

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 2, 1910.

Topic.—Through this year with God.—Num. ix, 15-23; x, 10. (A New Year's consecration meeting.) Comment by Rev. Sherman H. Doyle, D. D.

The march of the children of Israel through the wilderness from Egypt to Canaan has ever been taken as a type and symbol of the Christian's life in this world. The way to them was new, and they needed a guide, and God furnished them with one in the pillar which was cloud by day and fire by night. When and where it traveled the people of God followed; when and where it rested they rested. Back of "the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day" was, of course, God Himself, and hence it was really He who led them. They went through that period of life with God, and so year by year we should advance under God's leading and guidance. Today we stand upon the threshold of another year, and we can have no better motto for the new year than "Through the year with God."

In the study of this incident in the journey of the Israelites we can readily see why we should go through this year and through all years with God. But, preliminary, it may be well to notice the expression "with God." The topic says that we should go with God, not God with us. We often speak of having God with us. It is far more important that we be with God. We may want to go many places where God will not go with us, but need never worry about going anywhere with God. "Where He leads me I will follow" should be our consecration. Of Enoch, one of the two translated patriarchs, it is said, "Enoch walked with God," and not "God walked with Enoch." Therefore we may well sing and pray while we sing:

Oh, for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame, A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

1. We should walk with God because He is a divine guide. No human being knows where the pathway of life may lead us in the year upon which we have entered. But God does. He alone is an infallible guide, and if we will but follow Him we cannot go wrong. It is true He does not place a visible pillar of cloud or fire before us, but He has given us His word, "as a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." The Bible is our chart and compass over life's sea. Therefore "search the Scriptures" and follow His commandments and you will be with God in the new year. Ask Him in prayer when in perplexity or doubt, and He will show you the true way.

Ask the Saviour to help you, Comfort and strengthen and keep you. He is willing to aid you; He will carry you through.

2. We should walk with God because He is an ever present guide. Pastors, parents and human guardians cannot be with us at all times and in all places. If so, the moral and spiritual life of many young people who fall would otherwise be kept clean and pure. But God is an ever present God. When tempted and tried, listen to Him as He speaks to you through conscience. Remember that God sees you and is present to help you if you will put your trust in Him and desire Him to do so.

3. We should walk with God because without Him life will be a failure. Had Israel disobeyed the leading pillar they would never have reached Canaan. Without God we are without Christ and without any hope for the future life.

BIBLE READING.

Ex. xii, 41, 42; xiv, 19-28; xxiii, 20-25; Ps. xxv, 8-10; xxxi, 1-5; cix, 1-5; Neh. ix, 19; Isa. xi, 25-31; Matt. xxviii, 18, 20; Luke i, 76-79; John xiv, 1-7.

C. E. International Headquarters.

The United Society of Christian Endeavor, a worldwide organization embracing 70,000 societies with nearly 4,000,000 members, after having dwelt in hired quarters for twenty-eight years has taken the first steps toward erecting a permanent home and international headquarters. A site for the new building was recently bought on Huntington avenue, Boston, within a stone's throw of the fine group of buildings erected by the Harvard Medical school and the Harvard Dental school. The international headquarters building will be constructed of Indiana limestone. It will be five stories high and, besides containing the offices of the society and the editorial rooms of the Christian Endeavor World, will have a number of offices and stores for rent. The building will thus become an income producer for the society, which has been remarkably successful in carrying on its religious work economically. The entire cost of the building, including site, will approximate \$200,000. Gifts for this building have come not only from Endeavorers in the United States, but from all parts of the world. There is hardly a country on the globe where there are no Christian Endeavor societies and hardly one from which no gift has come. The other day the Endeavorers of Hawaii sent \$78.50, and the messengers that brought the gift added \$50 more as a personal contribution.

Genuine Spirituality.

Genuine spirituality is the deadliest foe to all forms of immorality. One cannot be spiritual and selfish, or spiritual and ill tempered, or spiritual and censorious, or spiritual and sordid. It was thus that Paul warned Christians against greed, which he linked with uncharity and boldly characterized as idolatry. Spirituality never lifts a person above the ordinary human obligations, but it infuses into these a new dignity and sacredness.

Mutual Benefit Society

EDITED BY "AUNT MADGE"

Its Motto: "Helpful and Helpful"

The purposes of this column are succinctly stated in the title and motto—it is for the mutual benefit, and aims to be helpful and helpful. Being a public servant, purveyor of information and suggestion, a medium for the interchange of ideas, in this capacity it solicits communications, and its success depends largely on the support given it in this respect. Communications must be signed, but the name of writer will not be printed except by permission. Communications will be subject to approval or rejection by the editor of the column, but none will be rejected without good reason. Address all communications to THE AMERICAN, Ellsworth, Me.

Dear Aunt Madge and M. B.:

I am late again, but I have been ill, so I hope you will excuse me. I do think that the two poems in last week's paper, "Count your many blessings" and "Calm," are very nice, and lots of times at my work I sing the first. The words of another old hymn are nice also and have helped me many times: "What a friend we have in Jesus." The whole hymn is familiar to you all, and sometimes, when everything is wrong and all seems dark, that song will almost bring sunshine when it is snowing. There is another called "Our Burden Bearer," by Phillips Brooks:

The little sharp vexations And the briars that catch and fret; Why not take all to the Helper Who has never failed us yet? And tell him about the heartache, And tell him the logging, too; Tell him the burdened purpose, When we scarce know what to do, Then, leaving all our weakness With the one divinely strong; Forget that we bear the burden, And carry away the song.

This hangs over my table in the kitchen so I can see it often. I tried S. M. C.'s way to cook chicken, and liked it very well, but I added stuffing (as we are all very fond of it) in a small bag.

Here is a nice way to cook beef, no matter how tough. Carve in as large pieces as you can get into a bean pot, with a small onion cut up; put on the cover of bean pot and put in oven, having it medium hot. After it has been in about two hours, season with salt and pepper and let cook about two hours more. Be sure not to put any water in. We call it fine. Will some one try it who has never done so, and report? I have learned a new way to make yeast bread. It is new to me, so will send it for those who never tried it. Boil three medium-sized potatoes and mash fine, sift two quarts flour, one and one-half teaspoonsful of salt, two tablespoonfuls sugar and a cooking spoonful of lard; rub all together, then add a whole yeast cake if made in the morning or one-half yeast cake if over night. Dissolve yeast in a little warm water. (We like it better made in the morning; think it tastes sweeter and more "nutty.") Then add lukewarm water enough to knead. Let rise in warm place until about three-quarters up, then set where cool to finish rising; knead down. I punch and squeeze it. It's fun to hear the bubbles burst. Mould into loaves and let rise again, and bake in an even oven one hour.

I think Uncle Dudley's way to bring in wood is dandy. I saw once what I called a dandy wood-box. It was something like a cupboard between the kitchen and dining-room, with two doors. It was in the wall with a cover in kitchen and one in the porch, and was filled from the porch. My little boy used to bring in wood last winter in a wash-bowling, and as from the house the wood pile was down hill, he used to get into empty boiler and slide down when there was snow.

N. asked a short time ago for fudge recipe. Here is a very cheap one but quite nice:

Fudge—Four teaspoonfuls cocoa, two cups white sugar, one-half cup cold water, piece of butter size of walnut, one-half teaspoonful cornstarch. Boil until gummy in cold water, then beat (add teaspoonful of vanilla) until it begins to thicken. Pour in buttered tin; let cool a little, then mark where you want to break and let get cold.

Well, I think I have taken up enough. I like very much to read all the letters. The answer to the example I sent a long time ago; they were fifteen and thirty years old when married. A. G. R. B.

Thanks for your letter and the useful hints it contains. I doubt not the method of cooking beef will be tried by a number, and the yeast bread also. Now you shall all hear from our Mob.

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, Dec. 7.

Dear Aunt Madge and M. B.: I see I am not forgotten in the column, so will write once more. I did not intend to stay away from the column so long, but I don't really have much time to write. I always read the column and am pleased to hear from so many. Some I know and others I would like to know.

Uncle Dudley, I am glad you are so you can write once in a while. Am always pleased to see your letters. Kind regards to you and your better half. Am glad you still remember me. Wish I had one of your potato cakes. I often think of how nice they are. Perhaps I may some day meet you all at the reunion again.

Dell, I must tell you we have seven saloons in this city, and we all turned out and voted dry town, so Twin Falls county goes dry next February. So much for the woman voting. My I never thought I should ever vote, but I vote for everything that comes up; so Taft is my first President.

We have been having snow the last two days. I should think as much as six inches, but not much real cold weather as yet. Have I written since I built a new house? If not, I have, and moved into it and rented my store for \$25 a month; I still have five light house-keeping rooms over the store that I am looking after, and one lodging room; then I have three rooms up stairs in this house from which some weeks I get \$2.50 for the week, but some weeks some rooms are empty. I shall sell out here first chance. There's too much work for me. I have fifty-five hens, but just now they don't lay much. Eggs are 50 cents a dozen now.

This new city is still building up. A fine steel bank has just gone up for which the two lots cost \$27,000. I am two and one-half blocks east of it. I have one lot I am offering for \$2,100, and can't buy another lot on Main street for that.

Oh, if any of you want a ranch on a business place I have them to sell. I want to get where I can have sheep. You see my hub is younger than I am, and has taken care of them in Wyoming, but I am not going there. It's too cold and they have too much snow. I like her pretty well, and it's a good chance to make money if you have some to start with. One man made \$1,500 on one acre of celery. Apple orchards of five acres sell for

After exposure, and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. It is mildly laxative. G. A. PARSONS.

\$2.50 to \$5.00 per acre, and they are only three and four years old. I have a forty-acre ranch which I am offering for \$20 an acre which if set out in an orchard, in three or four years would be worth something. My husband wants to go out there and live. We now have thirty-four acres in alfalfa which will be worth nearly \$1,000 if we have a good season.

This new house I am living in has six rooms. Have what stock I took out of the store which I haven't sold in it, so am cleaning up my store business. There's a woman talking of buying this building; and lot; then I am out of this, and if I could sell the store, would not be tied down.

I haven't been near the near-by towns since I came here. It has been work. I have been making quilts till my thumb is lame pulling the needle through. Ten beds take a lot of bedding.

Aunt Maria, I haven't forgotten you. I often wish I might run in and have a chat. How things do change when one is away! I have a letter from my mother every week, so get what home news she hears of, and my daughter, who is four and one-half miles out, gets letters from others, so when she comes in, we have quite a home chat.

I expect some of my home people wonder if I am growing old. I am sadder than I used to be, but my hair is same as ever—a few gray hairs. Out here I haven't taken any care of myself, but when people guess how old I am they call me twelve to fifteen years younger than I am.

Two years last June since I left Maine. There are lots of the Mutuals I would like to write to and send postal, but I haven't the time to do any such work; but I was bound to write the Mutuals so it would get in the column while others are busy with Christmas work. I have taken all the time I could get this afternoon between other business to write this, so excuse me for awhile and I will write some time again.

Now I will wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, with much success and kind regards. From M. B.

It is a pleasure indeed to hear from you. A glad New Year to each and all, from AUNT MADGE.

ELLSWORTH MARKETS.

The quotations below give the range of retail prices in Ellsworth.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Creamery per lb, Dairy, Eggs, Fresh laid, per doz, Poultry, etc.

Vegetables.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Potatoes, pk, Turnips, lb, Beets, etc.

Fruit.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Oranges, doz, Lemons, doz, etc.

Meats and Provisions.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Beef, lb, Pork, lb, Bacon, etc.

Fresh Fish.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Cod, lb, Haddock, lb, etc.

Flour, Grain and Feed.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Flour, per 50 lbs, Oats, etc.

LAW REGARDING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A bushel of Liverpool salt shall weigh 56 pounds, and a bushel of Turk's Island salt shall weigh 50 pounds. The standard weight of a bushel of potatoes in good order and fit for shipping, is 60 pounds. The standard weight of a bushel of beans in good order and fit for shipping, is 60 pounds; of wheat, best, rye-bags turnips and peas, 48 pounds; of corn, 56 pounds; of onions, 50 pounds; of carrots, 50 pounds; rye and Indian meal, 56 pounds; of parsnips, 45 pounds; of barley and buckwheat, 56 pounds; of oats 32 pounds, or even measure as by agreement.

Indians Increasing.

The popular idea that the American Indians are decreasing in number is dispelled by official figures showing that to-day there are more than 300,000 redmen in the United States.

The increase in population of about 40,000 during the last two decades is attributed to the government's constant effort to uplift the Indian to the level of contemporary civilization. The government is not only providing this race with its powerful protection, but is providing every means for the upbuilding and enlightenment of the race, and is injecting into the Indians' daily life, civilized customs and modern methods.

Three and one-third million dollars is being expended by the United States annually for the education of more than 30,000 Indian boys and girls. Looking to the broader and practical education of the Indian, the government is extending its system of apportioning lands. The cultivation of these allotments by the Indians, or the letting of them for short periods to white persons for farming or grazing, is a matter toward which the Indian service is directing much attention.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." G. A. PARSONS.

All the good qualities of Ely's Cream Balm, solid, are found in Liquid Cream Balm, which is intended for use in ointments. That it is a wonderful remedy for Nasal Catarrh is proved by an ever-increasing mass of testimony. It does not dry out or rasp the tender air-passages. It allays the inflammation and goes straight to the root of the disease. Obstinate old cases have yielded in a few weeks. All druggists, 75c., including spraying tube, or mailed by Ely Bros., 25 Warren Street, New York.

Among the Grangers.

This column is devoted to the Grange, especially to the granges of Hancock county. The column is open to all grangers for the discussion of topics of general interest, and for reports of grange meetings. Make letters short and concise. All communications must be signed, but names will not be printed except by permission of the writer. All communications will be subject to approval by the editor, but none will be rejected without good reason.

STATE GRANGE OFFICERS.

At the meeting of the State grange in Bangor last week the following officers were elected: C. S. Setson, master; E. C. Patten, overseer; B. Walker McKean, lecturer; D. G. Hall, steward; E. H. Libby, secretary.

HIGHLAND, 364, NORTH PENOBSCOT.

Highland grange opened in form Friday evening, Dec. 24. After business there were readings by Julia Leach, Dora Gray and Alice Leach. The topic, "What Constitutes Good Citizenship?" was opened by J. M. Hutchins, followed by worthy master and others. After being ably discussed it was laid on the table.

RAINBOW, 203, NORTH BROOKVILLE.

Rainbow grange met Dec. 23. After the usual work, the doors were opened to the children. A fine program was given by a large number of the children. A treat was served to the little folks by Santa Claus. Dec. 30 will be election night. A large attendance is desired.

LAMOINE, 264.

The newly-elected officers of Lamoine grange are as follows: Hollis E. Austin, master; William R. King, overseer; Vera Berry, lecturer; William Salisbury, steward; Gorham Stratton, assistant steward; Alma Coggins, chaplain; James Grant, treasurer; Lester E. Young, secretary; Forrest Richardson, gatekeeper; Cassie King, Ceres; Nellie Stratton, Pomona; Lillian Salisbury, Flora; Grace Stratton, lady assistant steward.

BAYSIDE, 476, ELLSWORTH.

Bayside grange met Dec. 22 with Overseer Orcutt in the chair, and an attendance of about forty. Two sisters were instructed in the first and second degrees. After work, a short program was rendered. All enjoy their new home.

HARVEST HOME, 403, WEST ELLSWORTH.

Harvest Home grange held a profitable meeting Dec. 25, Overseer James W. Carter presiding, with an average attendance, and visitors from Alamosook grange. The officers for 1910 will be installed January 8 by Clara I. Carter. After business the lecturer pro tem, presented a fine program of reading, speaking, stories and conundrums and selections on the piano that has just been installed in the hall. All seemed to enjoy the evening. There will be a dance Friday night, Dec. 31, in the hall. Cake and coffee will be served.

