

A Brand from the Burning

True Story of the Secret Service

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GEORGE Sheldon was an honest and industrious young man. Ingentious and good education, he had acquired high excellence in the practice of the engraver's art.

In the winter of 1869 and '70 he was employed to do government plate work by a large bank note engraving company in the city of New York. Although conservative in many things, he was fond of display in dress and the enjoyment of high living. He took his dinners at a fashionable uptown restaurant. In the course of time he noticed that a seat on the opposite side of the table at which he usually dined was regularly occupied by a genteel appearing middle-aged man.

One day when there chanced to be no other persons sitting near, the stranger remarked that they ought to become better acquainted with each other. He then led the conversation in a manner to draw from Sheldon his name and business. When he learned that he was an engraver in the employ of a bank note company, he affected great surprise.

"An engraver? Indeed. Well, I am glad to know it. I want some work done in that line, but I was not certain where to apply. I am very particular about it, and would be willing to pay well for a good job."

"What is the subject?" Sheldon inquired.

"This," said the stranger, as he handed out the photograph of a pretty female face. "If it was nicely done what would it cost?"

"That depends on the fineness of the work. Anywhere from \$50 to \$200."

"The price is not so much an object with me as the quality of the work. I will pay liberally for a good job."

One hundred and seventy-five dollars was the sum finally agreed upon. When the engraving was completed and delivered the employer was so well pleased that he said he understood the price to be \$200, and insisted on paying that amount. Sheldon was afterwards supplied with a number of small jobs from the same source and was liberally paid for his work.

One day his patron suddenly broke out with the exclamation: "You are an excellent workman, and I am greatly surprised to see a man of your skill with the graver plodding along in this way when you could easily make your fortune in a short time if you were so disposed."

"How could it be done?"

"By making plates for bonds and money. You engrave the plates for certain persons. They pay you big money. You have nothing to do with the use they are put to."

This man who was adroitly tempting young Sheldon was the procurer, or to be more explicit, the capitalist of one of the most dangerous gangs of counterfeiters ever organized in this country. To Sheldon he was Mr. Devoe, but this was only one of the many names by which he was known to the different persons employed by him. He was the autocrat of all the counterfeiters and forgers of his day, and one of the few criminals that escaped physical punishment for their many misdeeds. He was discovered by the officers in the latter days of his life and it was a close race between them and the devil. The latter won. Devoe was a gifted manipulator of men, and he was successful in crazing young Sheldon's mind with visions of great riches. Sheldon quit the employ of the bank note company, and following Devoe's advice took lodgings at a house where the people were not inquisitive in regard to his business.

In the summer of 1871 a counterfeit \$10 treasury note made its appearance in most of the great cities of the country. To the untrained eye the note was a good fac-simile of the genuine. The lettering, the seal, the vignette and everything about it, except the eccentric lattice work, were quite perfect, but it was not difficult to discover by the use of a magnifying glass that the fine lattice lines were irregular. In the genuine these lines are made by machinery so perfect that it is impossible to imitate them by hand. A counterfeit note even to be practised eye may appear all right at a casual glance, but its base nature can be readily discovered by a careful examination of its eccentric lattice work.

The note of which I speak was an excellent imitation, but it was early discovered and its circulation checked. At this time the chief office of the government secret service of New York was being almost daily visited by persons offering information in regard to the various crimes against the government. There were many secrets, suspicions and surmises offered for sale at prices ranging from one hundred to a million dollars. The greater part of the informers were anxious to conceal their identity.

On one particular occasion my office was visited by a genteel appearing young woman. She came into the main and requested a private interview with the chief. She was careful and cautious in her manner.

Her interview with me appeared to be more for the purpose of obtaining information than giving it. In the course of her conversation she inquired as to the disposition of persons arrested for counterfeiting and the results of confessions, etc. She hinted of a counterfeiting scheme, but she either did not know or was unwilling to give any definite information. I finally drew from her that she might be able to find out something that would be of service to the government. The conclusion I came to was that some of her family were in some way connected with counterfeiting and that she was seeking a way to check their operations and at the same time save them from punishment. I questioned her carefully but was unable to gather sufficient information to lead to anything tangible. I thought there was something worth looking after, but did not know just how to get at it. When she left my office she was followed by a detective, but the officer was unable to shadow her without giving himself away, as she repeatedly turned around and looked about as though she suspected she was being followed, and the detective finally lost sight of her.

Some weeks after this I received an anonymous note couched in somewhat singular terms. It was in a fine female hand and read as follows: "To the Chief of the Govt. Secret Service, 56 Bleeker St."

Believing that confidential communications may be addressed to you without fear of exposure, I have determined to give you information that I

am sure will be valuable. This brief note may form an important part in the history of a life begun in the love-light of a fond home and ending as associations to end in a felon's cell, possibly in a felon's grave. To demonstrate the truth of what I say, go to No. ——— St., and examine for yourself."

It was a house that had long been considered undesirable and located upon a fashionable street, that was thus brought to my attention. It was only a weak suspicion, but yet I thought it sufficiently pointed to warrant an investigation. It was soon learned that this house was occupied by an elderly gentleman, apparently a Russian or German, a tall young man of twenty-five or thereabouts, and a rather comely appearing young woman.

In their coming and going they appeared much like other people. This particular house, however, had long been pointed out and stared at because of a great crime that had once been committed within its walls.

The Rhetschlags, as they were known, were a very secluded family. No one seemed to know where they came from or by what means they earned their livelihood. It was rare that any person had been seen to enter their door during the day time. While the detectives were on watch a young man of prepossessing appearance called at the house on two occasions in the evening, remaining a short time. When he left he carried a small bundle. It was also learned from the people on the other side of the wall that strange noises had been heard late at night. There was a clicking and jarring sound as of some one pounding upon the floor with a heavy instrument. The neighbors thought there might be something wrong, and that was all the thought they gave to the matter. Each night a bright light was seen gleaming from an upper window, and the shadows of persons moving to and fro were cast upon the closely-drawn window shade. The detective had slipped up to the

front door and put his ear to the key-hole. He heard the clicking and was positive that it was a printing press in operation. For a time I was undecided just what course to pursue. I finally concluded to employ a ruse to get into the house and learn what was going on. An excuse that was thought to be better than no excuse at all was invented to be offered in case of failure. It was known that the doors of the house were kept securely fastened and that any person ringing the door bell would be sighted and refused admittance.

The plan to overcome this difficulty was simple but effective. It was about the middle of the day when a light spring wagon containing a trunk was backed up to the front door of the Rhetschlag house. Two men dressed as laborers took the trunk out of the wagon and carried it up the steps close to the door. The bell was rung. Soon there was an eye at the peephole. The person thinking that the expressman had made a mistake in the house threw open the door to explain. The trunk was quickly thrust across the threshold and the two expressmen sprang into the hall. Two other detectives that had been hovering near were also admitted. Almost at the first glance I discovered that the young woman tending the door was the one that had called at the secret service office and vaguely hinted of a great counterfeiting scheme. I think the recognition was mutual. She bowed slightly in a half welcoming way as she placed her hand upon the stair rail. An elderly man at this moment

stepped into the hall from a side room. He had probably been taking a nap from which he was suddenly roused. I caught a glimpse of a piece of paper as he swiftly put it in his mouth. Springing forward I seized him by the throat. The young woman came to my assistance. She put her hand to the old man's lips and said: "Spel es aus, vater! Spel es aus, vater!"

He flinched and was handed me a bit of closely folded paper. On it was written: "I will bring the back at nine this evening.—Sheldon."

