society will hold a "*Kettle-Drum*" and Social Entertainment, at the Vestry of the Congregational church, on Tuesday evening, March 4, 1884. Supper at 6:30. All are invited. After supper, the special exercises will be: Illustrated Poems, Singing by the South Paris Male Quartette, Song by Miss Aggie Briggs, Tableaux, etc., to close with "a good social time generally." PER ORDER COM.

WEST PARIS, Feb. 22nd.—The Universalist circle, at Mr. F. A. Young's, last evening, was well attended. The company were regaled with ice cream of a very choice "brand". An enjoyable time was passed. The next circle is at Centennial Hall, in two weeks.

Mr. E. D. Andrews, has at his place, a full line of agricultural implements including seed drills, cultivators, the Victor and America horse rakes, the Victor mowing machines, etc. He also keeps and has for sale the Bay State phosphate. Mr. Andrews had all these articles on sale last year, and they proved very satisfactory to those who used them.

The village school closed to-day.

The funeral of Mrs. Adoniram Curtis, who died in Boston, last Wednesday, occurs here to-morrow. Mrs. Curtis and husband formerly resided in this section, and a large circle of relatives and friends are left to mourn her sudden decease. She was sixty-three years of age.

Mr. F. H. Young, is home, from Boston.

Mr. E. H. Judkins, desires one or two more agents in this county, as will be seen by advertisement. EUHOJU.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Thirty-seven Probate Notices.

One Insolvency Notice—balance of Insolvency notices will appear next week.

Agents Wanted to sell Fruit Trees, M. V. B. Chase, Augusta.

Fred W. Chase, Augusta, also wants agents to sell Nursery Stock.

East Maine Conference Seminary, Bucksport, A. Fitzroy Chase, President. Spring Term begins March 19.

Notice of Commissioner's meetings in Insolvent estate of Sylvanus B. French late of Oxford.

The property of South Paris Cheese Factory is to be sold at Auction, March 5th.

Statement of German American Fire Insurance Co.

E. H. Judkins, West Paris, wishes agents to sell his goods.

J. U. P. Burnham, the Norway Photographer, has a special for our readers this week.

Notice of foreclosure by the Trustees under the will of Samuel Peabody, late of Gilead.

Open your eyes and not your mouth when making up your mind what kind of cough medicine you are going to take, if you do not wish to make opium eaters of your wives and children. Stop pouring down all kinds of cough remedies, and use Jadwin's Pine Tar Syrup. Sold by Holden, the So. Paris Druggist.

THE Good Die Young, was once an accepted poetic sentiment, but recent discoveries show the author of it to be in error. The good, for they are the wise, live to a good old age, and use Jadwin's Tar Syrup whenever troubled with Coughs or Colds. Sold by Holden.

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To the Hon. the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, next to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of March, A. D. 1884.
CHARLES COFFREN, formerly of Phillips, County of Franklin, State of Maine, now of Bethel Maine, respe. fully libels and gives this honorable Court to be informed that he was lawfully married to Ella Coffren at Phillips aforesaid, by Joseph Holmes, esq., on the day of March, 1875, and has had by her two children now living, viz: Frank Coffren aged 8 years, and James Coffren aged 7 years; that from the last named time their married life has always behaved himself as a faithful, grateful and affectionate husband towards the said Ella Coffren, but that the said Ella wholly unmindful of her marriage covenant and duty, on the tenth day of July, A. D. 1883, wholly deserted your libellant, and refused to live with him as she was although frequently asked by him so to do. That the present residence of the said Ella Coffren is unknown to your libellant and cannot be ascertained by reasonable diligence. Wherefore he prays the bonds of matrimony between him and his said wife and as in duty bound will ever pray. CHAS. COFFREN.
STATE OF MAINE.
OXFORD, ss.—Dec. 24 1883.
Then personally appeared the above named Charles Coffren and made oath to the truth of the foregoing libel by him signed. Before me
S. F. GIBSON, Jus. Pas.
STATE OF MAINE.
Supreme Judicial Court. Jan. 10, 1884.
Upon the foregoing Libel, Ordered, that the Libellant give notice to the said Ella Coffren to appear before the Justices of our said Supreme Judicial Court, to be held at Paris, within and for said County of Oxford on the second Tuesday of March next, by publishing an attested copy of this libel and order thereon in the Oxford Democrat, a public newspaper printed in Paris, in the County of record, three weeks successively, the last publication thereof to be twenty days, at least, before the sitting of said Court, that she then and there in our said Court show cause, if any she have, why the prayer of said libellant should not be granted.
WM. WIRT VIRGIN, Justice S. J. C.
OXFORD, ss.—Supreme Judicial Court. Clerk's Office Jan 28, 1884.
A true copy of libel and order of Court thereon
Attest, ALBERT S. AUSTIN, Clerk.