NEW CENTURY, 356, DEDHAM.

Winter Harbor and Alamosook granges were represented by visitors to New Century grange Dec. 25. The lecturer's program included readings by Gertrude Wakefield, Mary Burrill; piano solos, Ethel Fog; recitation, Gertrude Wakefield; vocal solos, Clifford Burrill; song, "Christmas Time is Come Again," mixed quartette; remarks for good of the order by visiting patrons and members. New Century grange will hold an all-day session to install officers Jan. 8. Narramissic grange, Orland, is invited to attend and furnish installing officer.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, 464, WEST EDEN.

Mountain View grange held its regular meeting Friday evening, Dec. 24. There was no degree work, and the evening was observed as children's night, with a Christmas tree and entertainment. The arrival of Santa Claus was hailed with delight by the little ones. Every one was remembered, and it proved to be a delightful time.

GREENWOOD, 363, EASTBROOK.

Greenwood grange held its regular meeting Dec. 23, with about thirty members and eight visitors present. The worthy master being absent, Brother G. S. Googins filled the chair. There were interesting remarks by G. S. Googins, delegate to the State grange.

HANCOCK POMONA, 13.

Hancock Pomona will meet with Sedgwick grange, North Sedgwick, Jan. 21. The program follows: Opening exercises; Address of welcome.....Julia Sylvester; Response.....Brother J. H. Wood; Business; Topic: "Parcels Post, General and Rural" Leaders, D E Allen, Roy Leach; Reces; Call to order; music; Conferring 5th degree; Solo.....F E McGouldrick; Paper.....Sister Ray Allen; Entertainment by host grange.

Child Labor Conference.

The sixth national conference on child labor, under the auspices of the National child labor committee, will be held in Boston, Jan. 13-16. The Massachusetts child labor committee is making elaborate arrangements to entertain the conference through a special committee composed of Mrs. Mary Morton Kehev, Miss Alice L. Higgins, Meyer Bloomfield, Everett W. Lord and Richard C. Conant. The wide range of topics discussed and the prominence of speakers insure a meeting of unusual value and public interest. The sessions of the conference will be held in the Liberal Arts building, Boston university, 688 Boylston street.

"I see," said Mr. Jones, "that out of 400 widowers who remarry in London, twelve marry their housekeepers." "And the other 388 marry just to get housekeepers," was Mrs. Jones' response. "What's the odds?"

Library Assistant (to visitor, who is wandering about in a puzzled manner)—Can I help you? Are you looking for anything special? Visitor (absently)—No, thank you; I was only looking for my wife.

KITTEERY TO CARIBOU.

The general store of L. F. Simpson, at Monroe, was burned last Wednesday night. Loss on building and stock, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000.

Frank Mahar, of Calais, aged fifty-six years, was instantly killed Tuesday of last week, while discharging a vessel. He was in the hold of the vessel, when a heavy coal tub fell upon him from the landing stage above.

The Bowdoin college catalogue for 1909-1910, just issued, shows a total enrollment of 419 against 420 last year. Both branches show a slight falling off, there being 346 registered in the academic department against 348 a year ago, and seventy-four in the medical department against eighty-one. The loss in the academic department comes through a smaller freshman class, the entrance requirements having been raised during the year.

Edward A. Chase, the life convict, as a free man last Thursday for the first time in twenty-one years, left the State prison to which he was sentenced from Cumberland county at the age of twenty-seven for the murder of Mrs. Ida Stevens because of jealousy. He was pardoned by the governor and council as the result of the plea that he should not have been convicted for a crime higher than manslaughter, for which the penalty was ten years.

Philip Basnet, aged thirty-five, and Thomas King, aged thirty-three, Lewiston firemen, were killed and several injured, four severely, but not critically, Friday at a fire which destroyed the three-story wooden block on Lisbon street, owned by Callahan brothers and containing two stores and three tenements. Ten firemen were working on the ruins of the block after having the fire under control, when suddenly and unexpectedly two walls collapsed, the timbers evidently having been burned off, and the three floors dropped through to the cellar.

LAW A GREAT SUCCESS.

Forestry District Service Proves Useful and Efficient.

Hon. E. E. Ring of Orono, State forest commissioner, approves the law passed by the legislature creating a Maine forestry district and providing for forest fire protection in unorganized townships. This law had its initial tryout last summer, and according to Commissioner Ring proved to be a great success. Of the amount raised for the purpose of fire protection, there yet remains a considerable sum unexpended and this will go for use another season.

Speaking of the new law, which in addition to creating a forestry district, provides for taxation in unorganized townships for the purpose of fire protection, Commissioner Ring says that \$64,000 was raised for the purpose this last season. Of this amount \$10,000 remains unexpended and will lapse to next year. With the money expended, fourteen new lookout stations were built and equipped, additional fire wardens were employed and tools for fighting fires were distributed all over the forestry district. Many thousands of dollars were spent for the last named.

With the equipment of fourteen new lookout stations, the State has now a total of twenty-two of these stations. A few more are to be erected next year. A large force of fire wardens, some 250 odd men to be exact, have been employed all the season to watch for fires, put out camp fires started by careless sportsmen and do other necessary work in the woods.

When the fall rains came and put an end to any further damage from forest fires this season, the wardens were let go for the year Oct. 1.

Mr. Ring says the forest fire district has been divided into sub-districts, and a competent man, known as chief fire warden, has been placed in charge of each district. Under each chief fire warden are a number of selected deputy wardens whose duty it is to explore the wild lands in the district and watch for fires of every nature and put them out.

With reference to the forest fires of the past season, Commissioner Ring says that early in the summer, owing to the unusual drought in Aroostook county, a number of forest fires sprang up in that

section of the State and gave considerable trouble for a time, but the loss from them was not large. With the highly efficient fire warden service which has been perfected and the money that is now at the disposal of the forest commissioner's department, Mr. Ring feels certain that the losses from forest fires in the future will be greatly minimized.

NORTH PENOBSCOT.

Mrs. Emma Lowell, who has been quite ill, is gaining.

Rev. Mr. Carter was confined to his home Christmas with a bad cold.

Carl Perkins and Mial Perkins, of Castine, spent Christmas with friends here.

Mrs. Clara Fifield, of Bar Harbor, is spending the holidays with friends here.

Fredman Carter and son Bert, of Surry, spent Christmas with his daughter, Miss Abbie Hatch.

George Haynes and wife spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Aaron Coombs, of North Buckport.

Miss Christina Hatch, who has been teaching in Bar Harbor, is spending her vacation with her parents, John Hatch and wife.

Miss Eunice Leach came home from North Orland Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, George Leach and wife.

Barth Lowell, who has been at work in the family of Hon. John A. Peters, at Ellsworth, spent Christmas with her parents, H. W. Lowell and wife. She was accompanied by her cousin, Russell Parker.

Mrs. H. A. Dorr, who has been seriously ill some time, was removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flora Croxford, in Brewer, Thursday, where she will be more conveniently located for medical treatment. She was accompanied by her husband, who has been most faithful and tender during her severe illness. She has many friends and relatives here who have the warmest sympathy for her and family in her trying illness.

EASTBROOK.

N. G. Hardison and wife, of Egypt, were in town over Christmas.

G. S. Googins and wife, Mrs. Edna Kingman and Mrs. Addie Lowrie attended the State grange.

Harry Joy, who has been working for Dr. Morrison in Mariaville, is visiting his parents here.

Elsie Jellison has gone to Massachusetts for the winter. Her mother and sister Mattie will go later.

Miss Agnes French, who has been attending school in Pittsfield, is home through the holidays.

A goodly number gathered at the grange hall Saturday evening and enjoyed the Christmas tree and entertainment, which was under the management of Percy Jordan. Winfield Jordan was chosen committee for next year.

NORTH FRANKLIN.

Dallas Tracey has gone to Littleton to teach.

W. F. Cousins and wife spent Christmas with their daughter at West Franklin.

S. W. Jellison and wife have returned from a visit with relatives in Harrington.

N. R. Collar is at home from Stockholm, where he has been employed during the summer and fall.

Carl Woodworth and Alonzo Wilbur will work for Charlie Macomber this winter with their teams.

Miss Sarah Williams is at home from Waterville, where she is attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents, C. H. Williams and wife.

"There's a language in hotel labels, the same as in stamps or flowers," said a courier. "All over Europe the hotel porters paste the hotel labels on your trunks in such a way that the porters in future towns will know what sort of a tipper you are. Up at the top of the trunk the label means you are generous. In the middle you're a middling sort. Down very low it means you are no good."

Advertisement for Standard Oil Company's Automatic Smokeless Oil Heater. Text: "From Arctic to Tropics in Ten Minutes... No oil heater has a higher efficiency or greater heating power than the PERFECTION Oil Heater... With it you can go from the cold of the Arctic to the warmth of the Tropics in 10 minutes. The new Automatic Smokeless Device prevents smoking. There is no possible question about it. This means greater heat-power, a more rapid diffusion of heat and a sure conversion of all the heat-energy in the oil. In a cold room, light the heater and in 10 minutes you'll have a glowing heat that carries full content. Turn the wick up as high as it will go—no smoke—no odor. In everything that appeals to the provident and the fastidious, the Perfection Oil Heater, with its new automatic smokeless device, decisively leads. Finished in Nickel or Japan in various styles. Every Dealer Everywhere. If Not At Yours, Write for Descriptive Circular to the Nearest Agency of the STANDARD OIL COMPANY (Incorporated)."

THEIR WINTER SLEEP.

WOODCHUCK SLEEPS LONGER THAN THE SKUNK.

CHIPMUNK BEST PROVIDER AMONG THE SQUIRRELS—BROWN SLEEPS LONG AND SOUNDLY.

[A. H. T. in Maine Woods.]

Hibernation may be defined as the act of passing the winter season in a torpor of profound sleep. Several of our common animals exhibit this curious but well-known phenomenon. The probable use of hibernation is to tide the animal over a period of unfavorable conditions, such as extreme cold or lack of food.

The following observations, perhaps worthy of note, extend over a period of several years and include the additional notes of several close observers.

The woodchuck furnishes the best example we have of perfect hibernation. He is very careful in the fall to secure himself against possible disturbance or extremes of cold. He retires early to his den, curls himself into a round ball and is ready for his long nap. His den is usually below the frost line, and after its entrances are closed with snow, he has a retreat of even temperature from which none of his enemies, except men, can extract him. The woodchuck is always fat when he den up.

His sole occupation during the summer is eating, and by early fall he has obtained an almost perfect physical condition and is as fat as butter. This fat constitutes the fuel on which he lives and supports his heat during the winter. It has been estimated that the loss of weight in hibernating animals during the winter is 40 per cent. an enormous decrease.

A woodchuck unearthed during the winter presented the following interesting peculiarities: The breathing was suspended, or apparently suspended, since there were no signs of it; the temperature of the body was much below normal; when the woodchuck was placed in a warm room it gradually showed signs of life, slowly opened its eyes and got onto its feet. After looking around in a dazed way for a short time, it laboriously crawled into the darkest corner of the room, rolled itself into a ball and went to sleep again.

From these facts we may draw the following conclusions regarding some hibernating animals: Breathing and temperature are reduced to their minimum and probably all the other functions of life. Since the warmth of the room did not fully arouse the animal, we may conclude that awakening is only partly due to the calls of hunger.

If we reckon the state of hibernation as sleep, the woodchuck passes the greater part of his life asleep. Besides his long winter sleep, he has his regular hours for sleeping all through the summer. He may be seen out at any time, but usually prefers to feed in the early morning or late afternoon. Allowing that he sleeps one-third of the twenty-four hours during the summer (a very conservative estimate), all of the time during the six months of hibernation from early in October until late in March, we find that the woodchuck actually sleeps away two-thirds of his life.

This is a startling statement, but observation has proved that the woodchuck hibernates earlier and remains in that state longer than any of our other animals. Probably the physical condition of the animal has much to do with the duration of hibernation. A fat woodchuck will hibernate earlier and remain in that state later than the animal which, for any reason, is in poor physical condition; that is, has failed to lay on a goodly supply of fatty tissue.

THE SKUNK.

The skunk, well known to every one, may also be classed as an hibernating animal. He takes only a comparatively short winter nap. He den up in December, and the good observer may see signs of his tribe in early March. This makes the duration of his nap about twelve weeks, a fairly correct estimate for our section.

It seems strange that he should appear in society so early in the spring since his food is so scarce at this time of year. He can find neither crickets, grasshoppers, birds' eggs nor young mice, and so he is driven to robbing hen-houses and exploring cellars for food. So he manages to get along with an occasional grub or beetle dug out of a moulding stump until his food is plentiful again.

THE SQUIRRELS.

The squirrels, red and gray, can scarcely be classed as hibernating animals. They perhaps become dormant during some of the most severe winter weather. Almost any sunny day they may be seen out searching for food which at this season consists of the seeds of the coniferous and apple.

The chipmunk, however, lays in a goodly supply of nuts of various kinds, and his naps are more protracted. He wakes up occasionally to satisfy his hunger, but is never seen out during the winter months. The first chipmunk in March is as sure a sign of spring as the bluebird or robin. The fact that he lays in a large supply of food would seem to indicate that his winter sleep is not so profound as that of the woodchuck. The exact truth in his case can only be surmised.

The cunning little flying squirrel is so persistently nocturnal in his habits that he is a very difficult subject for observation. Since he lays in a supply of food, we may conclude that he awakes at intervals during the winter to feed. The

writer has never seen one out during the winter months.

The porcupine or hedgehog is one of our local moving, fall-witted and almost fearless wild animals. Contrary to what one might expect, he does not hibernate, only stays in his den during the most severe winter storms. His den is generally within a rotten log or among the ledges. He may be seen any bright day, stuffing himself with bark and green twigs to carry him through another severe spell of weather.

MICE, MOLES AND RATS.

New England is the home of many species of mice and moles. Some of them hibernate; others are well adapted to secure a living during our hard northern winter, and their little tracks may be seen after every snow storm. A detailed account of their habits in winter would be long and tiresome to the ordinary reader.

Bats are surely the queerest animals in this part of the country. We have several species, only one of which is known to the writer. This is the little brown bat. He is our commonest species, and remains with us throughout the year. Some of the others, it is said, migrate southward, like the birds, at the approach of winter.

Early in the fall the little brown bat retires to some hollow tree or more often to some old cranny about buildings, where with others of his kind, he becomes dormant. They cluster together, heads downward, and embracing each other, they form one mass. This trick is, no doubt, of some special advantage to them. The winter sleep of the bat is long and very profound.

The coon is not a hibernating animal; his tracks may be seen on the snow all winter.

THE BEAR.

The black bear, still fairly common in our State, is another good example of an animal which has perfected this remarkable method of self-preservation. After getting fat on wild apples, berries and other favorite articles of diet, all common in the fall, he retires to some hollow tree or hole among the ledges, and sleeps away the winter without waking at all. It is said that he can scarcely be aroused from his torpor. How strange the world must appear to him when he wakes in the spring!

In connection with the subject of hibernation, it is interesting to note that scientists tell us that in hot and dry climates various animals pass into a similar state during the hottest season of the year.

Some people will tell us with all earnestness that some of the swallows bury themselves under the mud of ponds in winter, in a condition of hibernation. They can scarcely be blamed for such an opinion when such an eminent authority as Cuvier accepted this statement. Recent authorities state that no bird's breathing apparatus is made to operate under mud.

Ships of Stone.

The monks of old tell with wonderment how the early missionaries crossed the seas in ships of stone. In such a craft St. Columba is said to have set out from Scotland or Ireland to evangelize Armorica, as they called the northwest of France.