The old man was placed in charge of one of the officers. The young woman now accompanied us upstairs and led us to a door that was locked. The key was turned from the inside. An entrance was demanded, but there was no response. Deliberating a few moments, the officers rushed against the door and burst it open. We found a young man in the room. There was a printing press, a quantity of printer's ink, a long table, a couple of chairs and a stove. But there was not a scrap of paper in sight, nor anything to show that counterfeiting was being carried on. There was plenty of suspicion, but we were unable to find evidence to warrant a conviction. One of the detectives chanced to put his hand on the stove. It was hot. On looking inside we discovered that a considerable amount of paper had been recently burned. A systematic search of the premises was now begun. Every nook and corner of the house was examined. We tore up the carpet and pried up the weak places in the floor. Every piece of furniture and every rag of clothes was searched. The detectives crawled under the roof and on top of it. They looked down the chimneys. Nothing of an incriminating nature was found.

The old man wouldn't talk. He shut his mouth tightly and shook his head to every question asked, and the young man was dumb as an oyster. While the woman did not appear to be anxious to conceal anything from us, she said she was quite unable to ren-

der any further assistance. We were about to give up in despair and leave the house when one of the detectives, more suspicious and hopeful than any of the others, remarked: "There is only one place left. Let us try that hanging lamp."

Taking it down, we unscrewed the top. Here to our great relief we found several thousand dollars in counterfeit \$10 bills. They were newly printed. The old man now broke down and the woman began to cry. She said she had been working under orders from her father, but knew little of what was going on. She was sure that counterfeit money was being made there, but she did not know what was done with it. She was also aware that her lover was mixed up in the scheme. She was between the devil and the deep sea and was at a loss what course to take, but had finally concluded to become an informer.

I was satisfied I had obtained the bottom facts so far as the woman was concerned and that Sheldon, who was expected there that evening, would bring the back of the counterfeit. The father and brother had been doing the printing. If the old man now told me the truth, they had never been engaged in selling or passing the bogus stuff. They were not trusted with both of the counterfeit \$10 plates at the same time. When the face of the note was finished the plate for printing the back was brought and the face plate taken away. Sheldon was the man that brought the plates and took away the counterfeits. The young woman had assisted in these operations to a certain extent, but she had been doing this under pressure. She had now informed the officers and chanced the result.

The door bell was rung promptly at nine o'clock and Sheldon was admitted. When he was confronted with the situation, he wilted and staggered to a seat. His every faculty seemed paralyzed with blank despair. The woman threw her arms about him and pleaded with him to tell the truth. He now became greatly excited and declared in a trembling voice that he would make a clean breast of the whole affair and take what was coming to him. I listened to the recital of his life. He hoped for wealth and the others. It was an unhealthy longing, but the opportunity was so plainly presented to him by the oily-tongued Devoe that he sacrificed his manhood and yielded to the tempter. Once within the hypnotic influence of this great procurer he was compelled to do his bidding. Now that he knew the worst he felt relieved. With a curl of his lip and a sudden elevation of his head his eyes met mine as he gave me his promise to surrender the counterfeit plates and to aid the government by every means within his power.

All classes of confederated criminals fear the squealer more than they do the detectives. In fact, it would be quite impossible to destroy a well-organized gang of counterfeiters without using one man against the other. For this reason I never hesitated while chief of the government secret service to act upon my own judgment. We arrested the counterfeiters without process of law, and used them to the best possible advantage to the government. The records of the secret service of the treasury department, will, if examined, show that the system of using one counterfeiter against another was successful. When a confederate who has for years been associated with others in crime, is made to confess and assist the government, he is more dreaded by his associates than any other force that can be employed.

Counterfeiting combines the worst features of fraud interwoven with the most cunningly devised modes of escape. The confederate is better booked and more fully equipped to undertake the unearthing of a gang of counterfeiters than the best trained detective.

I mention these facts that the reader may better understand the object I had in view in this case as in most others. Young Rhetschlag pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary. His father was old and feeble. Upon his promise that he would never again engage in counterfeiting I paroled him. The young woman had rendered good service and I did not attempt to hold her or use her as a witness. Sheldon made important disclosures that enabled me to arrest several dangerous counterfeiters. He was weak and easily persuaded, but after using him on the witness stand against his confederates I did not think him dangerous to go at large. The bank note company was only too glad to employ him notwithstanding the fact he had been engaged in counterfeiting. Besides, Miss Rhetschlag who had been so prominent in assisting in bringing young Sheldon upon the stool of repentance, and putting him in a way to redeem himself, was anxious to marry him. The consummation of this I made as one of the conditions of his release. It might have been a little out of order, but it turned out all right. A wedding soon followed.

I some time afterward received from Mr. Boutwell, the secretary of the treasury, a letter saying that he had been informed that a certain engraving company doing government work had in its employ a dangerous counterfeiter named Sheldon, and suggested that I attend to this matter at once. In reply to the secretary's letter I gave him a detailed account of the capture and release of Sheldon together with my reasons for the same. My course met the secretary's approval, in fact I was commended for it. So far as I know Sheldon has since led an honest life. If he has ever violated the pledge he gave me I have not heard of it.

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NEWS OF MICHIGAN

Muskegon.—After negotiations lasting over three months, the Muskegon school board closed the purchase of the property of Mrs. John C. Scott, adjacent to the Hackley public library, on which the school authorities will build the Hackley Art Institute. The price paid for the property was \$7,000.

Grand Haven.—Henry Nelderling, twenty-five, married, accidentally shot himself while hunting. He paused to shoot a rabbit when the shotgun was accidentally discharged and he received the charge in his shoulder.

Saginaw.—It has been found that the city scales on which are based the prosecution for short weight of several coal companies in this city, are incorrect. The complaints will be withdrawn.

Bay City.—The business men of this city have decided that a northeastern Michigan fair, on the plan of the west Michigan fair, will do a great deal towards advertising the great section of the state tributary in a business way to Bay City, and have decided to organize an association for that purpose, to hold the first fair next fall.

Bay City.—J. R. Dale, sheriff of Noble county, Okla., has come all the way to Bay City to get George Sheldon, an erstwhile cowboy, who is accused of stealing a saddle worth \$300 from the famous 101 ranch, owned by Zack T. Miller, who is also owner of the wild west show named after the ranch. The sheriff understood that Sheldon would return without requisition papers, but found on his arrival that he had been misinformed. He declares, however, that he will get the man if he has to stay here all winter.

Marine City.—The Peninsula Motor Truck company of Detroit has obtained the option of the Parker farm on Belle river and is endeavoring to establish a concern that will manufacture two-ton motor trucks in this city. Citizens of Marine City will hold a meeting January 6 to arrange for the sale of stock.

Grand Rapids.—Because he lost his legs several years ago, Jack Miller's life was twice saved. The man, who walks about on the stumps of his limbs, became intoxicated and on his way home lay down between the rails in the railroad yards. A train passed over him, but because he fitted in between the rails he was unhurt when rescued by a brakeman. After he started for home again he repeated the trick a block away. He was arrested, but the lack of legs secured for him a suspended sentence.

Battle Creek.—The defense in the trial of J. Howard Green, charged with shooting Thomas Skidmore, charged with despoiling his home, has begun to present its case. Supposedly disinterested persons in Los Angeles, where the trial is being held, are of the opinion that Green will be acquitted under an "unwritten law" passed in the case, without compromising Mrs. Green.