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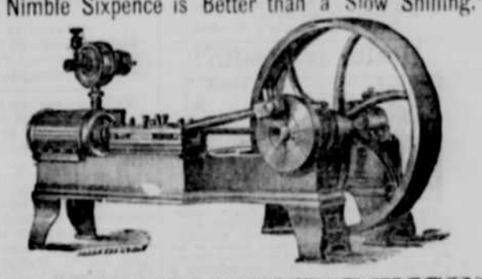
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Express train through to Montreal, Chicago and the West, leaves Portland at 1.30 p. m., So. Paris 3.27, Norway 3.57.

Mixed trains for South Paris, Norway and Gorham will leave Portland at 4.00 p. m., So. Paris 7.30 p. m., Norway, 7.25.

GOING EAST.

Express trains for South Paris, Norway, Lewiston, Portland and Boston will leave Gorham at 9.20 a. m., South Paris at 10.02 a. m., and Norway at 10.40 a. m., reaching Portland at 12.35.

Mixed trains for Portland and Lewiston will leave Gorham at 8.45 a. m., South Paris 6.10 a. m. Norway 6.00 a. m., arriving in Portland at 9.45 a. m., and an afternoon mixed train leaves Gorham for Portland at 11.10 a. m., So. Paris, 2.35, Norway 2.50 p. m., arriving at Portland at 5.15 p. m.

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OUR PUZZLE CORNER.

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

I.—CHARADE.

My first is an entrance or harbor;
My second means willing and strong;
For my whole, put the two together—
It means can be carried along.

EVA H.

II.—ENIGMA.

Composed of 29 letters.

My 23, 11, 25, 26, 16, 19, 18, 24, 12 is a comrade.
My 1, 13, 8, 4 is a vegetable.
My 20, 9, 28, 22, 29 is to contend.
My 5, 21, 6, 17 is to gain by labor.
My 15, 27, 3 is a cover for the head.
My 4, 2, 10, 14 is a band.
My whole is an excellent proverb.

ETHEL.

III.—SCATTERED PROVERB.

(One word from each of the following sentences.)

1. There is one good wife in the country, and every man thinks he hath her.
2. The straightest stick is crooked in water.
3. Never give up.
4. Wanting is not having.
5. A cat may look on a king.
6. Every dog has his day.
7. Far from home is near to harm.
8. Let dogs delight to bark and bite.
9. A mere scholar at court is an ass among apes.
10. If you would make a thief honest, trust him.

MARY.

IV.—DIAMOND.

1. A letter.
2. A young seal.
3. Melody or harmony.
4. The parquet.
5. A letter.

E. X. C.

V.—ENIGMATICISMS.

(Masculine Christian names.)

1. A month and a plural pronoun.
2. Destiny.
3. An exclamation and a couch.
4. A fruit and a consonant.
5. Bare, and to gain a victory.
6. An exclamation, and not sick.

EVA H.

VI.—LETTER OMISSIONS.

1. Behead to inscribe, and leave a ceremony.
2. Syncopate a bond, and leave a part of the face.
3. Behead a country, and leave suffering.
4. Behead a part of a house, and leave the whole.
5. Syncopate a coloring substance, and leave to beat rapidly.
6. Curtail to afflict, and leave pure.
7. Behead a metal, and leave aged.
8. Curtail a place of sale, and leave to disfigure.
9. Syncopate a piece of lumber, and leave a poet.
10. Behead fastidious, and leave frozen water.

The syncopated letters form a name loved by all Americans.

H.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES OF LAST WEEK.

1.—Chanticleer (Chant, I, clear.)

2.—1, Tapir. 2, Deer. 3, Bear. 4, Hart. 5, Hare. 6, Bison (buys on. 7, Doe. 8, Antelope (aunt elope.) 9, Ferret. 10, Pig. 11, Lion (lie on.) 12, Mastiff. 13, Reindeer (rain, dear).

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4.—Sparticus to the Gladiators.

5.—1, A place for everything and everything in its place. 2, If you can't do as you would you must do as you can.

When is a cat like a teapot? When you're teasin' it.

HORSFORD'S BREAD PREPARATION Requires less shortening than any other baking powder or yeast. Try it.

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(Continued from last week.)

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FARM LIFE.