That such a thing might have been possible we must admit when we consider our present-day ships of steel. And that the stone age for ships has come again we must believe from a reading of a recent number of Debats describing the successful efforts of the Italian engineer, Gabellini, in the construction of the Italian government of a vessel built of beton, a species of concrete used in submarine work.

Gabellini made experiments extending over several years with small stone skiffs, and found them very buoyant and easy to navigate. In the vessel he is now building the keel is of iron. Fastened obliquely from right to left are beam timbers, after the manner of a skeleton of a boat. Upon these timbers is fixed a kind of wire netting. This is covered with the beton, and then we have the hull equipped. There is no necessity, it appears, for the bottom to be very tight.

The vessel is then light and water-tight. It is smooth and polished like marble, consequently parasites, either of fish or moles, are unable to attach themselves to the vessel, which, it is claimed, is more durable than if built of iron or wood. The docks and the bridge are constructed of concrete without any carpentry to assist them. It is further claimed that the holds and cabins can be more capacious than in ordinary ships; there is no chance of fire and no leakage to be feared. At least, these are the claims of Signor Gabellini.

How He Did It.

"When I was connected with a certain Western railway," says a prominent official of an Eastern line, "we had in our employ a brakeman who, for special service rendered to the road, was granted a month's vacation. He decided to spend his time in a trip over the Rockies. We furnished him with passes.

"He went to Denver, and there met a number of his friends at work on one of the Colorado roads. They gave him a good time, and when he went away made him a present of a mountain goat.

"Evidently our brakeman was at a loss how to get the animal home with him, as the express charges were very heavy at that time. Finally, however, hitting upon a happy expedient, he made out a shipping tag and tied it to the horns of the goat. Then he presented the beast to the office of the stock-car line.

"Well, that tag created no end of amusement, but it served to accomplish the end of the brakeman. It was inscribed as follows:

"Please pass the butter. Thomas J. Meechin, brakeman, S. S. and T. Ry."

MORE DANVILLE PROOF.

Jacob Schrahl, 432 South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "For over eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole time was treated by several doctors and tried several different kidney pills. Seven weeks ago I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and am feeling better every day and will be glad to tell anyone interested just what Foley's Kidney Pills did for me." G. A. PARCHE.

Through The Little Blue Door

The Dedication That Marion Wrote For the New Book

By VIRGINIA BLAIR

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A high gray wall skirted the house across the way, and entrance was made through a blue door with a brass knocker. We had lived in our own little cottage for three weeks and had seen no one go out or in.

"There must be some other entrance," Julia said.

"But there isn't," I declared positively.

"And they can't be away," said Julia, "because we can see lights in the tower window."

"Yes," I said, "and the rural delivery carrier unlocks the box and takes out the mail every morning, so there must be some one who writes the letters."

"Well, I'll ask him," said Julia promptly.

But the mail man knew nothing. "I just take out the letters," he said, "and put the mail in, but I never see a soul."

"How are the letters addressed? Surely you must know whether a man or a woman is shut up there."

"No'm," the man protested stolidly; "the letters just say 'Marion Fuller'—neither 'Miss' nor 'Madam' nor 'Mr.'"

"Of course it's a woman," I said when the carrier had gone.

"Why?" Julia asked.

"Because a man would have to cook for himself, and all that?"

"And no man who could help it would want that name. Think of a man named Marion."

"I'm thinking of one named Jack," I said regretfully. "If he were only here, Julia."

Then Julia turned on me wrathfully. "That's always the way," she said. "No matter what I try to say you always come back to Jack. You engaged people always harp on one string."

Silence reigned for a moment, and then to break the ice I began, "I'm going to watch the blue door after dark."

"How can you watch anything after dark?"

"It's moonlight," I reminded her, "and I could certainly see the outline of any one who came out."

"That night as I sat on the porch I sniffed, 'Julia,' I said solemnly, 'do I smell onions?'"

Julia's aristocratic nose was elevated. "Onions it is," she said.

"They are in a delicious combination with something," I said. "It is the nearest thing to a fish chowder that I have known since the days of shore dinners."

"Chowder?" Julia demanded. "Where would they get their fish?"

"Cath' em," I said briefly. "Any one who would drop a line from that stone wall on the other side could fish in the river."

"Then you think?" Julia questioned.

"I think that if it is the fragrance of fish chowder that is being wafted toward us on the evening air the tenant behind the blue door is a man."

And even as I spoke the blue door opened, and a young man came forth carrying a steaming dish.

"Well, of all things," said Julia under her breath.

The young man came up the steps. "I am your next door neighbor," he announced, "and I thought that this chowder might be my introduction. It is a most exclusive recipe, which I have shared with only one friend, Jack Carson."

I sat up straight. "Jack Carson?" I exclaimed. "Why, he is—he is!"

"The man you are engaged to—exactly," said the young man with the chowder. "This morning I had a letter from him saying that you were somewhere in the neighborhood. I knew from the description that you were the young ladies next door, and I felt that his letter and this chowder would constitute a sufficient introduction, and so I have presented myself," and he handed me Jack's letter, with a bow.

And while I read it I heard Julia say, "So you are Marion Fuller?"

"Yes."

"I thought it was a girl," Julia murmured, dimpling and sparkling. "The name is so—so feminine."

"But now that you have seen me?" he questioned.

"I shall not think of you—at all," she said.

"Stay me with chowder," he pleaded. "Comfort me with"—He held the dish out toward me. "You'll accept it, won't you?"

"Indeed I will," I said promptly, "and you shall tell me how you came to make a Robinson Crusoe of yourself behind the blue door."

I led the way to our little dining room.

"Our coffee is ready," I said, "and Julia made the rolls with her own fair hands."

The chowder was delicious, and the big man at the head of the table served it with a lavish hand.

That was the beginning of our good fellowship, but it was three weeks before Marion confessed why he had shut himself up behind the blue door, and in those weeks he had fallen hopelessly in love with Julia.

"But why," she insisted one night

as we all sat in the moonlight, "did you shut yourself up behind the blue door?"

"I was writing a book, and I wanted to be absolutely alone. The publishers had insisted that I finish it by October."

"And this," said Julia, "is the last of August."

She stood up and leaned against the porch rail. "And a man who can write books spends his time making chowder and frolicking with young ladies."

"But," he excused eagerly, "I couldn't write after you came. I could see you from the tower, and you distracted my thoughts so that I couldn't put down a line. At last, in despair, I moved downstairs and went to work. But I couldn't write there. I—I kept wondering what you were doing. And then I began to plan ways and means of getting acquainted, and then Jack's letter came."

All this he said to Julia.

"It's ridiculous," Julia said, "to fritter away your time this way. Go and write your book."

"But I want to be with you."

"Do you think," said Julia inflexibly, "that I am going to be the cause of the world's losing a masterpiece? I have a perfect contempt for a man who will neglect his work for a woman."

"So that is it?" he said slowly, and as he stood up they measured glances.

"Well, I shall lock the blue door, and no matter what happens I won't open it until you ask me."

And when the key had turned in the latch Julia said, somewhat formally, "Now we will have peace."

"You'll miss him," I prophesied.

"You'll miss him."

One week passed, and two, and not a sound or sight of our neighbor.

But one night there was no light in the tower, and Julia said, "If anything should be the matter!"

"He could telephone," I assured her.

"There isn't a phone," she said.

When four more nights had passed and no light flashed from the tower Julia couldn't stand it.

"I've got to go over there," she said.

"But you can't," I protested.

"I shall climb over the wall," said Julia firmly, "and you've got to help me."

I was getting a little worried, and when it was late enough so that there were no people passing on the road we carried our stepladder over and set it against the wall.

Julia climbed up and looked over. "There is an apple tree on the other side," she said, "and we can step down on the branches."

Silently we crept through the bushes and over the neglected lawn. It was very ghostly in the darkness, and not a light burned in the house.

"I'm going to call," whispered Julia, and her voice rang out clearly, "Marion!"

"Somewhere, in the distance an answer came back feebly, 'Julia!'"

We followed the sound of the voice and found him on a couch in the kitchen.

"I've had some kind of fever," he said, trying to smile, when we had struck a light.

Julia dropped on her knees beside him. "I knew something had happened."

When we had sent to town for the doctor and nurse and he was made comfortable Julia and I crept in.

"And the book?" Julia whispered.

"It is finished, and it is dedicated to you. I should like," he continued, "to write the dedication 'to my wife.' A twinkle came into his eyes. 'May I, Julia?'"

And when Julia, blushing, had promised we went home together through the little blue door.

Intelligence of Insects.

The mental processes of the horse and the dog are those of man in much lower degree, in the view of Professor N. A. Harvey of Michigan, but the intelligence of insects must be of very different kind. The double nerve cord and ganglia differ both in structure and position from the brain and spinal cord of man. Insects' eyes are immovable and compound and perceive motion and color, but not form. Ants, bees, wasps and other insects have not hearing. Taste and smell cannot be identical with those senses in man, and feeling is a perception through touch hairs instead of the skin. But insects have very acute senses that we do not possess. A cecropia moth can perceive a female a mile or more away, although a man could not detect it under the same conditions at a distance of more than six inches, and ants, bees and wasps seem to have other senses located, like this, in the antennae. Differing from man in general structure, with shorter lives and different living, the insects have intelligence that, though of a high order, is not easy for us to understand.—New York World.

Scotch Breakfasts.

Dr. Redgill, in Susan Ferrier's "Destiny," dwells on Scotch breakfasts with gusto. After proclaiming that Scotland in general is "a perfect mass of rubbish" and the cookery not fit for dogs, he adds: "But the breakfasts! That's what redeems the land, and every county has its own peculiar excellence. In Argyllshire you have the Lochfane herring—fat, luscious and delicious, just out of the water, falling to pieces with its own richness, melting away like butter in your mouth. In Aberdeenshire you have the finnan haddock, with a flavor all its own, vastly relishing, just salt enough to be piquant without parching you up with thirst. In Perthshire there is the Tay salmon, kippered, crisp and juicy—a very magnificent morsel. In other places you have the exquisite mutton of the country made into hams of a most delicious flavor.

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From every source come reports of a record-breaking holiday trade. Even if prices are high, purchasers seem to have had the price. Everybody has been busy.

The only thing charged against the republican party, and a wrong charge at that, is the high prices. But it is found that even higher prices prevail in England and France and Germany.

Never began a year so brightly as will the year 1910. Never were the American people so well off in every way. Never was prosperity more general or more largely shared by all classes.

Another "Bloody Shirt" Buried. Another illustration of the fast-disappearing of the amenities of the Civil War is the correspondence which follows.

F. O. Talbot, of Machias, who was a member of that famous organization, is spending the winter in Berkeley, Virginia.

F. O. Talbot, Comrade of the A. S. 1909. Dear kind note received. Yes, I am one of the men of the army of northern Virginia.

My command was the artillery. We were using four 12-pound Napoleon guns, double shot with canister, and firing about four shots to the minute from each gun.

I was on the lines from the "Crater" to the river from the 15th day of June, 1864, to the 2d of April, 1865, and under fire all the time.

After Jan. 1, I will be living a mile from City Point, Va. (Grant's headquarters), and I hope you will come up and pay me a visit.

The correspondence was handed THE AMERICAN by Pearl B. Day, a friend of Mr. Talbot, himself a member of the 1st Maine.

Hits Liquor Express Companies. According to the orders of the interstate commerce commission, all express companies organized for the purpose of handling liquor in violation of the prohibitory law in Maine will be driven out of business after Jan. 1.

The rules provide first, that no common carrier can receive for transportation any package of liquor unless the contents and quantity are plainly marked on the cover.

There are life insurance, fire insurance, storm insurance and stock insurance—all of them good enough so far as they go, but none of them quite equal to the industry that insures against unhappiness and want in old age.

COUNTY GOSSIP.

W. A. Hemick, of Bucksport, has been recommended by Gov. Fernald as recorder of the Western Hancock municipal court—a reappointment.

A Hancock county boy, Colby H. Chester, of Hancock Point, was among the honor-winners at Phillips-Exeter academy, being credited with a Sibley scholarship of \$50 and a Phillips scholarship of \$100.

One of our county correspondents sends us a funny story which he thinks ought to put an end to burglaries in his town. A store there was broken into recently, and the goods were taken from the shelves and placed upon the counters.

Freeman W. Smith writes from Verona: "A flock of partridges, sometimes six in number, comes around our cabin door regularly every afternoon about 4 o'clock to pick up beechnuts which have fallen from the trees and which we throw out to them."

Our North Penobscot correspondent writes: "The many friends of Rev. Fred V. Stanley in this town and elsewhere in this county, where he served as pastor and those who knew him as a young man of excellent habits and scholarly tastes, will be pleased to learn of his recent progress along educational lines."

ENUMERATORS' TEST EASY.

Census Director Durand Sets Feb. 5 as the Date for Examination.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Any person of good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily and easily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators' places on Saturday, Feb. 5, the date finally set by U. S. Census Director Durand.

It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census.

All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States; residents of the supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than eighteen nor more than seventy years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy, honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 65,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15.

Application forms, with full instructions for filling-in, and complete information concerning the test and the method of appointment, can be secured by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives.

Judge Elmer F. Spofford, of Deer Isle, is supervisor of census for the second district of Maine which includes the counties of Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and Washington.

Dr. Cook in Disgrace.

The board of governors of the Explorers' club met in New York city Friday in executive session, and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

Coming upon the heels of the crushing verdict lately rendered by the University of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers' club is the result of independent investigations which in no way touch upon the polar controversy, and the weight of its disapproval thus becomes cumulative.

Preliminary to its vote of expulsion the board met to pass upon the report of its committee which has been investigating the validity of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the summit of Mt. McKinley. This committee, in concluding an exhaustive report, recommended that "Dr. Cook's claim that he ascended the summit of Mt. McKinley in 1906 be rejected by the Explorers' club as unworthy of credence."

OTIS.

Llewellyn Salisbury, aged thirty-four years, son of Nathan Salisbury and wife, of this town, died Saturday, of pneumonia, at Brewer, where he was employed.

Her Lesson In Loving

It Was a Severe One, but It Brought Her Happiness.

By LOUISE OLNEY

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After a good night so listless that her mother sighed at the change in her daughter, Anne Morton went to her room and locked the door. Throwing aside her lace cloak, she turned on all the lights and, tall and graceful in her clinging yellow gown, studied herself in the mirror.

Richard Hunter had not asked for a single dance, but had devoted himself to Mollie Pierce. Anne began to realize that this had been the order of things for some time. Morris Trevor also had not come near. And only a year ago, before she had broken her engagement with Richard, there had not been dances enough to satisfy her admirers.

The mirror was reassuring. Her fine brown eyes were large and clear, her heavy dark hair perfectly arranged, her oval face and small head certainly distinguished. She smiled ruefully, and a dimple deepened in her cheek. But when her face fell to repose she noted critically that she looked bored, almost unhappy; the corners of her mouth drooped and two cross little lines showed between her eyes.

Anne began to take stock of herself. Tonight she had actually sat out three dances with the chaperons. She faced the fact that her friends were becoming fewer; that the men called less often, invited her less often to share their pleasures. "The girls" no longer dropped in to gossip of clothes and merrymakings and beaux. Yes, even in the family things had changed. Her mother, always loving, was also patient. Harry, with the frankness of fourteen, remarked, when she was irritated with him, that she was becoming a cross old maid. Jean assumed condescending younger sister airs.

She was quite sure that it was Richard's place to make the first move toward reconciliation, even though she admitted to herself that the fault had been mostly hers. At last she went to bed and cried herself to sleep. But she awoke early, so much earlier than usual that, as she lay thinking, it came to her that not for months had she really seen her father. Not for months had she breakfasted with the family. On impulse she rose, took a cold plunge and dressed for the street. She had nearly finished when the rising bell rang.