Monroe.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rath of Raisinville township, were struck by a Pere-Marquette passenger train while driving on a crossing at Fort street and caught by the tender and carried 500 feet up the tracks. They were seriously injured. The horse was killed and the buggy demolished. The local Masons gave a banquet to 35 members of the body, the Maumee, Mich., and Perryburg, O., lodges being present. Third degree work was exemplified.

Petoskey.—The Petoskey charter commission has decided to formulate in the new charter a method by which city members of the county board of supervisors may be appointed by each voting precinct. According to resolutions adopted by the board, all city officials will be appointed with the exceptions of mayor, three councilmen, two justices of the peace and two constables. The council of three members only will be elected at large.

Ann Arbor.—President Emeritus Angell of the University of Michigan, is suffering from a bad fall on an icy sidewalk. One of his legs was lamed considerably, but it is thought the injury will not be permanent.

Vassar.—Daniel Elliston, aged sixty-six, a resident of Vassar 36 years, died in the Saginaw general hospital as the result of an operation. He was a carpenter and built many homes and business blocks here. A widow, daughter and two sons survive.

Saginaw.—Sister Angelica Elizabeth Smith, aged fifty-five, a member of St. Mary's sisterhood for 36 years, died. She was a teacher in St. Andrew's academy in this city. Her body will be shipped to Terre Haute, Ind., for interment.

Port Huron.—John McGraw, a Grand Trunk brakeman, miscalculated distance to the ground when he leaped from a car in the local yards. He fell beneath the wheels and his right foot was so badly mangled that it was amputated.

Battle Creek.—George D. Young was arrested on a charge of larceny. The complainant, ex-alderman George Brott, asserts that Young, entering his wood yard with ten teams and a small army of men, removed 42½ cords of wood at one time. Young intimates he had to take the wood to balance his books with Brott. He is under \$200 bonds. Young will fight the case.

LeNox.—Zenas E. Corey, a pioneer of Macomb county, ex-postmaster, supervisor and justice of the peace, is dead at the age of seventy-six. He leaves a widow and two children.

Saginaw.—The three children of Mr. and Mrs. William Coates, who were deserted by their father three months ago, will be cared for on Christmas by the Salvation Army and the Sunshine society. The father is supposed to be in Canada. The mother takes in washing. Malcolm Ross, seventy-one, a former undertaker, is dead of heart disease.

Troy.—Gilbert Clark, twenty-one, was killed by a falling tree, near Platt river.

Donia.—Caleb Pierce, who shot himself December 3, that his family might collect \$3,000 life insurance, died.

SLIGHT DIFFERENCE.



"Me mudder t'ought I'd be a cap'n of industry."

"You missed it, eh?"

"Yep; I became a major general of indolence!"

BABY'S HAIR ALL CAME OUT

"When my first baby was six months old he broke out on his head with little bumps. They would break out again and I spread all over his head. All the hair came out and his head was scaly all over. Then his face broke out all over in red bumps and it kept spreading until it was on his hands and arms. I bought several boxes of ointment, gave him blood medicine, and had two doctors to treat him, but he got worse all the time. He had it about six months when a friend told me about Cuticura. I sent and got a bottle of Cuticura. I sent and got a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. In three days after using them he began to improve. He began to take long naps and to stop scratching his head. After taking two bottles of Resolvent, two boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Soap he was sound and well, and never had any breaking out of any kind. His hair came out in little curls all over his head. I don't think anything else would have cured him except Cuticura. I have bought Cuticura Ointment and Soap several times since to use for cuts and sores and have never known them to fail to cure what I put them on. I think Cuticura is a great remedy and would advise any one to use it. Cuticura Soap is the best that I have ever used for toilet purposes." (Signed) Mrs. F. E. Harmon, R. F. D. 1, Atoka, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1910.

Breaking It Gently.

Callahan was stopped on the street by Father Clancy. The good priest's countenance took on a sad expression.

"What's this, I hear, Callahan," asked he, "about your breaking Hogan's head last night? And the two of you friends for years?"

Callahan seemed somewhat taken back. "Sure, I was compelled to do it, your reverence," he explained apologetically, "but out of consideration for that same frindliness, I broke it gently, your reverence."—Lippincott's.

The Patient Townsmen.

"So you got to work in spite of the snow drifts?"

"Yes. But I don't see why the city folks should not follow the example of country people and put up a strong kick for good roads."

On the Ties.

First Theoplan—Walking home?

Second Theoplan—Yes, the railroad cars are insufficiently heated.

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"It is very good," she said. "Your play is very good, indeed, and I shall send all my American friends to see it."

"In that case," said the playwright, with a very low and courtly bow, "my little piece will sell 90,000 tickets."

Blue Monday.

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"Maybe it's because so much blueing is used."—Judge.

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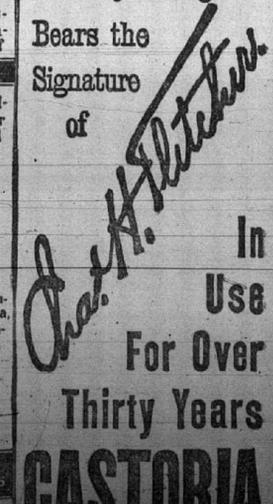
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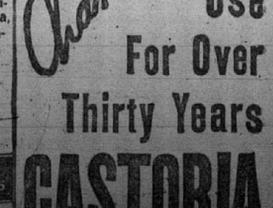
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A man "sees stars" because the eye has been momentarily flattened, either by sudden action or by a spontaneous spasm. Sudden sickness, a swoon, nausea, or some too poignant emotion may be enough to produce the reflex movement. The most peculiar feature is that the "initial seat" of the phenomenon is not in the eye, but in the ear. This is a recognized physiological fact that has been demonstrated

by the best eye specialists. The sense of locality, the sense of space, to which man owes his power to stand alone, to walk straight, to look straight forward or in any chosen direction, the sense which regulates his attitudes and co-ordinates his gestures, is seated in the semi-circular canals of the internal ear. When a hemorrhage, a wound, or a violent disturbance of any sort produces disturbance in the semi-circular canals the disturbance is followed by vertigo. Vertigo is a visual trouble. The vic-

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GOT HIS SOBRIQUET EARLY

"Honest John" Kelly Proved His Right to the Title Long Before Manhood.

There have been many stories about the manner in which "Honest John" Kelly, the ex-umpire, first got his nickname. Mr. Kelly's letter, which he wrote to a New York letter, holds that it came to him naturally, for even as a small boy the purity of his soul shone through his face. "I think the first time I was ever called 'Honest John' was when I was quite a youngster," said Kelly. "A man engaged as an ambulatory salesman of tinware observed the ingenuous countenance I presented to the world and hailed me. 'You look honest, boy,' said he. 'What might your name be?' 'John,' said I, quite simply. 'John,—just like that. Then hold my horse while I go in the saloon and get a drink,' said he. And so I held his horse while he went in the saloon and got a drink. But this was on lower Ninth avenue, in a day when the avenue's honors went to the man who could clean the most cops in a given time. By and by the gang came along and beheld that wagon full of tinware. The peddler was detained within by a sore thirst, and they took the tinware. And then they came back and took the cushions off the wagon. Eventually, becoming daring, they unhooked the wagon and took it away. True to my trust, I stood there, holding the horse. And by and by the peddler came out of the saloon and sized up the situation. 'Well,' said he warmly, 'you're Honest John, all right. You saved the horse.'"

COMING HIS WAY.



"What luck, my boy?" "Oh! pretty fair. I got six winders, two lamp posts and one silk hat already."