Much has been said and written upon this subject and it is one that is constantly before the people. It has its light and its dark side and, like life everywhere and in every vocation, is subject to privations and trouble. Many, viewing it only from this standpoint, exclaim at once, There is nothing but hardship to be endured upon the farm! But in order to get a good idea of it we must drop all conventionalities and view it upon its real merits when compared with other vocations. The life upon the farm may not include many fashionable outfits every year, or many other things called luxuries by some, but still there is a certainty about it that cannot be given by any other employment. Of course life on the farm is affected very much by the surroundings and depends as much upon the skill and taste of the owners as it does anywhere else. But there is no place where so much real enjoyment can be obtained, as well as the solid requirements of life, as upon the farm. We sometimes see people engaged in the professions or in trade or in literature, who apparently have more leisure than possibly fall to the lot of any farmer, but if we will give the subject a sober second thought we will at once convince ourselves that living the life of a profesional man is no sinecure but has its hardships and grinding cares, from which much of farm life is exempt. No occupation is successfully carried on except by painstaking thought and care. All of which is wearing both upon body and mind. In the ideal life of the farm the cares and thoughts are so much taken up by different objects, there is so much to carry the mind from one all-absorbing object to many, that the weariness of the treadmill is avoided in a great measure. This tends to lengthen life and keep the mind free and cheerful. Nearly all the labor is in the open air and in the sunlight and while, many times, it is tiresome is not so exhausting as mental labor or work in crowded factories. Then the joy of possession is in the heart and carries with it the desire to improve every opportunity and leave no stone unturned to make a success of every effort. If we have an interest in the growing crop there is pleasure in watching it grow from day to day and unfold the beauties of first the leaf, then the flower, then the fruit. As the time passes and our attention is occupied in tending and caring for the growing plant there are lessons to be gained that will always be retained. Then, if stock is kept, as it is on all farms, there is much about the care of it that is pleasant and instructive. No one who has given the habits of animals any study or spent much time caring for their needs but has been made better by it. Then many of the every day pleasures that come with farm life are the greatest of luxuries, when their valuable health-giving qualities are considered. A good ride in the open air is not one of the least of these and, if we were once deprived of the privilege, we would then fully appreciate it. Many wealthy men spend much money every year in pursuit of this luxury which comes unbidden to every farmer. And when we are brought face to face with all the little comforts which are within reach of the humblest farmer, we can fully realize that their lot is indeed cast in pleasant places. And if some seem to lack much that goes to make life pleasant, it could be overcome in nearly every instance by a little care and forethought.

POTATOES FOR SEED.

While the farmer takes great pains to select his corn and other grains for seed he, too often, neglects to give the seed for the next year's potato crop any thought whatever—but takes what is left in the bin in the spring without any reference to size or shape. Now we think that many a fine variety has been ruined in this way. The potatoes for seed should be saved in the fall, and only those of good shape and desirable size should be kept. We are aware that the size is much modified by the fertility of the land on which they are grown, but we believe that much good will result from planting carefully selected seed. If the potatoes are all together, now is a good time to sort out those intended for seed, before the hurry of spring work begins.

—We publish this week a very excellent report from our correspondent, who visited the meeting of the Pomological Society and Board of Agriculture, held at Brunswick, and trust that it may prove interesting to all our readers—particularly to those interested in fruit culture.

LICE ON CATTLE.

Now, boys, look over the calves and the steers and see if any lice can be found on them. If they have got on during the winter they have been multiplying, till now they may be numerous enough to require attention. They usually first make lodgment near the base of the horn and scatter out from there on to the top of the neck and down on the brisket. If not promptly attended to they work back on top of the shoulders and along the back to the tail. The best application for their destruction we have ever found, is a strong soap suds made of soft soap and water. This is entirely effectual in every case, and is as harmless as so much pure water. Thoroughly saturate the hair on the parts infested, and rub it well in. After two week, repeat the application to destroy those which may have hatched from eggs remaining on the animal, and the work is accomplished. If the weather is cold and the animal needs washing all over, wet only one-half at a time. Blanket warm till dry. Never use any other application and you will never injure an animal however young. The remedy is always at hand, always effectual, and always safe.—*Maine Farmer.*

For the Oxford Democrat.

THE STATE POMOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S MEETING.

Editor Democrat:

Your correspondent, in company with J. K. Hammond, went down to the good old town of Brunswick, on the 22nd and 23rd ult., to attend the joint meeting of the Pomological Society and Board of Agriculture. It was our pleasure to meet many of the representative fruit growers of the State, who came with the literal fruits of their labors to show what they have accomplished. There were on the tables two hundred plates of apples and six of pears. They were nearly all of standard varieties, and the universal sentiment was that for a winter show of fruit it had never been equaled in Maine. No one had ever seen it surpassed in New England.