She stood nervously adjusting her collar at the mirror, a little sensitive about going down lest some member of the family might comment on her unwonted presence, when she noted that she looked positively cross. It made her seem old. She by an effort made herself smile, and the dimple again showed itself. Then she started for the door just in time to encounter Harry, who was coming with an old going to awaken her. Yesterday she would have complained to her mother; today she laughed as he scamped back to his room to finish dressing.

When she heard the breakfast bell she started slowly downstairs, and as she reached the lower hall she caught her own name spoken by her mother in an anxious tone. Involuntarily she paused. Her father replied: "Don't worry, mother, Anne needs a lesson in loving. She will have to suffer till she finds out that no woman is loved and sought unless she is loving—lovable. She will not be her old attractive self till she stops being bored and sarcastic and is pleased and interested and shows that she is. She is getting selfish, and nothing but thinking of others will do her any good."

"But, Fred," her mother's voice continued, "Richard never came near her last night nor Morris nor Henry Parker. Do you suppose they resent her treatment of Richard? And she is never about when our older friends call and never up in the morning. Has it occurred to you that Richard may have shown her he wanted to break with her and that she is unhappy about it? Last night he was so devoted to Mollie Pierce!"

"Nonsense! Richard simply had a real man's self respect. She dismissed him for nothing, and I don't blame him for not crawling back like a whipped puppy. Perhaps he is getting interested in Mollie—a live young fellow is not going to let the caprice of one woman spoil life for him. He did care. He told me himself when it first happened that he was all cut up about it, but that she would have to call him back herself. She hasn't done so. Well, there is nobody like him. Yes, another cup, dear, please." Anne fled softly back to her room, her cheeks and eyes ablaze, fury in her heart. How dared they! How dared they discuss her affairs and side with Richard! Then it came upon her that these two dear persons, the dearest in the world, loved her and had a right to say to each other what they thought about their own child.

And they were right—that was the worst of it. What should she do? After a moment's hesitation she went quietly down and took her place at the table, bidding them good morning as if nothing had occurred. Harry and Jean came chiding each other down the hall to join the family, and then everybody seemed to begin talking and laughing. In spite of herself Anne became interested. She laughed, and at her new good nature Harry offered to play golf with her—supreme condescension on his part. She accepted.

Then as her father left his seat she followed another impulse; she offered to walk to the office with him for the exercise. His eyes widened a little with surprise, but they started off joyfully together, father and tall daughter, arm in arm, through the crisp autumn air the full mile downtown. It was a good mile, and the air stung a red stain into her cheek.

Leaving her father at his office, she started back, remembering her "date" on the links with her brother. She had an hour yet and was minded to wander off by herself and think. At heart she was still furious and a little fearful about Richard's supposed change of heart. Mollie Pierce, indeed! That little silly doll! Yet stranger things had happened. She suddenly realized what a blank she had made of her own life. She turned into a quiet side street and walked swiftly along, hardly seeing where she went. Once she raised a hand to wipe her eyes—she smarted strangely. Everything was strange, especially this new, fearful awakening from the apathetic dream she seemed to have been lost in for a year. Of course it was too late for Richard to forgive her, but at least she could make it up to her dear family. Remembering that she must meet her brother, she suddenly turned a corner and ran into a big man who, from the impact, must have been coming along at some speed. She gasped to see that it was Richard, as astonished as she, gazing at her as if he had never seen her before, at her fresh color, her bright eyes, the fugitive tear on her cheek. He hardly knew what he said, but she laughed merrily. "I really did not intend to—knock you down! I'm sorry, Dick." She called him Dick with manifest good feeling. The man's heart leaped as he looked at her glowing face. He turned to walk with her a little. "Going home? You don't look like a girl who danced till 1 this morning, Anne, I must say."

When P. T. Barnum was in the museum business in New York one of his most jovial friends was Gaylord Clark, a famous litterateur in the days of our fathers. They were a well matched pair of practical jokers. One day when Mr. Clark dropped in at the museum, as was his custom, Mr. Barnum, apparently much excited, hurried his friend into the private office and said: "Gaylord, I was about to send for you. I want your advice. I have a chance to purchase the most wonderful of all zoological freaks. It's at first a perfect fish, then it changes to a four legged land animal, then it climbs trees and—"

"Bab! You're joking!" interjected Mr. Clark. "On my honor I am not," impressively replied the showman. "But the expense—" "Oh, hang the expense!" interrupted Mr. Clark, brimful of enthusiasm over the business project of his friend. "If you can get any such freak as that your fortune's made. But what's the thing called?" "Well," replied Mr. Barnum, with just the faintest suggestion of a twinkle in his left eye, "it belongs to the batrachian family of animals and in the vernacular is called the—the—tadpole!"

Errors of Alma-Tadema. In spite of all the pains I have taken to be accurate in matters of archaeology I have often been reminded how easy it is to fall short of absolute perfection. There is always some one whose speciality enables him to know more than you do on some particular point, and besides, there are many details about which classical archaeology is unfortunately silent. Once, for instance, I introduced a sunflower into one of my pictures, thinking, as it belonged to the Jerusalem artichoke family, I was quite safe in this. Alas, I learned too late that the sunflower and its forty species are quite a modern importation from South America! Nor was this the only botanical slip of which I have been accused. In one of my Roman canvases I am said to have introduced the Clematis jackmanni, credit for whose discovery belongs to the gentleman whose name it bears. In my "Sappho" I was told by a critic that I had painted a seat which belongs to quite another period. This time I was right, for the same seat is to be found on many early Greek vases.—Alma-Tadema in Strand Magazine.

WHAT BECAME OF GEORGE AIKEN?

By TOM GAYLORD.

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"What is this report, Meriam, about you and Mr. Abercrombie?" "It is that we are to be married, and it is true."

"And yet people say that after a man passes forty he will invariably choose a woman from fifteen to twenty years younger than himself."

"There are cases where men past forty marry women they have loved in their youth."

"And yours is such a romance?" "It is more than a romance—it is a remarkable case."

"Do tell me, I am dying to hear it."

"I must go back twenty-four years. I was then eighteen. Father at that time was speculating in cotton and had made a great deal of money. He was very ambitious for me and told me that, whether or no I married wealth, I must marry a polished man. Father had little opportunity to be come refined in his youth, and people always covet what they have been denied. One day when I was out horseback riding my pony ran away with me. A farmer's boy came galloping after me and, catching my rein, saved me from going over a high bank into the river."

"An intimacy sprang up between myself and the youth, whose name was Aiken. I was a shrewd little mixer and never said anything at home about the runaway or the farmer's boy."

"Finally I made up my mind that I could not live without George Aiken and proposed to elope with him. He consented, but very unwillingly. He loved me, but had too much sense to consider such a course either honorable or likely to result in our happiness. I called him timid, and this brought him over to my plan."

"My room was on the third story. I procured a rope ladder, on which I intended to descend after the family were all asleep, and hid it in my closet. Aiken was to be at the foot of the ladder to receive me. But when it came to descending the swaying thing my courage failed me, and I called on him to come up and help me. He sprang up the ladder, and just as we were about to go down together we heard footsteps coming up the walk. George Aiken climbed into the window and drew up the ladder."

"Some one came on up to the house and stopped beneath my window. I peeped through the slats and recognized father. He had gone out without my knowing it. He called up the coachman and stationed him under the window, then came into the house."

"I am ruined!" I cried, clinging to my lover. "Father must have seen you enter the window."

"George Aiken remained perfectly cool. Presently he said in a steady, low voice: "Give me your watch."

"I took it from my belt and handed it to him."

"Go to bed," he said, "and pretend to be asleep."

"He opened the door softly and stole out. In a few minutes I had taken off my clothes and was in bed. I heard a commotion downstairs, and presently father came to my door, awakened me, as he supposed, and told me that a thief had been caught in the house with my watch on him."

"Then I saw it all. George had sacrificed himself to save me from disgrace with my own family. I was in agony. I begged father not to prosecute the thief, but he had already called the police, and in another hour George was in jail. He was tried, put in no defense and, being the son of a reputable farmer, got off with a light sentence."

"I disguised myself, went to the jail, saw him and proposed to confess the whole affair. He said my reputation would be lost and that would be worse than a term in the penitentiary for him. I should have had the strength to confess without his consent, but I hadn't. I who had got him into the scrape was too mean spirited to get him out."

"He served eighteen months. When he came out of prison he did not try to see me, but managed to get a note to me undiscovered in which he said that my father would never consent to my marriage with an ex-convict and it would be a sin for an ex-convict to permit me to make the sacrifice. That was the last I heard of him."

"I married, father failed, my husband became an invalid, and I, always anxious to show some courage to contrast with the weakness of my youth, studied stenography and accepted a position. The afternoon of my entrance on my duties I was called into the office of the head of the firm to take his dictation of the day's letters. He looked at me curiously and asked me some questions about myself."

"Six months after this my husband died. I had been getting remittances from time to time from an unknown friend whose identity I could not possibly discover. After my husband's death these remittances were doubled. I wondered if George had prospered, found me out and helped me without making himself known."

"A year after my husband's death the head of the firm for which I worked told me that he was my unknown friend. Surprised, I asked him what reason he had for serving me. He asked me if I remembered George Aiken. I started, turned pale and said yes. Then he told me that he, Edward Abercrombie, was the lover of my youth."

"We are to be married in October."

Fireproof has Had Fire. Clark's hotel, a store and two other business blocks containing eleven stores at Freeport, were burned yesterday, and neighboring blocks were damaged. The loss is \$50,000.

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Lost. DOG—In Ellsworth, Dec. 28, a large black dog, long, with a white spot on feet and legs; without collar; name Buster. Finder to notify Mrs. I. W. FRASER, R. F. D. No. 4, Ellsworth, and receive reward.

For Sale. FIELD LANE in McKinley or Tremont containing 1 acre and 45 rods. Choice building lot. For further particulars, address Dr. A. L. DIX, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Special Notice. HERBY forbid all persons trusting or harboring my wife, Alice Orcutt, from this date, as I will pay no bills incurred by her. JAMES M. ORCUTT, East Sullivan, Me., Dec. 13, 1909.

NOTICE. ALL persons holding orders drawn on the Treasurer of the town of Tremont, Maine, dated prior to March 21, 1909, are hereby notified to present the same for payment on or before Feb. 1, 1910, as interest will cease after that date. B. B. BROWN, Treasurer of Tremont.

ANNUAL MEETING. Bucksport National Bank, of Bucksport. THE annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at the bank building rooms, Tuesday, the eleventh day of January, next, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the choice of directors, and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting. Dec. 5, 1909. EDWARD B. MOOR, Cashier.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION RIVER TELEPHONE CO. NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the Clerk at Aurora, on Monday, the seventeenth day of January, next, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Dated this 20th day of December, 1909. CHARLES P. SISKY, Clerk.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ISLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY. NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the Clerk at Norwood, at Southwest Harbor, on Monday, the tenth day of January, 1910, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and acting upon the reports of the officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Dated this 14th day of December, 1909. SETH W. NORWOOD, Clerk.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of Union Trust Company of Ellsworth, will be held at the office of the company in Ellsworth, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1910, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the transaction of the following business: 1. To choose a board of directors of the company for the ensuing year. 2. To choose an executive board of the corporation for the ensuing year. 3. To see if the stockholders will vote to amend the by-laws of the company by changing the number of directors necessary to be present at directors' meeting to constitute a quorum. 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Dated at Ellsworth this thirteenth day of December, a. d. 1909. MYRA GALLETT, Clerk.

Legal Notices. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE. WHERBAS Daniel S. Bunker, of Sullivan, was, in the County of Hancock, and State of Maine, by his mortgage deed dated November 20, 1888, and recorded in Hancock county registry of deeds, Book 27, page 877, conveyed to a mortgage to Patrick Mulhern, of said Sullivan, a certain real estate situated in said Sullivan, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Bounded north by the lot of John W. Hall, Sullivan Harbor Land Association, S. B. Bunker, and Jesse White, and on the east by lands now or formerly of John W. Hall, Sullivan Harbor Land Association, S. B. Bunker, and Jesse White, and on the west by the College land so called; being the homestead of said Daniel S. Bunker and wood lot directed therewith; being lots No. 22, 30 and 31, Division 2, on the town plan of said Sullivan. And whereas said mortgage, and debt thereon secured was assigned to Carl E. Tracy and John H. Mulhern, administrators of the estate of Patrick Mulhern, by deed of assignment, dated March 31, a. d. 1892, and recorded in said Hancock county registry of deeds, Mar. 31, 1902, book 373, page 877. This is to give public notice of my claim as said mortgagee, and of my intention to foreclose said mortgage, and of my claim as foreclosing mortgagee. J. A. BIRIE E. JOYCE, Dec. 19, a. d. 1909. By Geo. R. Fuller, her attorney.

In the District Court of the United States for the Hancock District of Maine. In the matter of ALBERT W. MURPHY, individually and as a member of the firm Merchant & White, Bankrupt. To the creditors of Albert W. Merchant, of Mt. Desert, in the county of Hancock, and district aforesaid, bankrupt: In Bankruptcy No. 7759. NOTICE is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, a. d. 1909, the said Albert W. Merchant, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office, in Ellsworth, Maine, on the 13th day of January, a. d. 1910, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may appear, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated Ellsworth, Me., Dec. 28, 1909. WILLIAM E. WHITING, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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COUNTY NEWS.

CASTINE.

Miss Elizabeth Weeks is home for the holidays.

Capt. Charles Devereux spent Christmas with his family.

The Misses Stover spent Christmas with their father, Freeman Stover.

Arthur Patterson is home from University of Maine for a few days.

Mrs. Jones, of Rockport, spent Christmas here with her son, C. F. Jones.

John Hooper, of Auburn, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Hooper.

Miss Amanda Warren, of Portland, is spending several days with Mrs. Mary Warren.

Mrs. James Kelley, who has been seriously ill the past few weeks, is slowly gaining.

Miss Emma Coombs is spending her winter vacation with her parents, Frank Coombs and wife.

Miss Fay Devereux, who is teaching in Bucksport, spent the holidays with her parents, A. M. Devereux and wife.

Miss Josephine West, who has been employed with Dr. Payson the past six months, returned to her home in Sargentville Saturday.

Mrs. Russell Westcott, who has been in Belfast hospital several weeks, returned home on Thursday. All are glad that she is able to return home soon.

The Christmas trees at the Unitarian and Congregational churches were greatly enjoyed. The Unitarian tree was on Friday evening at Emerson hall. A musical program was given, after which moving pictures were shown; then came the tree and Santa Claus. The Congregational tree was on Saturday evening. A program of music and recitations by the children followed the tree.

Dec. 28. G.

EGYPT.

Miss Georgia Jordan, of Waltham, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. W. Bragdon.

Miss Helen West, of Ellsworth, and Miss Estella West, of Hancock, spent

Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Mary West.

Walter Butler and wife, of Franklin, spent Christmas with Mr. Butler's parents, George W. Butler and wife.

Mortimer Goodwin, wife and son Vernon, of West Franklin, were week-end guests of Frank Goodwin and wife.

Friends of Prof. Wilson R. Butler are grieved to learn that he is in very poor health. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Effie M. Clark, who has employment in Exeter, N. H., is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, A. N. Clark and wife.

Among young people at home for the Christmas vacation are Miss Alice Butler, from White Plains, N. Y., where she teaches; Ardolph Butler, from Harvard college; Percy T. Clark, of the University of Maine law school; Misses Lula and Marion West, from their schools at Bar Harbor, and Frank H. Jordan, engineer of steamer Sappho, from Rockland.