Ended the Controversy. On the steps of an old Universalist church in Bath, Me., there is a wooden figure of an angel. It is not a remarkably fine specimen of art, and has always been somewhat laughed about, especially because of its high-heeled shoes. The Bath Enquirer recalls the story that a former pastor of the North Congregational church once accosted a devoted Universalist with the question: "Mr. Raymond, did you ever see an angel with high-heeled shoes on its feet?" "Why, no," answered Mr. Raymond, "I can't say that I ever did; but did you ever see one without them?"

Left Both Satisfied. It all happened on one of those few surviving pay-after-you-enter cars. "Oh, I insist on paying, Glady," said the brunette. "You paid coming down."

"No, I shall pay," declared Glady with equal firmness. "What if I did pay coming down—didn't you buy that last package of gum?" "Let me settle the quarrel, ladies," suggested the diplomatic conductor. "Why not use the denatured form of Dutch treat?" "What's that?" "Well, you each pay the other's fare."

They Both Knew. The fool said one day in the king's presence, "I am the king!" And the king laughed, for he knew that his fool was wrong.

A week later the king was angry, because of an error he had committed, and exclaimed: "I am a fool!" And the fool laughed, for he knew that his king was right.—Smart Set.

GOT IT.

Got Something Else, Too.

"I liked my coffee strong and I drank it strong," says a Pennsylvania woman, telling a good story, "and although I had headaches nearly every day I just would not believe there was any connection between the two. I had weak and heavy spells and palpitation of the heart, too, and although husband told me he thought it was the coffee that made me so poorly, and did not drink it himself for he said it did not agree with him, yet I loved my coffee and thought I just would not do without it. "One day a friend called at my home—that was a year ago. I spoke out how well she was looking and said: "Yes, and I feel well, too. It's because I am drinking Postum in place of ordinary coffee." Then she told me how it was a drink and how much better she since using it in place of coffee or tea. I sent to the store and bought a package and when it was made according to directions it was so good I never bought a pound of coffee. I began to improve immediately. I cannot begin to tell you how much better I feel since using Postum in place of coffee. My health is not any more as good as it was, but I am in a practice fight at the aviation meet here Tuesday, but was not hurt. Martin had just completed his machine and had made three circuits of the course.

Aviator Falls 75 Feet. Los Angeles.—Glenn Martin, an amateur aviator from Santa Ana, fell 75 feet in a practice flight at the aviation meet here Tuesday, but was not hurt. Martin had just completed his machine and had made three circuits of the course.

Seeks Santa Claus, Dies. Chicago.—Max, three-year-old son of William Ritschick, was burned to death Tuesday while looking for Santa Claus in a clothes closet with a lighted match.

CONGRESS TO BE ASKED FOR LAW AGAINST SPIES

Army Officers Believe Draconic Measures Necessary by Action of Japanese Agents.

Washington.—The enactment of a law looking to the punishment of foreign spies will be asked for when Congress again assembles. The cases of the two English officers recently imprisoned in Germany as spies will be urged as examples. It is the firm conviction of American army officers that drastic measures of this kind are necessary to put an end to the wholesale spying that is being engaged in by Japanese secret agents wherever the American flag flies.

This lack of a means of punishing such spies was pointed out at the war department in connection with the news that Gen. William P. Duval, who has made a reputation in the Philippines by keeping watch on the agents of all nations who are too inquisitive about this government's fortification plans has been granted leave of absence and is coming to the United States.

General Duval will be succeeded by Gen. Franklin Bell, a very competent officer who is given to the expression of his opinions and who will pursue the policy of General Duval of excluding spies and other visitors from the Manila fortifications.

For its own purposes the war department at this time is apparently making no effort to get detailed reports concerning the landing of explosives illegally in the Philippines and the arrest of another Japanese spy at Corregidor in the harbor of Manila.

The department has made inquiry and it expects to receive from General Duval a full report of the recent happenings in the Philippines and especially as to the relation of Japanese to those occurrences.

GARY CITY RULERS INDICTED.

Mayor, Police and Attorney's Named in Conspiracy Charges.

Gary, Ind.—Following their indictment by the Lake county grand jury Mayor Thomas B. Knotts, Chief of Police Joseph D. Martin and eight others were arrested by deputy sheriffs.

GOTCH CHALLENGES THE WORLD.

Champion Wrestler Who Retired Has Decided to Re-enter the Ring.

Omaha, Neb.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, who retired from the mat after defeating Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, has decided to re-enter the ring and, through Farmer Burns of Omaha, his trainer, issued a challenge to any man in the world, Hackenschmidt preferred, for \$20,000, the winner to take the entire wrestlers' share of the gate receipts and the purse.

MOUNT ETNA SPOUTS FLAMES.

Begins Eruption Without Earth Tremors—Villagers Are Alert.

Catania, Sicily.—Mount Etna is showing considerable activity. There have been no earth tremors, however, but red hot material has been erupted, making a striking contrast with the snow-capped volcano. The villagers living near the crater, remembering former experiences, are keeping a close watch on the volcano in fear of being overwhelmed.

KIDNAPERS GET LONG TERMS. Judge Unmercifully Scores "Black Handers" Convicted of Stealing Two Boys in Brooklyn. New York.—In a courtroom guarded by detectives to prevent bomb-throwing or any attempt at release, Maria Rappa and Stanislaus Pattenza, the kidnapers of the Longo and Rizzo boys, were sentenced by Judge Favocet to not less than twenty-nine years in prison nor more than forty-nine years and ten months.

ILLINOIS TEACHERS IN MEET.

Legislation and Health Are the Leading Subjects for Discussion.

Chicago.—An appropriation of \$250,000 to provide a building for the school of education of the University of Illinois, a measure for a state system of pensions for public school teachers and a law prohibiting public drinking cups are matters of proposed legislation slated for discussion and probable approval at the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' association which began here Tuesday. President Urion of the city board of education and a representative of Mayor Busse welcomed the six thousand teachers. Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, president of the association, delivered her address and Andrew F. West, dean of the graduate school, Princeton university, discussed "The Assault on Our Colleges."

Today public health will be the subject of discussion, the speakers being Health Commissioner W. A. Evans, Dr. William H. Allen, director of the bureau of municipal research of New York City; Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, and Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State university.

BIG SEIZURE OF LIQUID EGGS.

Shipment Alleged to Be Rotten Traced to Chicago Companies.

New York.—Louis G. Beekman, United States deputy marshal, and Herman Lind, United States food inspector, seized nine tons of eggs declared to be rotten at the Merchants Refrigerating company's plant at Jersey City. The seizure is one of the biggest yet made by the government in its crusade against the sale of rotten eggs to bakers, confectioners and others for use in food products.

PILOT OF ENGINE SAVES MAN.

Wife Killed, But Farmer, Carried Six Miles, Ailights Only Dazed.

Lemoyne, O.—Thrown on the pilot engine of the south-bound fast Hocking Valley passenger train which struck and demolished the buggy and killed his wife, who was riding with him, John Bartelsheim, a wealthy farmer, was carried to Pemberville, six miles distant, where he awoke, dazed from the shock and exposure to the cold, but otherwise unharmed.

When he awoke from the engine he still held part of the broken lines in one hand, together with the lap robe.

DENKMANN IS MADE A KNIGHT.

Wealthy Rock Island Man Decorated With Order of Vasa by Sweden.