The meeting at Brunswick was nearly all occupied by the Pomological Society—the members presenting papers on the subjects that the occasion suggested, followed by discussion. I will briefly give some of the suggestive ideas:

Mr. Tenney of Brunswick, in his address of welcome, said that Brunswick was one of the old frontier towns and the eleventh incorporated; that it is rather a ship-building town than an agricultural one, but he had never seen so good a display of fruit in the winter; I am rejoiced to see the advance Maine is making in this direction.

Secretary Gilbert, in response, among other things said,—that a northern exposure was the best for an orchard, as sudden changes of temperature were not so perceptible as in a southerly exposure; cold is not so injurious as changes.

President K. H. Gardner of Gardiner, read an address. I would recommend, said he, that all intending to start an orchard plant a nursery. When they are of suitable size put in the orchard and graft in the limbs. Thirty feet each way is the best distance in the orchard. The height of the branches from the ground is of importance—4 or 5 feet is best. For market do not have more than three of the best varieties. Usually the first of Oct. is the time to pick winter apples. Mr. Gardner is a veteran in fruit culture.

A paper, written by Mr. McClellan, was read, containing many good points.

Mr. Chas. G. Atkins contributed a paper on the codling moth or apple worm, showing much observation on the habits of the insect, but giving no remedy for its destruction.

At the evening session, Hon. Rufus Prince of Turner, a very successful orchardist, read a paper filled with suggestive and practical ideas and facts. Mr. Prince said: My experience commenced with raising pears in boyhood. I thought if I could raise enough to eat I should think I had made a great success. I have some of the trees now that I set then. I think now that pears can be raised in Maine at a profit. One great reason why pears fail is they are not fed enough. I keep pigs in my pear orchard and the result is that last fall I had to prop up my trees while others about had none. In 1860 I commenced an apple orchard. At first I dressed it highly, and I not only got a good crop of hay but my trees made a good growth. This I thought too great a drain on the land, so two years ago I put in sheep and last year while my neighbors had very few apples my trees were very full.

Mr. Prince also cautioned against too many varieties, not more than two or three—as the Baldwin, Rhode Island Greening, and perhaps another. Look out, he said, for the agents who claim to sell varieties that will stand a Greenland climate. In setting trees, Mr. Prince said he did not like the heading-in idea but preferred to take out the inside branches. Do not, he said, be satisfied to raise fruit in bearing years, but dress so as to raise fruit every year.

In closing, Mr. Prince said, there are many longing to go to the orange groves of Florida or the cattle plains of the West, or to the wheat fields of Dakota, but where, let me ask, can more real comfort be taken than here in our own homes in Maine?

After Mr. Prince was done, the remainder of the evening was given to floriculture.

Mr. John Burr of Freeport, read a paper on railroad gardening. Commenced by allusion to the attractiveness of the railway stations in England, and what good results had been attained by the Me. Central in this direction.

Mrs. Strafford of Monroe, followed with an admirable essay on the subject of flower cultivation. Flowers, said the reader, are as old as creation. God made them as the connecting link between Himself and man. Their culture has kept pace with civilization, yet there are some in Maine as blind to their beauty as the wild Indian. In such homes refinement has made slow progress. In general, said Mrs. S., a great change is going on in the minds of nearly all in favor of these beautiful creations of a bountiful God.

There were a number of papers on the same subject and the kindred one of botany, that were of especial interest to the ladies, that took up the evening till quite a late hour.

Upon coming together Wednesday morning, Secretary Gilbert got an opportunity to talk for about an hour on associated butter dairying. This was of especial interest to the farmers in the vicinity of Brunswick, as well as everyone present. Mr. Gilbert desires and succeeds in bringing his subjectt right down to a firm basis and deals in practical facts.

His points were: That careful consideration be given in relation to locality, and the amount of cream that could with reasonable facility be obtained. That expensive buildings are not required in associated butter making, and should by no means be erected as of course they add to the cost. A basement properly made with a roof is all that is needed. There must be an interest among the farmers to do something. An individual can do it with better chances of success than an association. The Wales factory, with a capacity of five hundred pounds per day, was built at a cost of four hundred dollars. It consists of a basement with double brick walls, with double wood partitions dividing the rooms. The implements used in the manufacture need not cost over three hundred dollars. Butter should not cost more than four cents per pound to make it and collect the cream.

In brief, these are some of the ideas advanced by Sec. Gilbert.

The afternoon was mainly devoted to the fruit question, but being under the necessity of leaving, no notes were taken.

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