The hospitable home of Barney Mullan and wife was the scene of a merry gathering when for the fifth successive year they entertained their friends and neighbors at a public Christmas tree. The tree, which stood in one corner of the parlor, was beautifully decorated and loaded with gifts. After a short program the gifts were distributed by Hope Butler, Ruth Sawyer and Burton Scammon. All present extend thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mullan, who, although they have passed three-score years and ten, still can entertain the young as well as the older people most admirably, and all look forward to another Christmas in their home.

Dec. 27. G.

SOUTH HANCOCK.

William Bishop, who has employment at Stonington, is home for a few days.

Dr. G. R. Hagerthy and wife, of Bar Harbor, were guests of R. C. Hagerthy and wife Christmas.

Miss Gertrude Coggins is home from Brockton, Mass., spending the holidays with her parents, W. T. Coggins and wife.

S. H. Mitchell and wife, who have been spending two weeks with relatives at Eastport and Campbello, are expected home tomorrow.

Dec. 27. W.

CHRISTMAS IN CHURCHES.

Christmas Trees and Entertainments in Sunday Schools.

The churches of Ellsworth celebrated the Christmas season as usual, with special music and Christmas sermons in the churches on Sunday, and Christmas trees and entertainments for the Sunday schools.

METHODIST CHURCH.

At the Methodist church the Sunday school entertainment Friday evening took place in the chapel, following which gifts were distributed from the trees in the vestry. The program follows:

Opening chorus—Hall Bethlehem.....School Invocation.....Pastor Solo—Sing Wide, O Gates of Gold, Winnie Brann

Responsive scripture reading Recitation—Speech of Welcome, Segrid Silvia

Recitation.....Elwin Bridges Solo—While all the Children were Sleeping.....Hester Fuller

Recitation.....Ralph and Marion Haskell Recitation.....Blanch Bridges

Recitation—The Nice Surprise.....Ralph Barron Recitation—Giving and Living, Raymond Davis

Solo—Little Snowflakes.....Mrs. Haskell's class Exercises—Letters to Santa Claus, Hazel Moore, Alice Brown, Thelma Fullerton, Mary Maddocks, Blanch Hopkins

Solo—Praise the Manger King.....School Recitation.....Rosamund Lunt

Recitation—Merry Christmas.....Walter Barron Christmas exercise and song, Helen and Ruth Fuller, Frances Sinclair

Recitation—My Little Friend, Grace Treworgy

Offering Closing song by young ladies while school was marching down stairs to vestry

At the regular morning service Sunday and the vesper service at 3 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. W. F. Emery, delivered able Christmas sermons. There was special music.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church had its Christmas tree and entertainment Friday evening. A short program preceded the distribution of gifts. The program follows:

Scripture reading and prayer Singing.....Miss Holmes' class Recitation.....Sarah Osgood

Solo.....Hazel Lord Recitation.....Dorothy and Dana McGowan

Reading.....Madeline Moore Solo.....Hazel Giles

Recitation.....Martha Milliken Song.....Four little girls

Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. E. B. Mathews, preached an eloquent Christmas sermon. There was special music by the choir, which included the anthems "Glory be to God" (Phippin), "And there were Shepherds" (Pressler), and "Gloria" (Sullivan).

BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist Sunday school had its Christmas tree and a short program on Christmas eve, and the exercises were enjoyed by a crowd that filled the vestry. The committee in charge was composed of Mrs. Harriet Curtis, Mrs. Ida Coleman, Miss Cora Anderson, and these were assisted by Mrs. C. S. Donnell, Ida Morrison and Charles Beal. The following recitations were rendered:

A Wonderful Tree.....Marian Donnell No Copyright on Santa Claus, Maynard Strout

That Wonderful Stocking.....Evelyn Bellamy Helping Santa Claus, Gladys Jordan and Alta Cousins

Santa Claus and the Mouse, Marian Hodgkins

A novel feature, "Mrs. Santa Claus' Stocking," was the closing number on the program, introducing Edwin Moore, Jr., Freddie Coleman, Luman Woodruff, Edwin Austin, Earl Anderson and Harvey Fickett as brownies, and Martha Royal, Mary A. Morrison and Iola Leighton as fairies. Santa Claus arrived in the nick of time, and the distribution of gifts brought the exercises to a close.

The concert which was to be given on Sunday night was postponed until next Sunday evening, on account of the severe storm.

Christmas Blizzard.

Tales of the severe storm and tidal wave which swept the New England coast Saturday and Sunday, continue to come in. The tide was the highest since the storm of 1861, when Minot's light was washed away. The damage will reach into the millions.

On land the snow blocked trains throughout New England, New York and Pennsylvania, and wires are down in all directions.

Tales of shipwreck come from all along the coast. The five-master Davis Palmer was wrecked off the Massachusetts coast and her crew of twelve men lost.

The schooner Maud Seward, of Stonington, was driven on a rocky shore at Martha's Vineyard. The crew was saved.

NORTH ELLSWORTH.

Eugene Moore and wife delightfully entertained a party of relatives on Christmas day at their home at North Ellsworth. Four generations were represented, there being twenty people in all. The dining-room and parlor were prettily decorated with green branches from the forest mixed with red, showing that the spirit of Christmas had entered in good earnest. While the guests were at a feast such as only a farmer's wife can prepare, Santa Claus slyly whisked a tree in through the front door. The tree was prettily decorated and loaded with little gifts. All were invited to the parlor, where an appropriate hymn was sung and recitations were given by the children. Then, with merry laughter, the gifts were distributed. Late in the afternoon the party broke up, declaring it the merriest Christmas they had ever enjoyed.

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OUT OF THE TRENCH.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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A few years after the civil war two men met on Broadway, New York. The one wore the long hair and sombrero that marked him for a southerner; the other was black as the ace of spades.

"Fo' de Lawd, Marse Geo'ge!" exclaimed the negro, with eyes and mouth open wide.

"Ben, yo' black rascal, what are you doing up here in Yankee land?"

"Wha' I doin' up hyar? I wouldn't be hyar if you war alive!"

"But I am alive."

"Don' know 'bout dat. Spec' yo' may be yo' g'osh. How come yo' be livin' when de fambly all tink yo' be killed at de battle o' Sharpsbu'g? If yo' be livin', how 'bout dat awful rakedown I got from Missy Alice?"

"What rakedown?"

"Mebbe yo' don' know dat when yo' go off to de wah an' I go with you orstannately to take keer o' yo' hoss I war really set up to go by Missy Alice fo' to take keer o' yo'self, specially if yo' got sick or wounded. De night befo' de regiment marched away Missy Alice she come to my cabin an' she say, 'Ben, yo' infernal nigga'!"

"Oh, no, she didn't."

"Well, enny way, she said: 'Ben, I's mighty glad yo' goin' with yo' Marse Geo'ge. If he sick or wounded yo' write me ebery day.' I can't write, Missy Alice, I says. And she says, says she: 'Well, get some one else to write fo' yo' or send me word if he needs me and I'll come mighty quick to nu'se him. If yo' stick to him an' bring him back safe an' sonn' to me I'll see that yo' git yo' freedom.' An' I says: 'Missy Alice, I don't keer 'bout my freedom. I don't want my freedom. I's allus lived in this fambly an' don' want to live anywhere else. But I'll watch Marse Geo'ge fo' yo' an' let yo' know if he needs nussin'. I don' promise to bring him back safe an' sonn' to yo', but if he gets killed or dies o' camp fevah or any o' them sojers' diseases I promise yo' on my wo'd o' honah as a Turnoir nigga' dat hasn't nevah belonged to no udder fambly dat I'll bring his body back fo' yo' to weep ovah an' be buried in de fambly buryin' ground.'

"Den Missy Alice she say, 'Ben, yo's debilish sne nigga'!"

"No, she didn't, but go on."

"She say, says she: 'Ben, I b'leve you'. If yo' do dat I neber fo'git it. But if yo' don' bring him back either hbin' or dead yo'd bettah nevah been bo'n'. How come yo' up hyar in New Yo'k, Marse Geo'ge, when yo' war killed—I mean missin'—in de battle o' Sharpsbu'g, an' yo' cunnel said yo' body was throwed into de trench?"

"Go on with your story. Never mind my part of it."

"I hunted dat battlefield all ovah, turnin' ebery man layin' on his face, even de Yanks, and I didn't see yo' no-whar, Marse Geo'ge. Den de cunnel he sent an orderly fo' me an' he say: 'Ben, yo' mastah he been killed, an' he body must 'a' been throwed into de trench. Yo' go home an' tell his people 'bout it. Wha' he know 'bout me an' dat I war a Turnoir nigga'?"

"I asked him to do all that. Go on. I'm anxious to hear de rest."

"Yo' tell him to do dat? Wha' fo' yo' do dat, Marse Geo'ge?"

"I'll tell you my story when you get through with yours. Go on, I say."

"My story's nuffin mo' 'n de drubbin' I got from Missy Alice. I went home to de plantation one mornin', and Missy Alice she saw me comin' 'way up de road. She sried out of de house an' run to me, out o' bref, an' she cried out: 'Oh, Ben! Is he dead? An' I broke it sofly to her. I says, says I: 'Marse Geo'ge, he wha' he don' suffah no mo', Missy Alice. 'Deed he don't.' 'Wha' is he? she moaned, stagg'n back. 'In de trench,' I say. 'Dey throwed him in befo' I could git him?"

"Fo' de Lawd, Marse Geo'ge, though I broke de news as sofly as I know how, she jis' drop right down wha' she stan' with a shivah. I helped her up an' toted her into de house. Den when she come to herself she said, with a voice dat sounded lak a ha'n't in de tomb: 'Ben, go 'way from me an' doan' let me evah see yo' ag'in. Yo's been unfaithful to de trus' I reposed in yo'. Go 'way, you debilish nigga! Yo'!"

"Hold on, there! Don't put words you said to yourself into her pure mouth."

"Yes, Marse Geo'ge, I said 'em, a heap of 'em—wo'se an' wo'se. An' I turned 'round, as de men do when de battery's sendin' out shot an' shell an' grape in their faces, an' I lef' de plantation, an' I hain't nebbor been back dar from dat day to this. An' I sufferd all this on yo' account. An' yo' wasn't in de trench after all. Wha' debilish bad luck!"

"Ben," said the other, much affected, "you've hit it exactly. It would have been better if I had been put into the trench. I was stupid enough to become the victim of a diabolical story. There was another girl—well, I was engaged to be married to her long before—who wrote me that a Yankee officer who had come down with the Federal army had taken my place. After Sharpsburg I got my colonel to send you back with the story that I had been killed and thrown into the trench. I wished to be dead to every one I had been brought up with, especially to her."

"It war might' hard on Missy Alice, but I'd rather been Missy Alice than myself. Marse Geo'ge, yo' go right back to de ole plantation an' tell Missy Alice 'twar all yo' fault. Tell her yo' a liar an' I a might' sne nigga'."

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GREEN LAKE.

Mrs. Frank Wilbur, of Ellsworth Falls, spent Monday with Mrs. Arthur Moore.

There is good sledding, and the teams started Monday hauling cord wood to the cars.

C. P. Bennock and Tom Holmes are loading cars for Bacon & Robinson, and Tom Crossman for M. Quinn.

A pleasant time was passed Christmas eve at the home of Gus Danico. Every one present received some gift from the tree. There were music and games, followed by refreshments.

The two strangers who successfully bucconed Old Town two weeks ago, and Holden later, arrived here last week to try their little game. As their story ran they were to erect a new cable for the power company, hired all the men they could find for \$2 a day, and got their meals at a camp and left, promising to return, as they had a little work to do down the line. That was the last seen of them.

LAKEWOOD.

Isabel Warren was at her home in Otis during Christmas.

Chester Nevells cut his foot badly last week while cutting wood.

Francis Allen, of Ellsworth, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Aby Garland.

Simon Garland and wife were at Ellsworth Falls during Christmas.

Whitmore and Winnie Garland are cutting cord wood at the Green Lake hatchery.

A party of fifteen of Lakewood's young people enjoyed a fine skate Christmas night on the meadow. The ice was in first-class condition and a large fire enlivened the scene. After enjoying the pleasant exercise, all called on Norris Moore and wife and were hospitably received. Stories were swapped, a social hour was passed, followed by a treat of Christmas candy.

HANCOCK.

There will be a social dance at town hall Thursday evening. Music by Kelley's orchestra of three pieces. Supper will be served.

MARINE LIST.

Hancock County Ports.

Southwest Harbor—Ar Dec 22, sch Annie F Kibbel, E. H. Gray, a son. 1 Lawrence Lamont, 81d Dec 18, sch Forest Belle, 81d Dec 21, schs S L Foster, Mildred May

BORN.

GRAY—At Sedgwick, Dec 19, to Mr and Mrs Roland H Gray, a son. 1 Lawrence Lamont, 81d Dec 18, sch Forest Belle, 81d Dec 21, schs S L Foster, Mildred May

ROBBINS—At Stonington, Dec 22, to Mr and Mrs Timothy Robbins, a son.

WHITE—At Cranberry Isles, Dec 22, to Mr and Mrs Joseph White, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BLAISDELL—STRATTON—At Lamoine, Dec 16, by Hollis E Austin, esq, Mrs Myra Blaisdell to George P Stratton, both of Hancock.

DAVIDSON—MOORE—At Bluehill, Dec 22, by Rev Charles Hargrove, Miss Alice D Davidson to Percy T Moore, both of Bluehill.

MOORE—HARDISON—At Northeast Harbor, Dec 22, by Rev Charles Follen Lee, Miss Beulah E Moore, of Northeast Harbor, to Charles S Hardison, of Sullivan.

ROBERTSON—NEVELLS—At Bluehill, Dec 18, by Rev Charles Hargrove, Miss Luella May Robertson to Ernest Nevells, both of Bluehill.

WILLEY—HODGKINS—At Cherryfield, Dec 25, by Rev T M Patterson, Miss Ethel Willey, of Cherryfield, to Newell N Hodgkins, of Lamoine.

DIED.

BRIDGHAM—At Portland, Dec 24, Sarah, widow of Dr F W Bridgham, formerly of Sullivan.

EMERSON—At New York city, Dec 17, George A Emerson, of Englewood, N J, son of the late Aaron P Emerson, of Orland, aged 88 years.

LEACH—At Bucksport, Dec 20, Mrs Richard Leach, aged 78 years, 25 days.

PEACH—At Eden, Dec 25, Arden, son of Mrs Emma Peach, aged 11 years.

SALISBURY—At Brewer, Dec 25, Llewellyn Salisbury, of Otis, aged 84 years.

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COUNTY NEWS.

FRANKLIN. Miss Helen Macomber is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Effie Macomber. I. H. Butler left for Oakland Friday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Henry French.

CONCERT OF NATIONS. The culmination of the rehearsals for Concert of Nations on nights of Dec. 21-22 was indeed a success, the entertainment being one of the best ever given here.

Weather conditions were perfect and several out-of-town people helped swell the numbers that greeted the performers when the curtains revealed the singers on the raised seats with "Old Glory" for a stage setting.

The chorus did grand work, much of the music being more difficult than any undertaken here before. But they followed the baton of their leader like veterans.

The entrance of the children's chorus was charming, a little army of them, marching in such perfect order, gowned in white, with sashes and hair ribbons in red, their sweet faces aglow, their voices pure and free.

Uncle Josh Perkins' orchestra at rehearsal, brought down the house. Fred Blaisdell in the role of director, cannot be excelled; his energetic leadership convulsed the audience.