Moline, Ill.—Word was received here from the Swedish consul at Chicago that King Gustavus V. of Sweden by royal decree has created Frederick C. Denkmann of Rock Island Knight of the Order of Vasa. This is done in appreciation of Mr. Denkmann's many gifts to Augustana college here, the largest Swedish institution in America. Less than a dozen have been accorded this high honor since the founding of the order by King Gustavus III. in 1772.

STREET CARS COLLIDE IN AIR.

Crash on Viaduct Kills Two and Injures More Than 50.

Kansas City, Mo.—Two persons were killed and more than fifty hurt, four seriously, in a street between here and Kansas City, Kan. The dead are Omar, a Duke and John Harding, both of Kansas City, Kan. Both cars were headed west. One car, when about the end of the bridge at a point thirty feet above ground, lost its trolley. The other crashed into it. Four persons fell off the viaduct into the sand below.

COMPLETE ROAD AHEAD OF TIME.

Atlantic Northern and Southern Line in Iowa is Finished.

Atlantic, Ia.—With 48 hours to spare the Atlantic Northern and Southern railroad was finished and a bonus of a quarter of a million dollars voted by a number of towns and townships was won by the promoters of the line. The railroad is 55 miles in length and 35 miles was built in the last three months. The bonus was pledged on condition that cars be running the entire length of road by December 30.

DOG UPSETS AUTO; FOUR HURT. Caught in Wheels of Machine, Animal Makes Car Turn Turtle. Carlyle, Ill.—Caught under the wheels of a passing automobile, a big dog caused the machine to turn turtle and injure four men here. Rev. Mr. Schlarman of Belleville, Rev. Father Gilmartin of Breese, Circuit Clerk Schlarman of Carlyle and P. W. Welsh of Breese were in the car. All four men were cut and bruised. Father Gilmartin is seriously hurt.

GOT THE BEST OF THE ELDER

apt Quotations of Brer Reuben Save His Mule and at the Same Time Rebuked Sin.

Elder Harris was making another attempt to induce one of the members of his flock to trade horses with him. "Dat pony o' yo'n, Brer Reuben," he said, "is jes' what I want, an' my big bay horse is jes' w' yo' want. I kin git 'er de groun' faster wid de pony, an' yo' kin haul a bigger load wid de hoss. Hit'd be a good trade fur bofe on us, 'ceptin' dat it'd be a leetle better fur you dan it would fur me. You take de bay and give me de chee'nut sorl'."

"De pony suits me well 'nough, elder," averred Brother Reuben, for the twentieth time. "I don' keer 't make no swap."

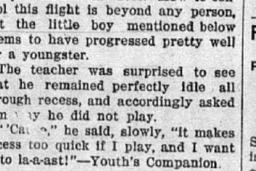
"But I jes' natchelly got 't have dat pony, Brer Reuben."

"Elder," spoke the other, after a period of profound thought, "I been wantin' 't ast yo' a question for a long time. 'Well, what is it?' 'I know w'at one o' de postles says 'bout de law be'n done away wid, but ain't we still livin' undah de ten commandments?' 'Brer Reuben," solemnly averred Elder Harris, "we air."

"Well, one o' dem commandments says we musn't covet anythin' w' b'longs 't our neighbors, an' yo're covetin' dat I'll cheestnut sorl' pony o' mine, Brer Harris!"

Then the elder gave it up. Clearly the tenth commandment was against him.—Chicago Tribune.

TOUGH LUCK FOR BOTH.



Kind Old Gentleman—Why, children, what's the matter? The Twins (in chorus)—Boohoo! Everybody sez I looks jest like him!

A Young Philosopher.

Time is a relative quantity. Some minutes seem like hours and some hours seem like minutes. How to control this flight is beyond any person, but the little boy mentioned below seems to have progressed pretty well for a youngster.

The teacher was surprised to see that he remained perfectly idle all through recess, and accordingly asked him why he did not play.

"Can't," he said, slowly, "it makes recess too quick if I play, and I want it to la-ast!"—Youth's Companion.

Old Women in Maine.

Gray is a quintet of ladies whose ages is over ninety years. Mrs. Enoch Merrill's age is ninety-nine years and eleven months, while Mrs. Lois B. Small reached her ninety-eighth birthday on November 6, and both these ladies are bright and active. Mrs. Mary A. Frank was ninety-six last September, and is in her usual health. Mrs. Hannah T. Rowe is ninety-one; Mrs. Mary Leighton also is ninety-one.—Kennebec Journal.

Hard-Hearted Judge.

The Sympathetic Pal—Wotcher, Bill! You looks bad; been laid up? Bill—Yes, sort of. 'Aven't been outer doors for three months. The Sympathetic Pal—Wot was the matter wif yer? Bill—Nuffin'; only the judge wouldn't believe it.—The Sketch.

What Happened.

Fate—Did you call? Opportunity—Yes, but she sent word by her servant she wasn't in.—Harper's Bazar.

IDENTIFIED.



Stranger—My lad, I'm looking for a Mr. John Smith.—Kid—I'm Mr. John Smith.

Life's Varied Interests. "The weather's rather bad, isn't it?" asked the young woman. "Yes," replied the nonchalant youth. "Lucky thing it is. Helps conversation. It would be a deadly bore to go on for ever saying 'it's a pleasant day.'"

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REALLY OPENED THEIR EYES

Parishoner's Remark, However, Left Young Minister Somewhat in the Dark.

Rev. Henry R. Rose in the Newark Star tells the story of a young minister who had recently taken charge of a small parish in Vermont. He aspired to greater things and a large field, and in the hope that his reputation would travel beyond the limits of the village to which he had been sent he threw into his sermons all the force and eloquence at his command. He was, however, totally unprepared for what was intended for a compliment, but which was put to him in such a way that it left him in doubt as to the real impression he had made. One Sunday morning, after an especially brilliant effort, he was greeted by the most faithful attendants at all services. Approaching the young minister, she said: "Ah, sir, we do enjoy your sermons so much, they are so instructive. Do you believe it, we never knew what sin was until you came to the parish."

Same Thing. Joakley—You're right; most people worry over what they haven't got, but I know certain people who worry because of what they have.

Concise? That's what have they? Joakley—Nothing.—The Catholic Standard and Times.

Young Age Pensions. Young age pensions! Why not? Titles, honors, riches, pensions and most other good things are, as a rule, postponed to a period of life when the capacity for enjoying them has been blunted. Australia was one of the first countries to adopt old age pensions, and now a Labor member of commonwealth parliament proposes a complementary scheme of young age pensions. He would start by pensioning the fourth child at birth. The fact that three had previously been born showed that the parents were doing their duty and deserving well of the state. The young age pension would reward industry and encourage the birth rate.—London Chronicle.

The Primitive Man. "Jones is so dreadfully primitive," "What's his latest?" "Why, we were at the opera house the other night and a stage hand removed a table and Jones yelled 'Supel sape!' We were dreadfully mortified." "I was at a dinner the other night and Jones sat next to me. When he saw the row of spoons and forks and knives beside his plate, he beckoned to the waiter. 'Say, boy,' he hoarsely muttered. 'I guess you spilled the spoon.' 'Well, it's lucky he's rich.' "Ain't it?"

The wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and loses, which he is loved and blessed by.—Carlyle.

Now About Clean Food

Another Splendid Opportunity to Bring Out Facts

When the "Weekly" which sued us for libel (because we publicly denounced them for an editorial attack on our claims) was searching for some "weak spot," they thought best to send a N. Y. Atty. to Battle Creek, summoned 25 of our workmen and took their sworn statements before a Commissioner.