The management wishes to extend sincere thanks to those from East and West Franklin, whose distance from the hall necessitated much travel, and to the high school pupils, and to all who by their constant presence at rehearsals made the closing nights occasions of real pleasure to their listeners, reflecting much credit on themselves and on their conductor.

The full program follows:

- PART I. Orchestra. Let the Hills with Song-Resound, Brindley Richards. Chorus. Duet-In the Isle of Our Dreams, from "The Red Mill". Mrs. Watson, F. C. Blaisdell. Solo-My Home is Where the Heather Blooms, from "Rob Roy". Mrs. L. Tyler Bunker, "Scotch Lassie". How It Marches the Flag of the Union... Root the Flag that has Never Known Defeat. (Solo by Beatrice Gordon). Children's Chorus. Sextette - Life is a See-Saw, from "A Knight for a Day". Misses Mary Gordon, Daisy Gordon, Eva Springer. Messrs Frank Blaisdell, Harry Clark, Richard Hastings. Angel of Peace... Keller Chorus. Cornet solo. Miss Gladys Bragdon. Old Favorites, "Bugle Calls," "Drums" Harry Clark, Fred Blaisdell and chorus. Whistling solo. Mrs. Minnie McKenzie. Solo-Three Leaf Shamrock. Mrs. C. J. Watson, "Irish Lass". Song-"Sullivan." "Dennis Rafferty" (F. C. Blaisdell). Columbia, Gem of the Ocean. Chorus. PART II. Overture... Medley. O Italia! Italia! Beloved... Donizetti Chorus. Solo-The Sousa Girl... Jerome Miss Bernice Dunn, "Daughter of the Regiment". Trio-"Wouldn't You Like to Have Me".

Hexamethylenetetramine. The above is the name of a German chemical, which is one of the many valuable ingredients of Foley's Kidney Remedy.

For a Sweetheart from "The Yankee Tourist". Misses Marcia Bragdon, Marion Bragdon, Hazel Clark. Solo-Maid from Nicobar, "Isle of Spice." Mrs. Minnie McKenzie, "Japanese Maid". Anchored... Walcott Chorus. Viola solo-(selected). Irving Ray. Bunker Hill-(solo by Helen Watson). The Merry Ploughboy (whistling interlude). Children's Chorus. Duet-You and I... "Isle of Spice". Miss Bernice Dunn, Harry Clark. Song-Reuben Haskins. "Hiram Green" (Charles Dweley). Singing by "The Country Choir". The Rehearsal. Uncle Josh Perkins' Orchestra. Dec. 27. B.

LAMOINE. Irving G. Roulard, of Boston, is the guest of Capt. Charles Hodgkins. Lester Salisbury and Miss Frances Reed were week-end guests of W. K. Salisbury and wife.

Mrs. Harry Olsen and daughter Mary left last week for Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter. Dr. Nathan Hodgkins, of Lynn, Mass., and Miss Clara Hodgkins, of Beverly, Mass., are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents, F. L. Hodgkins and wife.

Howe Smith and wife, Clarence Smith, Miss Mona Goss, Miss Leland, of Bar Harbor, Wesley Smith and Miss Eunice Higgins, of Ellsworth, Leander Smith and wife, of Partridge Cove, spent Christmas with Capt. Jefferson Smith and wife. Dec. 17. B.

TRENTON. W. B. Mitchell, of Rockland, visited his aunt, Mrs. C. H. Norwood, Sunday. The children's concert and Christmas tree at the church Friday evening, under the able management of Miss Isabelle Clark, was a success.

Benjamin Gott, driver of F. W. Lunt's grocery cart, went his last trip of the season on Friday. He will resume his studies at Shaw's business college, Bangor. He is generally liked and will be missed on the road.

Postmaster M. R. Rich received the sad news Friday of the sudden death at Rockland of his son-in-law, William Thurston, keeper of Breakwater light, Rockland. Death resulted from abscess of the stomach. Mr. Thurston was a resident of McKinley, and esteemed by all who knew him. The family has the sympathy of all. Dec. 24. KIN.

MARLBORO. Miss Katie McIntyre is quite poorly. Tilden Bowden and wife, of Trenton, came Sunday to see Mr. Bowden's mother, Mrs. Abbie Bowden, who is ill.

Ross McDonald and family, of Lamoine, spent Christmas with Mrs. McDonald's parents, C. P. Hodgkins and wife.

George Jellison came from Clifton to spend Christmas week with his wife, who is with her sister, Mrs. S. H. Remick. Mr. Collins and wife, of Lamoine, are with Mrs. Collins' sister, Mrs. Colman Hodgkins. Mrs. Collins is in poor health.

Maynard Ford, who has been working in the northern part of Aroostook county on the railroad, came home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Clara Ford, who is ill. Dec. 27. ARE.

WEST FRANKLIN. S. B. Clark and wife have gone to Lewiston for an indefinite stay with their son Charles.

Duncan McVicar and wife have arrived from Bar Harbor to live in their cottage for the winter.

W. F. Cousins and wife were guests, of their daughter, Mrs. George Springer, during Christmas time.

G. B. Scammon has arrived home from Aroostook county, where he has been employed the past three months.

Mrs. Harry Young, of Surry, is in town caring for her daughter, Miss Hallie Young, who is ill of tonsillitis. There have been many family Christmas trees in this section which is as it should be, for public trees cause many heartaches. Dec. 27. CH'ER.

OAK POINT. The Oak Point gunning club had a chicken supper Christmas eve. Edgar Gordon and wife have gone to Providence, R. I., for the winter. Archie Reynolds, of Bar Harbor, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday. Cushman Alley was called to Lawrence, Mass., by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Josephine Kline. Dec. 27. C.

NORTH HANCOCK. Clarence Stratton and wife are visiting relatives in Franklin. Mrs. Emma Page returned Friday from a visit to her sister Alice in Boston. Pearl Stratton and wife, of Marlboro, were recent guests at Fred Stratton's. Miss Winnie Googins, of Ellsworth, spent Christmas with Mrs. Charles Googins. Dec. 27. ANON.

NORTH LAMOINE. Mr. Messer, of Bar Harbor, is the guest of Roy Linscott. Anna and Crosby Young, of Boston, and Cambridge, Mass., are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, E. F. Young and wife. Dec. 27. Y.

TRENTON. Thompson T. Leland is ill. E. B. Hodgkins and son Almon have gone away to teach school. Mr. Cummings, who is working in Bangor, spent Christmas with his wife. Dec. 27. MAY.

Don't let the baby suffer from eczema, sores or any itching of the skin. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, cures quickly. Perfectly safe for children. All druggists sell it. -Advt. G. A. PARCHER.

COUNTY NEWS.

No additional County News on other pages.

SULLIVAN HARBOR. George T. Noyes was home over Christmas from Presque Isle. Mrs. Georgia Lynum has gone to Bar Harbor for a few weeks. Dr. Fred Stevens was in town on Monday, called here by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Eridgham.

There were no services at the church Sunday on account of the severe storm. Mr. Purdy was to give a stereopticon lecture on John Bunyan, which probably will be given in two weeks.

The Sunday school at the "Church of Our Father", under the leadership of Mrs. Wilson and Miss Bartlett, gave a Christmas concert and tree Friday evening, which was much enjoyed by the children and those of "a larger growth". Miss E. J. Simpson, of Newton, Mass., sent a generous supply of presents for all, as usual.

A notable event of the past week was the eighty-ninth birthday of Mrs. Mary A. Franklin, which found her well and hearty at her home here, where through the day she received many callers, who came to congratulate her on this important milestone and her excellent physical condition. She was assisted in receiving by Miss K. A. Dunbar and Mrs. A. S. Cummings, and she was entirely herself all through the day and evening, with her merry jokes and her performance on the piano, for which she has always been so celebrated. Among her callers was John U. Hill, a few years younger than herself, but not quite so vigorous. After a cup of tea and testing the birthday cake, the guests departed, wishing this veteran lady "many happy returns".

This community was shocked and saddened by a telegram from Portland last Friday, announcing the death of Sarah, widow of Dr. F. W. Bridgham, who died of pneumonia in that city, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Phillips Eaton. Mrs. Bridgham had been in poor health for some years, but was as usual, perhaps better of late, till pneumonia developed and she lived only a few days. Her body was brought here for burial beside that of her husband at York hill cemetery. She was a lady of unusual ability, bright and cheerful, a good mother, a loss to her children, of whom she leaves three-Mrs. Eaton, Dr. S. Bridgham and Fred, all of whom accompanied her remains here. Monday morning services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Purdy at the Church of Our Father. Dec. 27. H.

PROSPECT HARBOR.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS. Again we are reminded of the uncertainty of life as we record the death of our esteemed sister, Lella M. Cole.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Spirit to remove from the hunting ground of Winnetka county, Daughters of Pocahontas, to the great hunting grounds beyond, our beloved sister, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Sister Cole, Winnetka county loses one of its most devoted members, one who has always labored for the best interests of the order, and whose memory we shall ever cherish for her kindly deeds and cheerful presence. We shall meet, and we shall miss her, but overshadowed by the Father's love, our sister is resting.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in their affliction, and commend them to our Heavenly Father for the comfort which we cannot give.

Resolved, That as a token of respect for Sister Cole, our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to the family, and a copy sent to THE ELLSWORTH AMERICAN for publication.

EVA T. STINSON, SUSIE E. OVER, SUSIE W. WORKMAN, Committee.

A. R. Joy has returned from a trip to Rockland.

Richard Bendix has returned from Machiasport, where he has been on business.

Capt. Daniel Deasy and wife went to Bar Harbor Friday to spend Christmas with L. B. Deasy.

Genevieve Cole went to Waterville Saturday en route to Bristol, where she is to be assistant teacher in a high school.

Frank Wakefield and E. D. Chase, who have been employed in Presque Isle, returned home in season to enjoy Christmas with their families.

Percy T. Moore, of Bluehill, arrived Friday night with his bride for a short visit with his parents. A host of friends extended congratulations.

Miss Gertrude Bickford, a student at Higgins classical institute, is spending her vacation with her grandparents, Alfred Hamilton and wife.

Mrs. William Temple went to Bangor the first of the week with her little daughter Letha, who was operated on for appendicitis on Tuesday, and is doing well. Dec. 27. C.

HANCOCK.

Miss Hazel Young, who is employed at Bar Harbor, spent Christmas at home.

Miss Ethel Crabtree, who has been teaching at Medfield, Mass., is home.

C. H. Abbott, wife and son Theodore were week-end guests of relatives here.

Albert Carson, of Lexington, Mass., is a guest at the home of Millard Foss and wife.

A. I. Foss, Mrs. O. W. Foss and Mrs. H. W. Johnson attended State grange at Bangor last week.

Mrs. Harold Foss, of Medfield, Mass., is at the home of her parents, A. B. Crabtree and wife, for a two weeks' visit.

Among the boys and girls who are at home from school and college for the holidays are: Harvard Crabtree, from Harvard medical school; Evans Crabtree, from University of Maine; Miss Edith Foss, from Higgins classical institute; Miss Doris Hodgins, from Bryant & Stratton; Miss Carolyn Crabtree, Thomas Dec. 27. C.

This is Worth Remembering. Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. G. A. PARCHER.

COUNTY NEWS.

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Merchant and Morris Foss from Ellsworth high school. A pleasant meeting of Ellines council was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. In the evening there was a Christmas program of readings and stories by several of the members. After the council closed, a Christmas tree was brought in loaded with presents for all. One of the members received so many presents it was necessary to send the scouts and get a large basket for him to carry them home. Chiefs have been nominated for the coming six months as follows: Prophetess, Mary F. Abbott; Pocahontas, Emma Ball; Wenonah, Hattie Martin; Powhatan, William McCauley; keeper of records, Alice J. Crabtree; keeper of wampum, Carolyn C. Foss; collector of wampum, Emma Merchant. Dec. 27. C.

EDEN.

John Mitchell and wife are in town for a short stay.

Miss Josie Leland returned from Muscongus last week.

Oscar Leland is in Hyannis, Mass., where he has employment.

J. Hansen and wife, of Waltham, Mass., are guests of Mrs. A. B. Grant.

E. Bridges left for his home in Sedgewick last week for a short stay.

Mrs. H. W. Jellison is home, after spending a month in northern Ontario.

Mrs. Winthrop Reed spent Christmas with her parents, J. L. Hodgkins and wife.

Mrs. Martha Leland is spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Amanda Thomas. Dec. 27. V.

GOTT'S ISLAND.

Mrs. Hannah E. Joyce, who has been visiting her daughter at Stonington, is home.

Irving Hodgkins, of Bar Harbor, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Babbidge, returned home Friday.

Miss Elsie M. Joyce, who has been employed in Rockland two months, is home for a short stay. She will go to Stonington, where she has employment for the winter.

Capt. Benjamin Hallett, in his naphtha launch, was driven ashore near Green Head last Thursday evening. The engine had stalled, and in the high wind and rough water he was unable to keep her from going ashore. He succeeded in landing safely. Capt. M. V. Babbidge heard his calls for assistance, and with Montelle Gott went to his aid. The launch was quite badly damaged. Dec. 24. CHIPS.

CAPE ROSIER.

Irving Gray, of Portland, spent Christmas with his family here.

Harland Gray, of Boston, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Gray.

Rev. R. C. Douthitt held special services at Union church Sunday.

Mrs. Elva Howard, of Eagle Island, visited friends here last week.

Capt. Jesse Gray will sail a yacht for Dark Harbor parties next season.

There was a Christmas tree at the Union church, with a large attendance, Friday night.

A dory went adrift from Holbrook's island Monday, and was recovered Thursday at Islesboro, uninjured.

Orlando Howard and family moved from Dark Harbor Wednesday. Miss Edith Howard is also home from Castine. Dec. 24. G.

NORTHEAST HARBOR.

The sad news reached here Saturday afternoon of the drowning of Arden Peach, youngest son of Mrs. Emma Peach, while skating at Eagle lake. The body was recovered the same night.

The Episcopal Sunday school had a Christmas tree at the parish house Saturday night, at which there was a large attendance. Santa Claus came with his string of bells and distributed the many beautiful presents. There was also a tree at the Union church, with a goodly attendance. There was a concert by the children, after which the presents were taken from the tree by Mr. Brown and Mr. Larvey and passed by the Junior Endeavor boys. Dec. 27. B.

SWAN'S ISLAND.

Mrs. G. A. Prock is spending the holidays at the lighthouse.

Mrs. G. F. Newman is ill. Miss Maude Stanley is clerking in the store.

Oliver Bowley, who has been in Rockland on business, returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Alvah Barbour returned to Rockland Monday, after spending Sunday at home.

Mrs. Nettie Tinker spent a few days with her son Ray before going south for the winter. Dec. 23. SPEC.

SEAL COVE.

Frank Hodgdon, of Center, is at home from Higgins classical institute for the holidays.

George Robbins and wife, of Atlantic, were in town Saturday and Sunday on their way to Boston.

Mrs. S. D. Harper is home from Atlantic, where she has been visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. George Robbins. Dec. 27. N.

MARIAVILLE.

Ernest Dunn, of Bangor, is in town for a few days, the guest of G. A. Frost and wife.

George A. Frost recently killed two hogs, one weighing 410 pounds, the other 409 pounds. Dec. 27. S.

We often do more good by our sympathy than by our labor.-Canon Farrar.

"Had dyspepsia or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Blood Bitters cured me." -J. H. Walker, Sunbury, Ohio.-A. P.

COUNTY NEWS.

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NORTH SULLIVAN.

Miss M. E. Moon spent the week-end at Bar Harbor, the guest of friends.

There was a Christmas tree at the church Friday evening. A program was carried out.

Mrs. Effie Macomber and daughter, Miss Jessie, were week-end guests of Will E. Hovey and wife.