Did we object? No. On the contrary, we helped all we could, for the opportunity was too good to be lost.

Geo. Haines testified he inspected the wheat and barley, also floors and every part of the factories to know things were kept clean. That every 30 minutes a sample of the products was taken and inspected to keep the food up to standard and keep out any impurities, also that it is the duty of every man in the factories to see that anything not right is immediately reported. Has been with the Co. 10 years.

Edward Young testified had been with the Co. 15 years. Inspector, he and his men examined every sack and car of wheat and barley to see they were up to standard and rejected many cars.

H. E. Burt, Supt., testified has been with Co. over 13 years. Bought only the best grain obtainable. That the Co. kept a corps of men who do nothing but keep things clean, bright and polished.

Testified that no ingredient went into Grape-Nuts and Postum except those printed in the advertising. No possibility of any foreign things getting into the foods as most of the machinery is kept closed. Asked if the factory is open to the public, said "yes" and "it took from two to three guides constantly to show visitors through the works." Said page of the processes were carried on behind closed doors.

At this point attys. for the "Weekly" lawyers hoping to find at least one who would say that some under-grade grain was put in or some unclean condition was found somewhere.

Each and every man testified to the purity and cleanliness.

As a sample, take the testimony of Luther W. Mayo. Testified been with Company about 10 years. Now working in the bakery department making Grape-Nuts. Testified that the ovens and floors are kept clean and the raw products as to in are kept clean. Also that the side ovens. Testified the water used in the Co.'s own artesian wells and was from three times a week.

Q. Do you use Postum or Grape-Nuts yourself at all? A. Yes, I use them at home. Q. If from your knowledge of the factory which you have gained in your ten years at the factory you believed that they were dirty or impure in any way, would you use them? A. I do not think I would. No. Asked if any one on behalf of the Company had asked him to testify in any particular manner. Stated "No." All these sworn depositions were carefully read to the testimony at the trial, for they wouldn't sound well for the "Weekly." Think of the fact that every man swore to the purity and cleanliness so that the Atty. for the "Weekly" was forced to say in open court that the food was pure and good.

What a disappointment for the "Weekly!" But the testimony showed:

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Republican state convention will meet at Saginaw March 2. The representation by delegates will be same as last convention based on vote of presidential year.

Governor Warner's Valedictory.
 Lansing, Mich., Dec. 31.—Governor Warner issued the following statement today:

"I leave for home today after serving the state for fourteen years. The last six at least have been somewhat strenuous. I never felt better in my life than now and shall devote the needed time and attention to looking after the details of my private business, and look forward with pleasure to being a private citizen, endeavoring to render my community and state good service in that capacity.

"So far as the present administration is concerned, I shall be content to wait for the verdict absolutely confident that the time will come in Michigan's history when the calm, dispassionate judgment of the people will commend the substantial results achieved and the sincerity and honesty of the motive that has actuated me since I first came to Lansing as a state senator in 1895."

Governor Warner Censured for Pardoning Three Notorious Murderers.
 Governor Warner on Friday paroled four murderers, all sentenced to life imprisonment for cold-blooded and deliberate murder. The three men who were pardoned are: Edward Ascher, Frank H. Hayes and "Black Bart" Holzhey. This action is a strong argument for capital punishment which puts notorious murderers beyond reach of pardon. The court record of the three notorious murderers pardoned by Governor Warner appears to be as follows:

Edward Ascher was twice convicted of killing an old man, Valmore C. Nichols, for a few hundred dollars. He planned for weeks to get the old man in his power. He made him convert his savings into gold and wear it in a belt around his waist. He deceived him as a fraudulent spiritualistic medium and finally deceived him to Belle Isle in the darkness and slew him.

Frank H. Hayes slew Fred Kelley, a clerk, in cold blood while robbing Caldwell's drug store. He blew out his victim's brains and then stripped the dead man's clothing of all money and valuables.

"Black Bart" Holzhey is the bandit who slew one of his victims, A. E. Fickett, while holding up a stage coach in northern Michigan. For months "Black Bart" terrorized northern Michigan and Wisconsin, robbing houses and pillaging stage coaches and even railroad trains.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the pardon of these notorious criminals is a strong argument, which should be potent, in favor of their abolition or at least for limiting its action. As it is now, it appears to be a court of last resort.

A Political Forecast—Not a Prophecy.
 It is pretty soon to begin offering presidential prophecies for 1912. More than a year must intervene before we begin to think of selecting delegates to the national party conventions; before political issues are sufficiently settled, political sentiment sufficiently crystallized, party lines clearly enough defined and drawn. In two months a whole political situation can be revolutionized—and frequently is. In two months issues, candidates and prospects are sometimes made.

No mere human prophet, then, whatever his sagacity, can foretell political events two years hence. However, we already have some striking indications—indications based upon recent striking events. History lately has been making. In the last three months the position of President Taft, for instance, has been immeasurably clarified and simplified. The "Back from Elba" movement, which originated in the fertile minds of some members of the press gallery of congress, urged on by some genuine and misdirected admirers of Col. Roosevelt, and fomented by the muck-raking magazines, has petered out miserably. That speaking tour through the west started the decline. The Colonel's speaking invasions of several states during the campaign helped on the movement to its fall. Not only did that make enemies for Colonel Roosevelt, but it led directly to the amazing and disconcerting discovery that Col. Roosevelt and his New Nationalism had really but little in common with Insurgency and the Insurgents. Democratic victories in Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and other less significant and less doubtful states were of course Republican defeats in those states and resulted in a Democratic majority in congress, but these Democratic victories also served to obliterate Rooseveltism as a menace to President Taft and the Republican party in the 1912 campaign. It cleared the Republican atmosphere, at least.

Other things have happened, or speedily will happen, to strengthen President Taft's position. The tariff commission, the Canadian reciprocity treaty and much important legislation that is sure to come up during this session of congress will all serve to strengthen and reunite the elements of the Taft administration.

President Taft is vastly stronger than he was two years—hence he will, as a matter of fact, be vastly stronger than he was two years ago. His methods, his sincerity, his forceful person-

ality are growing upon the American people, now that—for the first time since his inauguration—his administration is being judged on its merits.

Barring death and some unforeseen political calamity, William Howard Taft will be the presidential nominee of the Republican national convention in 1912. Who the vice presidential nominee is to be cannot be foretold— suffice it only to say that it is not likely to be Mr. Sherman. Whether through bad judgment on his part, or through the machination of his numerous and resourceful enemies, Mr. Sherman has not been a source of strength to the Taft administration or the Republican party. There is yet abundance of time for a legion of worthy vice presidential candidates to be developed by the exigencies and logic of political events.

On the Democratic side, there is conspicuously, indeed solely, Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio. To be sure, Dr. Woodrow Wilson, recently president of Princeton university, has been elected governor of New Jersey, a Republican state. That was purposed as a test and the outcome was a proof of his political strength. Normally, that victory might entitle Dr. Woodrow Wilson to be rated as a presidential possibility. However, he has already—before his inauguration—succeeded in estranging a substantial element of his political following, the Judge Parker Democrats, the Democratic allies of Wall street. This makes highly questionable his ability to secure enough of the support of the eastern democracy to deserve the leadership of the party in 1912.

On the other hand, Gov. Harmon has already demonstrated his remarkable political strength as well as political acumen and strategy. He is strong both in the middle west and the east, while the west and south are, at least, not hostile to him. He has the added prestige of Bryan opposition, the value of which political asset

varies with one's individual political attitude toward the Commoner. Such a ticket as Harmon for president and Woodrow Wilson for vice president is by no means improbable.