Miss Hattie Robertson came home Wednesday from Ellsworth, where she has been employed.

Miss Beulah May, only daughter of Arno Wooster and wife, is very ill, to the regret of friends.

Arthur Hall, of Harrington, came home Friday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Agnes Hall.

Friends of Mrs. Bradbury Smith are gratified to know that she is improving rapidly from her late illness.

Friends of the family of Mrs. Louisa Bunker, whose death occurred Dec. 18, at West Sullivan, sympathize with them in the loss of wife and mother.

Many friends of Charlie Clapham were pleased to greet him Christmas morning. Mr. Clapham resides in Boston, but came home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Abbie Clapham, at West Sullivan. Dec. 27. M.

CRANBERRY ISLES.

Mrs. Loring Rice called on friends here Christmas day.

Gilbert Rice, of Boston, was here Saturday at the home of his brother Leslie.

Harvey Stanley returned Saturday from Old Town, where he has been for a few days.

Miss Lena Liscomb, who has been visiting Mrs. Fred Bracy, returned to her home Friday.

Collins Morrill and wife, of Bar Harbor, are spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. T. F. Stanley.

Geo. H. Spurling, wife and daughter Minnie spent the Christmas recess at the home of J. Y. Spurling and wife.

Leander Bunker, wife and two children, Beatrice and Hazel, spent Christmas in Rockland at the home of Alderman Henry Higgins.

The Christmas tree at the church was very handsome and a large crowd gathered to enjoy the evening. The concert given by the children was especially good, all taking their parts well. Dec. 27. ROOSEY.

DEDHAM.

Miss Lora Kenney of Bangor, is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Black.

Miss Eunice McKay, of Winter Harbor, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. McLaughlin.

Miss Ruth Kenney and Miss Violet Johnson are attending the seminary at Bucksport.

An entertainment consisting of music, songs, readings and a short drama will be given at the grange hall Dec. 31, for the benefit of the church.

Among those attending State grange in Bangor last week were G. W. Brewster and wife, G. A. Gray and wife, E. W. Burrill and wife, Clyde McLaughlin and Miss Hazel Cowling.

Among visitors to town for the holidays were Miss Agnes McLaughlin, Miss Bertha Dorr, of Bucksport; Harold Burrill, of Augusta; Clifford Burrill and Raymond Cook, from Maine Central institute, Pittsfield. Dec. 27. B.

WEST EDEN.

Miss Margaret Koch, secretary of the Maine State C. E. society, is spending a few days with Mrs. E. M. Hall.

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Mrs. Bunnell, of Ellsworth, is caring for Mrs. Howard Hooper, who is ill.

Mrs. J. H. Patten has gone to New Hampshire to visit her son, Dr. Salisbury.

Carroll, son of T. M. Blaisdell and wife, who is studying surgery in Boston, is home for a short visit.

Bowen Blaisdell is home from Providence, R. I., for a short vacation with his parents, F. E. Blaisdell and wife.

Effie Workman, of Sorrento, visited her grandfather, John Wentworth, and her aunt, Hattie Bunker, and other friends over Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 20, a daughter was born to Erastus Bunker and wife. Mrs. Bunker, who has been seriously ill, is now considered out of danger.

The Methodist society gave a chicken dinner Christmas day to which T. M. Blaisdell invited his quarry crew of over twenty, with their wives. Candy, cigars and apples were passed by Mr. Blaisdell. A satisfactory sum was taken by the society. Dinner and supper were served by the Free Baptist society, with a good attendance and a good time generally. Dec. 27. R.

HANCOCK POINT.

Dr. Whiting Ball, of Portland, is with his parents for a few days.

Colby and Marion Chester are at home from school for the Christmas holidays.

William Gallison, who has employment in Auburn, is spending Christmas with his family.

S. C. Penney and wife, E. Haskins, wife and son, of Bangor are spending Christmas with their parents.

Dr. George Phillips and Mrs. Farnsworth, of Sullivan, spent Sunday with W. H. Phillips and wife.

Mrs. Peasley and daughter Annetta are visiting J. H. Peasley and wife at the Point. Mr. Peasley is assistant light-keeper. Dec. 27. E.

NORTH ORLAND.

Will Billings lost one of his team horses last week.

Nathaniel Saunders and wife, of Bucksport, spent Christmas with James Gibbons and wife.

Charles Mumler and Lorenzo Blaisdell, who are working in Brooksville, were home Christmas.

Warren Moore is working for Sydney O'Donald, of Long pond. Mr. O'Donald has contracted to haul all the lumber for Rogers Ingalls Co.

Miss Beulah Leach, who teaches in district No. 7, spent Christmas with her parents, George Leach and wife, of North Penobscot. Dec. 27. B.

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Bowen Blaisdell is home from Providence, R. I., for a short vacation with his parents, F. E. Blaisdell and wife.

Effie Workman, of Sorrento, visited her grandfather, John Wentworth, and her aunt, Hattie Bunker, and other friends over Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 20, a daughter was born to Erastus Bunker and wife. Mrs. Bunker, who has been seriously ill, is now considered out of danger.

The Methodist society gave a chicken dinner Christmas day to which T. M. Blaisdell invited his quarry crew of over twenty, with their wives. Candy, cigars and apples were passed by Mr. Blaisdell. A satisfactory sum was taken by the society. Dinner and supper were served by the Free Baptist society, with a good attendance and a good time generally. Dec. 27. R.

HANCOCK POINT.

Dr. Whiting Ball, of Portland, is with his parents for a few days.

Colby and Marion Chester are at home from school for the Christmas holidays.

William Gallison, who has employment in Auburn, is spending Christmas with his family.

COUNTY NEWS.

BLUEHILL.

Miss Jennie A. Grindle, Colby, '10, in home on a vacation.

Wallace Hinckley arrived from Roxbury Dec. 24, improved in health.

Harry Butler and wife spent Christmas with his parents, F. H. Butler and wife.

Carl Hinckley arrived from Weston, Mass., Dec. 21, to visit his parents, O. T. Hinckley and wife.

Norman Mayo, instructor at U. of M. and E. Chase, jr., U. of M., '13, are home for the holiday vacation.

Miss Leighton, grammar school teacher, left for her home in Harrington Dec. 21. It is expected the next term will open Jan. 10.

Miss Carol Hooper, teacher of English at Gould academy, Bethel, spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. R. G. Lord.

Misses Emma and Alice Hinckley, who teach in Presque Isle, are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Aroostook county.

Each Sunday school had interesting concert exercises the evening of Dec. 24, with Christmas trees. James Bittel is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, and Harvey M. Curtis of the Congregational.

Dec. 27. M.

BROOKLIN.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Byron Sellers Dec. 23.

Herman Bracy has purchased a horse of Bar Harbor parties.

E. H. Bridges is home from Eden, where he has been employed.

Victor Gott and family are spending several days at Boothbay.

Fred Pierce, of Bangor, is spending a few days with his family.

Frank Staples, of Rockland, spent the past week in town with his family.

Miss Clarie Freethy is home from Providence, R. I., where she is teaching.

Miss Ada Herrick, who is teaching in Sedgwick, spent the week-end at home.

Roswell Eaton, who is employed on steamer Pemaquid, is at home on a short visit.

Alton Herrick and Mahlon Hill are at home from Colby college for the Christmas recess.

Hollis Stanley and Chandler Carter, who are employed in Bangor, are at home for Christmas.

Rev. E. E. Small went to Rockland Friday to meet his family, returning with them Saturday.

J. H. Moore and wife, of Deer Isle, were guests of Capt. M. A. Flye and wife over Christmas.

A. E. Farnsworth and wife, Capt. Fred Phillips and wife and R. L. Smith were in Rockland last week.

Ray C. Carter came Saturday to spend a few days with his parents, Lewis Carter and wife, at Naskeag.

William and Clayton Taintor, of Beverly, Mass., were called home by the illness of their mother last week.

High school opens to-day, after three weeks' vacation. Miss Mary Wilson, principal, returned from Portland Saturday.

Dec. 27. UNE FEMME.

SOUTH SURRY.

Maurice Gray, of Sargentville, was here to spend Christmas with his sister and family.

Everard Young went to Bangor a short time ago, and has gone up river logging for the winter.

J. Cunningham has so far recovered the use of his limbs as to walk to his stable and all about the place, and can now use his hand to hold his cane.

Last Wednesday evening a few friends met at Mrs. Sarah Young's and gave the family a little surprise party. Curtis Young and his wife were present and Uncle Joe Cunningham also, who seemed to enjoy the occasion as well as any of the company. All present enjoyed the evening.

There was a Christmas tree and supper at the church Christmas eve. The teacher,

Miss Evelyn Hamblen, had prepared a program which did credit to her small school as the pieces were very well spoken. Most of the little ones had never spoken before an audience before. Everyone present was remembered by Santa Claus, and all enjoyed the evening and the supper.

Dec. 27. TRAMP.

SEDGWICK.

Mrs. Mary E. Ware is at Capt. W. J. Johnson's.

A. F. Robbins and wife moved into their new house last week.

Roy Dority, of Boston, is with his parents here for the holidays.

Mrs. F. F. Johnson is with her sister, Mrs. H. O. Young, for the winter.

The highest tide in years occurred Sunday. The bridge and wharves were overflowed, with freight floating around in the freight house.

Mrs. Sunie M. Cousins came from Lynn, Mass., Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, T. J. Perver and wife. Her cousin, William H. Perver, accompanied her.

The supper given for the Sunday school Christmas night was well attended. Much amusement was caused by the accounts given of the ways in which the dimes contributed were earned by the members.

The officers of Columbia chapter, O. E. S., were installed at a special meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, at the W. M., Susie E. Cole, assisted by P. M. Nellie M. Robbins as marshal and P. M. Lile C. Smith as chaplain. The officers are: Virgilia W. Smith, W. M.; Yetta H. Cain, W. P.; Madella H. Small, A. M.; P. M. Lucy F. Dority, secretary; P. M. Angie S. Dority, treasurer; Myra F. Dority, conductress; Lillian Robbins, associate conductress; Fannie H. Lane, chaplain; D. D. G. M. Alma T. Small, organist; Susan C. Husband, Adah; P. M. Nellie M. Robbins, Ruth; Harriet Buckminster, Esther; Mary E. Bracy, Martha; Alice S. Byard, Electa; Alice B. Morgan, warder; Austin H. Dority, sentinel. Supper was served, after which a pleasing program was presented by the entertainment committee.

Dec. 27. H.

NORTH BROOKLIN.

Florentine Hamilton opened school at No. 7 Monday.

Everett Hale was presented Christmas with a nice gift by his pupils.

The steambot wharf suffered further damage in the furious storm of Sunday.

George Giles and wife, of Sedgwick, visited John F. Giles and wife Saturday.

Lawrence Webber, of Stonington, is visiting his grandfather, Adelbert Seavey.

Benjamin Spear, wife and daughter Mae visited Frank Spear at West Brooklin Christmas.

Charles Perver and Miss Laura Haines, of Pretty Marsh, are visiting George Perver and wife.

D. Merrill Means, seventy-seven years of age, cut and got out to his house his season's firewood, twelve cords, Dec. 15, being the first of the season here.

The winners of the prizes at the annual Christmas shooting match at Fred Cole's were Erastus Candage, Everett Holden, Wellington Redman and John Perver.

Dec. 27. XENOPHON.

SURRY.

Postmaster D. J. Curtis says he thinks more than a thousand post cards passed through his office Dec. 24.

Capt. C. M. Coulter, who has been running a steamer from New Bedford to Nantucket, is home to spend the winter with his family.

There was a union Christmas tree at the Methodist church Christmas eve, with a concert by the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools.

The head of the bay is frozen over down to McKay's wharf, and the fishermen are making some good catches of smelts. There are nearly 100 tents on two or three acres of ice.

Last Tuesday Capt. and Mrs. McKay got up a supper and social and invited the members of Arbutus grange. A small fee was charged, the proceeds to go towards purchasing new badges. A nice little sum was realized.

Dec. 27. S.

ORLAND.

George A. Emerson, of Englewood, N. J., a native of Orland, died Dec. 17, in New York city. He was a son of the late Aaron P. Emerson. He was an officer in the U. S. army during the Civil war, and had been in business in Baltimore, Chicago and Indianapolis. He was a musician in several western cities. He leaves a widow and two daughters; also two brothers, one of whom, T. Holbrook Emerson, is in business in East Weymouth, Mass.

BROOKSVILLE.

Maurice Wescott cut his hand badly one day recently.

John W. Doulin, wife and child have returned to their home in Trenton.

Thelma, the two-year-old child of Lester Wescott, is seriously ill of cancer.

L. H. Billings has returned from Stonington, where he has been employed all summer.

F. M. Billings, who has run a grocery cart all summer, has taken his cart from the road and is soon to close out his business.

Dec. 20. A.

We can never go back, but there is not a point from which we may not go upward.

YOU CAN CURE THAT BACKACHE.

Pain along the back, dizziness, headache and general languor. Get a package of Mother Gray's AUNT JANE'S LINIMENT, the pleasant and herb cure for all Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles. When you feel all run down, tired, weak and without energy, use this remarkable combination of nature's herbs and roots. As a regulator it has no equal. Mother Gray's AUNT JANE'S LINIMENT is sold by Druggists or sent by mail for 50 cents. Sample agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Foley's Honey and Tar is the best and safest cough remedy for children. At the first symptoms of a cold, it is directed, and ward off danger of croup, bronchitis, sore throat, cold in the head, and stuffy breathing. It brings comfort and relief to the little ones. Contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Keep always on hand, and refuse substitutes. G. A. PARSONS.

Railroads and Steamboats.

In Effect Nov. 29, 1909. BAR HARBOR TO BANGOR.

Table with columns: Station, A.M., P.M., F.M. listing routes between Bar Harbor and Bangor.

BANGOR TO BAR HARBOR.

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Trains leaving Ellsworth at 7:13 a.m. and 4:28 p.m.

and arriving at Ellsworth 11:07 a.m. and 10:52 p.m. connect with Washington Co. Ry.

Stops on signal to conductor.

Stops only to leave passengers from points east of Washington Junction.

Stops to leave but not to take passengers.

These trains connect at Bangor with through trains on Main line, to and from Portland, Boston and St. John.

Passengers are earnestly requested to procure tickets before entering the trains, and especially Ellsworth to Falls and Falls to Ellsworth.

F. E. BOOTHBY, General Passenger Agent.

MORRIS McDONALD, Vice President & General Manager.

Eastern Steamship Company.

Reduced Winter Fares, \$3.00.

Between Bar Harbor and Boston.

Steamer Boothbay leaves Bar Harbor 10 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays for Seal Harbor, North-east Harbor, Southwest Harbor, Manset, Stonington, North Haven and Rockland, connecting with steamer for Boston.

Steamer Catherine leaves Bluehill 9 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays for South Bluehill, Brooklin, Sedgwick, Deer Isle, Sargentville, South Brookville, Park Harbor and Rockland, connecting with steamer for Boston.

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Dec. 27. XENOPHON.

RETURNING.

Leave Rockland at 5:15 a.m., on arrival of steamer from Boston, by train for Seal Harbor, Bar Harbor, Bluehill, and intermediate landings.

E. L. SMITH, Agent, Bar Harbor.

Banking.

6% is what your money will earn if invested in shares of the

Ellsworth Loan and Building Ass'n.

A NEW SERIES is now open. Shares, \$1 each; monthly payments, \$1 per share.

WHY PAY RENT?

When you can borrow on your shares, give a first mortgage on your property, and reduce it every month? Monthly payments and interest together will amount to but little more than you are now paying for rent, and in about ten years you will own your own home.

OWN YOUR OWN HOME.

For particulars inquire of O. W. TAPLEY, Sec'y, First Nat'l Bank Bldg., A. W. KING, President.

Legal Notices.

Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge. In the matter of ALBERT E. VARNUM, In Bankruptcy.

To the Hon. Clarence Hale, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine.

CHARLES GARLAND, of Eden, in said district, respectfully represents that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge. Dated this 20th day of December, A. D. 1909.

ALBERT E. VARNUM, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.

On this 24th day of December, A. D. 1909, on reading the foregoing petition, it is— Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 14th day of January, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at Portland, in said district, and that notice thereof be published in the Ellsworth American, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Clarence Hale, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said district, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1909.

JAMES E. HEWSEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest:—JAMES E. HEWSEY, Clerk.

Legal Notices.

Collector's Advertisement of Sale of Lands of Non-Resident Owners.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Southwest Harbor, in the county of Hancock, for the year 1909.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Southwest Harbor, aforesaid, for the year 1909, committed to me for collection for said town, on the fifteenth day of May, 1909, remains unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxes sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Masonic hall, in said town, on the first Monday in February, 1910, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Name of owner, description of property, Val. in- clud- ing tax- due and chgs.

Fullen, Mrs. Abbie M., Ellsworth, Maine, land bounded on N by land J. T. Freeman & others, E by shore, S by Ad. K. M. Jones, and W by Stanley heirs, W by town road. Cottage and stable, land bounded on N by town road, E by shore, S by Stanley and others. \$2,615 66 23

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Bluehill, in the county of Hancock, for the year 1909.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Bluehill aforesaid, for the year 1909, committed to me for collection for said town on the 27th day of April, 1909, remains unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxes as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at town hall, in said town, on the first Monday in February, 1910, at 9 o'clock a.m.

Name of owner, or owners unknown, description of property, Acres, Value, Amt of tax due in- clud- ing chgs.

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Our great semi-annual mark-down sale starts MONDAY, JAN. 3, and continues for the next fifteen days. We'll not carry stock from one season to another, if it will sell at any price. Not one garment—not a single suit or overcoat or a pair of trousers can get a license to stay in our store more than four months.

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Costs us lots of money to stick to this policy, but we cheerfully pay the price for the prestige of having lines of clothing always first, of the largest weaves and patterns and always correct in styles.

Remember,

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HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR MANY OFFERINGS:



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Now here is a chance to buy your shirts.

- Monarch Shirts that were \$1.00 and \$1.50 now.....15c
- Men's Suspenders 25c now.....10c
- All of our 50c suspenders.....30c
- We have just purchased a case of Boys' Sweaters that we can sell for.....19c
- Be sure and ask to see them.
- Men's Scotch caps in all sizes.....30c
- Men's all-wool underwear \$1.00 now.....50c
- Dress Suit cases were \$1.25 now.....98c
- Men's working gloves 50c now.....30c
- Do not pass the hats that we are selling for \$1.19. Never anything like it. Latest styles.



- Our Thompson Overalls and Frocks we are selling for....42c
- All of our 25c ties now.....19c
- All of our 50c ties now.....30c
- Men's working shirts in all sizes 14 to 18.....30c

Men's Suits.

- 8 Men's Suits, all wool, were \$10, \$12 now.....\$3.98
- Do not pass this table as these are marked under cost.
- 10 Men's Suits, all wool, were \$12, \$15 now.....\$4.98
- 10 Men's Suits, all wool, were \$12, \$15.50 and \$15 now.....\$6.98
- 10 Men's Suits, all wool, were \$15 and \$18 now.....\$8.98
- SPECIAL.** We have about 10 Men's working suits, good sizes and color, were originally \$10, \$12, \$15.....\$6.98

Men's Overcoats.

As we have a large stock in overcoats we have marked nearly all of them below cost. Overcoats in all sizes, 34 to 44. Men's Ulsters in small sizes 35, 36, were \$10, \$12, \$15, now \$4.98. Great values. We have 4 calf fur coats that we have marked at cost.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

In our boys' Suit department we have about 100 short pants suits. Some of the suits that we are going to sell for \$1, \$1.19, \$1.29, \$1.98 were originally \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00. We are also overstocked in boys' overcoats, 12 to 20 years. Were \$7, \$9, \$10, \$12, now \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.98.

These goods will be sold for CASH only at these prices.

If there is anything you want and do not see it, ask for it. Our time is yours whenever you care to look. REMEMBER, this sale lasts fifteen days. Come early and get the first pick. It will pay you to come miles to attend this GREAT SALE.

Reliable Clothing Co.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLOCK,

ELLSWORTH, MAINE.

The National Pension Bill.
During its existence the United States has expended \$2,912,062,513 for pensions. This table gives the statistical facts:

War of the Revolution (estimate).....	\$ 70,000,000 00
War of 1812 (service pension).....	45,757,206 94
Indian war (service pension).....	5,398,420 47
War with Mexico (service pension).....	42,492,784 07
Civil war.....	2,086,461,540 35
War with Spain and Philippines Insurrection.....	26,383,305 21
Regular establishment.....	15,507,028 02
Unclassified.....	14,484,049 77
Total.....	\$3,912,062,513 73

The \$100,000,000 appropriations for the current year will carry the total over the \$4,000,000,000 mark. The pension disbursements during the fiscal year ended June 30 last were the largest on record—\$164,826,287. The payment in 1896 was \$12,459,996. The \$50,000,000 mark was passed in 1880, when disbursements aggregated \$57,240,540 and the \$100,000,000 mark in 1890.

Between 1893 and 1908 yearly payments ranged from \$158,155,342 to 158,083,086. Ohio, with 92,507, has the largest number of national pensioners. Pennsylvania is second with 82,086, and New York is third with 63,394. There are 68,402 in Illinois, 67,042 in Indiana, 40,086 in Massachusetts, 39,793 in Michigan, 37,387 in Kansas, and so on down to the ninety in Alaska.

What a Dollar Dog Can Do.
A man in a nearby city bought for his wife and child a year ago a dog, for which he paid a dollar. It was obviously nothing wonderful in the canine way—merely a mongrel, with the bulldog strain predominant. The owner was a man in humble circumstances, and the dog in his modest dwelling was the principal asset aside from a few sticks of furniture. The other night Tom was tied to a leg of the kitchen sink, as usual, and the family went to bed. They were awakened by the dog at midnight scratching at his master's door. When his master came out to see what was the matter the dog, with a remnant of chewed rope hanging from his collar, whined and ran to the head of the stairway. The house was on fire, and shortly after woman and child and man and dog made their escape their poor dwelling was a mass of glowing embers. The owner of the dog has been urged to part with him for a large cash consideration; but, though he is penniless, he will not part with the four footed savior of his family. Neither has the dog at any time had thoughts of leaving them for luxurious kennels.—New York Times.

Advertisers in THE AMERICAN are capturing the trade.

COUNTY NEWS.

MT. DESERT.
Walter Allen is home on a vacation from Kent's Hill.
Mrs. Mary A. Hamor, who is visiting with Mrs. Leland, is quite ill.
George Haynes, of Town Hill, has moved into the Fernald house.
A. J. Somes and James Allen are at home from Bowdoin during vacation.
Lowell Smith and family, of Bangor, are visiting with his parents, Pearl Smith and wife.
Harvard Richardson, of Bar Harbor, spent Christmas with his parents at Oak Hill.
The big gale of Sunday brought the highest tide for years. Most things about the water front were submerged, but no damage was done.
Dec. 28. J. C.

EAST BLUEHILL.
A. E. Leach, wife and family have moved home from West Brooksville.
There was the usual Christmas tree and concert in the Baptist church Christmas eve.
Willis Witham and S. Watson Cousins came home from Redstone, N. H., last week.
All the East Bluehill men who have

been working in Stonington are home for the winter.
Mrs. P. R. Greene, who sprained her ankle last August, is still confined to the house and unable to take a step.
The smelters are getting their tents on the bank waiting for ice. A few have their tents out on rafts and are making good catches.
Dec. 27. R.

SEAL HARBOR.
Miss Sylvia Gray is visiting Miss Florence Jordan.
Miss Georgia Jude, of Ellsworth, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grafton Pinkham.
Hollis A. Rowe spent Christmas in Bar Harbor with his mother, Mrs. D. E. Richardson.
Grafton Pinkham, who has been in Ellsworth a few days on business, has returned home.
There was a Christmas tree at the Episcopal church Christmas eve, and one at the Congregational church Christmas night.
Dec. 27. ELNA.

One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking; one word won't tell folks what you are—you've got to keep on talking; one inch won't make you very tall—you've got to keep on growing; one little "ad" won't do it all—you've got to keep 'em going.

COUNTY NEWS.

PENOBSCOT.
Owing to the severe storm on Sunday, there were no services at the Methodist church.
Stephen Saulsbury and wife have returned to Brewer, after two weeks here with relatives.
Capt. W. M. Sellers, wife and daughter Jeanette, of Brewer, are guests of J. B. Sellers and wife.
Mrs. Ida Wardwell has returned from Bluehill where she has been employed at the home of Mr. Sweet.
Howard Leach, a freshman at Wesleyan college, Middletown, Conn., is spending the holidays with his parents, Elmer Leach and wife.
The many friends of Mrs. John Littlefield will be pleased to learn that she has so far recovered from her recent operation, which was performed in Portland, as to be able to return to her home here this week.
Dec. 27. WOODLOCKER.

A Christmas tree and entertainment was held in Perkins hill schoolhouse Christmas eve. Following is the program: Opening carol, Ethel and Algie Hutchins; recitation, Wilma Perkins; reading, Leah Perkins; recitations, Hazel Dunbar and four girls; song; recitations, Ashley Leach, Rena Littlefield, Algie Hutchins, Lloyd Hutchins, Maynard Perkins; song, Wilma Perkins and Mabel Hutchins; recitations, Lora Hutchins, Hoyt Perkins, Helen Littlefield, Ralph Hutchins, "Three Wishes," by three girls; hymn; recitations, Merle Grindie, Una Leach; recitation, "Peace, Love and Good Will," followed by the entrance of Santa Claus, and singing; distribution of gifts; song, "Good Night." Thanks are due the committee—Leah Perkins, Ethel Hutchins, Algie Hutchins, Dora Littlefield—for untiring labor. Santa Claus was impersonated by Carl Dunbar in an able manner.
Dec. 27. SUPT.

SOUTH BLUEHILL.
Mrs. Mary Candage is very low.
Miss Alice Eaton and Master Lawrence Eaton spent a few days in Ellsworth last week.
Miss Linda Candage, of Somerville, Mass., spent Christmas with her parents, Uziel Candage and wife.
Hawley Dow, wife and two children, of North Brooklin, spent Christmas with her parents, Oscar Bowden and wife.
There was a family party and Christmas tree at Uziel Candage's Saturday. Thirty were present, four generations being represented.
There was a Christmas tree and concert at the chapel Friday evening. The program follows: Singing, quartet; exercise, by nine children; recitations, Lawrence Eaton, Raymond Emerton; singing; exercise, by four girls; recitations, Howard Morrison, Vera Bickford, Clifton Morrison; singing, quartet; recitations, Katie Sylvester, Emily Bowden; a dialogue, by five children.
Dec. 28. D.

WALTHAM.
M. K. Haslam is ill.
Harvard Haslam was home from Bangor for Christmas.
Miss Marion Jordan has recovered from her illness and returned to her studies at Pittsfield.
Ralph O. Jordan and wife, of Ellsworth, spent Christmas with their parents, B. F. Jordan and wife.
Harry Gilman Jordan is home from University of Maine on account of ill health. His friends wish for him a speedy recovery.
Misses Bessie and Irma Jordan have returned to Bucksport seminary after their vacation with their parents, Herman Jordan and wife.
Raymond Haslam and wife, of Machias, who spent Christmas with their parents, Alden Haslam and wife, returned Monday. They were accompanied by Mr. Haslam's mother, who will visit in Machias and Marshfield for several weeks.
Dec. 27. SUB.

HULL'S COVE.
Mrs. M. C. Sweet is visiting her daughter in East Holden.
William White of Rutland, is visit relatives and friends here.
Miss Mary Bates, assistant teacher in the Central school, is spending her Christmas vacation with Miss Ella Sweet.
The Baptists held their Christmas festival in the old schoolhouse Friday evening. There was an entertainment and tree.
The Christmas festival was held in the church Christmas eve. Twelve boys from the vested choir of St. Saviour's, Bar Harbor, helped with the singing. The tree was beautifully decorated with tiny color-

ed electric lights, and bore many gifts. As usual, there was a generous box from the Misses Prime, of New York, filled with toys for the children and useful presents for the grown-ups.
Dec. 27. ANNE.

WEST BROOKLIN.
Clark Bridges is in Portland for a few weeks.
Miss Florence Seavey is visiting friends at Sedgwick.
Joseph Mitchell, who has been fishing at Spoon island, is home for the winter.
R. F. Bridges and family spent Christmas at Naasog with F. A. Bowden and wife.
Mrs. Gladys McDonnell has gone to the Maine general hospital, Portland, for medical treatment.
Elmer Bridges and wife, who have been visiting in Boston and vicinity, came home Saturday.
Dec. 27. B.

SOUTH GOULDSBORO.
Albert Banker, who has been ill of tonsillitis, is better.
Fred Hamilton, who was taken suddenly ill Friday, is better.
Mrs. Amy Pike has returned from a visit to Eastport and Woodland.
A. F. Hooper recently visited his daughter in Cutler and relatives in Lubec.
Miss Shirley Crane, who is teaching here, spent Christmas with her parents in Birch Harbor.
Mrs. Alba Pendleton, of Winter Harbor, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Hannah A. Sargent.
Dec. 27. H.

CATARRH IN HEAD.



MR. WILLIAM A. PRESSER.
Mr. W. A. Presser, 1722 Third Ave., Moline, Ill., writes:
"I have been suffering from catarrh in the head for the past two months and tried innumerable so-called remedies without avail. No one knows how I have suffered, not only from the disease itself, but from mortification when in company of friends or strangers.
"I have used two bottles of your medicine for a short time only, and it effected a complete medical cure, and what is better yet, the disease has not returned.
"I can most emphatically recommend Peruna to all sufferers from this disease."
Read This Experience.
Mr. A. Thompson, Box 65, R. R. 1, Martel, Ohio, writes: "When I began your treatment my eyes were inflamed, nose was stopped up half of the time, and was sore and scabby. I could not rest at night on account of continual *hawking and spitting.*
"I had tried several remedies and was about to give up, but thought I would try Peruna.
"After I had taken about one-third of a bottle I noticed a difference. I am now completely cured, after suffering with catarrh for eighteen years.
"I think if those who are afflicted with catarrh would try Peruna they would never regret it."
Man-a-lin an Ideal Laxative.

Sixteen ounces of performance to every pound of promise in the advertisement of THE AMERICAN.

Weak Throat—Weak Lungs

Cold after cold; cough after cough! Troubled with this taking-cold habit? Better break it up. We have great confidence in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for this work. No medicine like it for weak throats and weak lungs. Ask your doctor for his opinion. He knows all about it. His approval is valuable. Follow his advice—at all times. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

Always keep a good laxative in the house. Take a dose when your cold first comes on. What is the best laxative for this? Ayer's Pills. Ask your doctor his opinion. Let him decide.

BREAK THAT COLD

Before it sends you to a sick bed. Consumption is often the result of neglected colds. So don't delay—get a bottle today of the true
"L. F." ATWOOD'S BITTERS
The surest, quickest, safest cold remedy known. They drive all the impurities from the system, relieve congestion of throat and head, and the cold disappears like magic. Nothing like the "L. F." Medicine for cleansing bowels and blood and putting the whole system right. A few doses will do it. Get a bottle today, 35 cents at dealers.