Ohio would thus boast the unprecedented distinction of having produced the presidential nominees of both the major parties. President Taft would probably carry Ohio, even against an opponent so masterful and powerful as Governor Harmon, but it would be a most interesting and hard-fought contest.

The struggle in New Jersey, normally a Republican state, too, would be momentous. The issue throughout the rest of the states would be largely a question of relative party strength.

This much even now, two years before the struggle, seems incontrovertible. The front which the Democratic party is to offer in 1912 is formidable. That they have the strength is shown by the returns of last November's elections. That they have the men is shown by the election of such men as Judson Harmon and Woodrow Wilson. Two years hence the Republican party will begin one of the closest, hardest fought and most momentous battles in its history. For 14 years now Republicans have faced a party hopeful only

of winning. Now the Republicans face a party confident of winning.—Detroit Journal.

Wonderful Iceberg.
 One of the biggest icebergs seen for years near ocean liners is told about by the skipper of the Oravia. He saw it in the South Atlantic, passing Falkland Islands. "The night was cloudy. There was a cutting wind and the temperature of the sea was down to 33 degrees when the great iceberg came into view—a huge mass 50 feet high, partly covered with mist, a long shelving shore of ice, with the sea breaking upon it as upon a wide, desolate beach. When the moon appeared the sight was one never to be forgotten. We gazed upon what seemed to be a floating city of ice as large as Boston, with its towers, its temples, its tapering monuments shooting up in fantastic architecture shimmering in the moonlight like polished silver. It is the lot of few to see such a sight."—New York Press.

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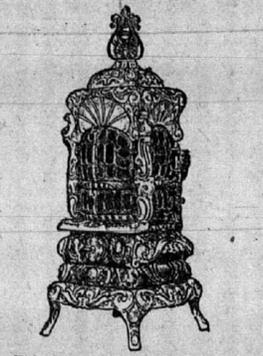
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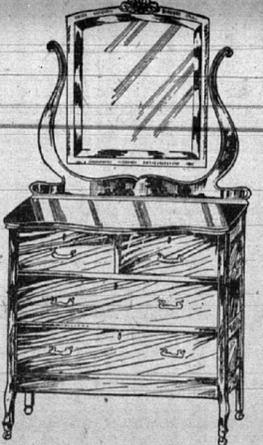
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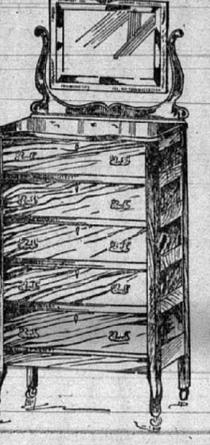
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Brussel Rug, size 9x12 ft., value \$20.00. For this Alteration Building Sale, \$11.75. Mail your orders and We Will Pay Freight To Your Town.

Brussel Rugs, size 9x9 ft., value \$13.50. For this Alteration Building Sale, \$6.95.

City and Country

This is the evangelical world's Week of Prayer.

Raining Sunday but a cold storm now, mercury going to below 10 above zero during night.

Herman Wilson of Grand Rapids and Pauline Hansen of Greenville have license to marry.

The Terepichorean club's fifth informal party of the season had an attendance of forty couples.

Factory No. 2 of the Ranney Refrigerator company suspended operations briefly to repair a leaky boiler.

Greenville students at the university, the agricultural college and normal schools have returned to their studies.

Woman's clubs Monday: Current Events, Mrs. E. Z. Sheldon; St. Quers, Mrs. R. J. Tower; Per Gradus, Mrs. H. B. Streets; Twentieth Century, Mrs. C. H. Rich. The Woman's club met Tuesday with Mrs. T. J. Potter.

The Montcalm Horticultural society will meet at the Grange hall Friday afternoon, January 6. Election of officers. Topic for discussion, "Pruning." Everybody interested in growing good fruit is invited to attend the meetings of the society.

Mrs. Elias Kent was bruised and cut about the head by being thrown out of a cutter a day last week. In company with two other women she was driving a pair of lively horses when they became frightened and ran away. On turning a corner all three were thrown out and Mrs. Kent received the injuries.

Rev. Ole Amble, last week in renewing his subscription to The Independent to which he has been a subscriber many years, incidentally remarked that one day in his ministry he had married three couples and christened seven children. In 1910 he has christened 50 children, a record with which he thinks Theodore Roosevelt would not find fault.

Lakeview Masonic installation and banquet last week was quite an affair. Nearly 100 of the fraternity with their wives and a few invited guests shared in the enjoyment of the occasion. The officers installed were: W. M., George N. Richer; S. W., F. E. Moore; J. W., F. M. Northrop; secretary, Scott Swarthout; treasurer, Sol Gittleman; S. D., C. W. Vining.

Mrs. Edna Johnson of Stanton, preparing to officiate as a fairy at a Christmas tree, was severely burned by fire from a candle on the tree catching in her costume, part of which was made up of cotton. A rug was thrown around her and the flames extinguished but she was severely burned from her ankles to her hips and on her arms and suffered much agony.

The publisher of The Independent is gratified that so large a number of subscribers during the last days of 1910 have adjusted their subscription accounts to begin 1911 aright. Others, to whom it has been inconvenient to attend to the matter now, give us assurance they will see us soon. Everybody is welcome to see us in our new editorial office which receives many compliments from visitors.

The Week of Prayer is being observed at the M. E. church this week with good attendance and interest. Tuesday evening the various lines of work of the local church were discussed by the heads of the several departments. The subject for Thursday evening will be "The Safeguard of Our Country." On Friday evening Superintendent C. F. Straight of the city schools will speak on "The Home and the School." The public are invited.

A funny story is being told on a certain meat dealer. It is said, whether it is true or not, that a certain person bought a chicken from a certain market. The next day an angry man went in and said: "When I order poultry from you again I don't want you to send me any more of those aeroplane roosters." "What kind?" "Oh, you know what I mean. The sort that are all wings and machinery and no meat. Don't do it again, remember."

The annual liquor tax report for Montcalm county shows that there are 21 saloons and one liquor warehouse in the county. Of these Greenville has saloons and a liquor storage warehouse, two of the saloons in hotels; 2 Edmore, 2 in Lakeview, 2 in Howard, 2 in Carson City, 1 in Sheridan, 1 in Stanton, 1 in Gowen, 1 in McGe, 1 in Trufant, 1 in Sidney. Tax 21 saloons at \$500 a saloon is \$10,500, and \$50 for liquor warehouse, making a total of \$10,550. Greenville for tax, \$3,550, of which half, \$1,775, is paid back to Greenville and the other half goes into the county treasury.

Persons desiring a return receipt registered mail from the person to whom it is addressed must so state to the postmaster receiving the same or will not receive it. This new rule from the postoffice department is absurd and foolish and unjust. Let people register mail chiefly to receive receipt that it has and surely reached its destination.

Letter List. Unclaimed letters remaining at postoffice at Greenville, Mich., week ending Jan. 4, 1911: Mrs. Louise Forquharson, Mrs. Myrtle Hall, Mrs. A. Jensen, Mrs. Labadie.

E. J. Bowman has associated with him in his law practice John W. Dasef, an attorney at Stanton, who will have charge of the Greenville office the days Mr. Bowman is on duty as assistant attorney in the United States court at Grand Rapids. Mr. Dasef is no stranger in Greenville and it will be a pleasure for his friends in this part of the county to meet him more frequently. The Masonic installation Thursday evening of last week was quite an event among the fraternity. The attendance was large of Masons and their wives and friends. After a formal reception of Grand Lodge officers, W. M. elect, Fred A. Gleason, announced a recess, in which the ladies of the Eastern Star served and there was much social intercourse. Miss Bernice Osmun rendered choice music on the piano, and solos were sung by Oleon Shauman, Claude Hyde and Clarence Johnson, with accompaniments by Miss Laura Richardson. The installation ceremonies were of much interest.

It is understood that a number of new business places will be erected in Edmore next season. More particulars will be given later. Real estate in this town has almost doubled during the past three or four years. Ten years ago we had nothing but old plank walks and numerous unpainted buildings. We can boast now of nearly six miles of concrete walks and crosswalks on nearly every street. Paint has been generally used and several business places and modern homes erected. The town is not in debt one dollar and the taxes last year were only three quarters of one per cent. In lumbering times Edmore had five or six trains daily and now we have twenty-eight. Some of the large locomotives pull from forty to 50 loaded cars. Eighteen years ago the railroad company, assisted by the taxpayers of Edmore to the tune of \$1000.00, erected a brick railroad station which at that time was considered large enough for future use. Travel and traffic has outgrown its dimensions and it is a common thing to be unable to find standing room at the station.—Edmore Times.

County Teachers' Institute January 19. A county teachers' institute will be held in Greenville Thursday, January 19, which will be of much interest and profit. It will be conducted by Dr. A. E. Winslow of Boston and Prof. W. N. Ferris of Big Rapids. An evening lecture in the M. E. church by Dr. Winslow will be a special attraction to attend which the public is cordially invited.

Butternut Grange. Program for all day meeting Butternut Grange January 7, 1911: 10 a. m., business session; 11 a. m., installation of officers; 12 m., dinner. Afternoon, song by grange; report of state grange by Dana Bower, Greenville, delegate to state grange; Penny ranch; select reading; recitation, Mrs. George Warrent; roll call responded to by each member suggesting one thing which will be well for this grange to do or discuss this year; recitation, Mrs. K. G. Neumann; Evening song.

Taking a Local Paper a Paying Business. Some withhold from their local publisher the \$1.00 or \$1.50 that his publication costs, not considering, apparently, the real money-saver the paper is to the family. The merchant often offers inducements that mean to the purchaser a saving of three times the price of the publication, and yet advantage thereof is not taken because the paper is not seen in the household and that family does not learn of the bargains advertised. No man ever took a weekly paper that did not in the course of the year, if a buyer of anything at all, save the price many times over if he availed himself of advantages its columns set forth and of which he would not be informed in any other way.—Exchange.

Langston Grange. Langston Grange will hold an all day meeting Saturday, Jan. 7, for the purpose of installing officers: Master, Wm. Force; overseer, Leon Ball; lecturer, Fern Wilcox; steward, Alva Schermerhorn; chaplain, Ira Ellis; worth, A. S. Walter; Mellette, secretary, Harley Peterson; treasurer, E. H. Simmons; G. K., L. B. Schermerhorn; flora, Bessie Farnsworth; pomona, Helen Schermerhorn; ceres, Theda Simmons; L. A. S., Gladys McHattie. All grangers are requested to be present.

Mock "County Fair" at Grange Hall Monday and Tuesday Evenings Next Week. The Greenville Episcopal guild, directed by the Bock Entertainment Co., will give an entertainment called "The County Fair," which is a comedy full of fun, a take-off on some county fairs. The Bock Entertainment Co. has management and direction of the show, but the characters are local. It is advertised that there will be a representation of an old-time county fair with its attractions and oddities. Catchy music, funny dialogues and lively choruses will be prominent. Every one who attends will get more than his money's worth. Net receipts for the benefit of the Episcopal guild. Prices: 25 cents and 35 cents.

By nature God is worthy of every pains to be acquainted with.—Plato.

Personal

Mrs. Floyd Link now resides in Lansing. Carl Henkel has gone to Crawfordsville, Ind. Miss Nell Davidson spent New Year's in Lakeview. Miss Marjorie Black has returned to studies at Belleville, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Feldt of Saranac visited Greenville last week. Mrs. J. P. Halliday and children have returned from Jackson. L. B. Bissell and wife of Lakeview are in Georgia to spend the winter. J. E. Osmun and family had a visit last week of J. G. Roop of Duluth. Rev. F. A. Lankin, operated on for appendicitis, is reported doing well.

Day-Old Chick. For day-old chicks send your order to Silk City Hatchery. Will have the best stock. For particulars address E. M. Parney, Belding, Mich.

Moved to Larger Quarters. J. A. Church, who so long occupied the brick building west of J. H. Tompkins' hardware store, has been obliged to move to larger quarters on account of his rapidly increasing business, and may be found in the store formerly occupied by J. C. Jensen & Co., 215 South Lafayette street. Beside his heating and plumbing work, he also carries a line of enameled and tinware goods. Orders. His phone is number 100.

Robert Edsall last week had a visit from a cousin, Joseph Skinner of Detroit. Mrs. W. E. Snyder had a visit last week from Miss Jane Pelton of Detroit. The Smith Bros. and families spent Monday with the E. Chapple family at Belding. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Faber have returned from visiting at Lansing and Jackson. Miss Alice Whittier has returned to Chicago to continue the study of elocution. Mrs. Charles Karmson and Miss Zelma have returned from their trip to Chicago. Miss Helen Winter and Miss Retta Jacobson have returned to school at Oxford, Ohio. Emory Case and N. Sanderson attended a checker tournament at Grand Rapids. Misses Jennie and Hazel Mills returned last week from visiting their mother at Clare. Earle B. Slawson and family returned yesterday from their holiday visiting at Romeo. Miss Katherine Wardie of Ionia last week was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. D. Wardell. Mrs. E. M. Rutherford, visiting her sister, Mrs. George Houle, has returned home to Edmore. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Watson of South Haven spent Christmas with the Fred Bremer family. W. H. Browne and family spent New Year's at Howell, guests of his brother, Dr. J. E. Browne. J. K. Richmond, now of the Soldiers' Home, last week was visiting in Greenville and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Cast Martwell of Indianapolis were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Fowler. Miss Ella Bower, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Bower, has returned to Wyandotte. Miss Ruth Russell and A. J. Russell entertained a number of young people an evening last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rarden have returned from Rockford, Iowa, the home of the parents of Mrs. Rarden. Miss Gladys Henry spent two weeks visiting at Jacksonville, Fla., and then returned to studies at Gainesville, Ga. Miss May Wilson of Detroit returned Monday after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Wright. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newbrough and daughters, Gertrude and Violette, spent the holidays with relatives in Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Heath and children, who spent the holidays with P. Eastman and family, have returned to their home in Milan. Mrs. Byron Eastman, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Cordelia Rhoades, has returned home to Grand Rapids. Mrs. J. S. Chase was robbed of \$1,000 in diamonds and jewelry, so says a half column article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Tillotson and Robert Jr., who spent holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Passage, returned home to Chicago Monday. Rev. D. E. Hills is again confined to his bed. He had a relapse as a result of getting out too soon after his previous confinement. Miss Violet Frownfelder, after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Frownfelder, last week returned to her duties at South Haven. George B. Caldwell, one of Greenville's boys, has been elected manager of the bond department of another Chicago trust and savings bank. The engagement of Florence A. Wagner of Belding and Palmer L. Fales of Portland, Oregon, is announced; wedding to be early in the new year. Stanley and Lucile Kemp entertained about thirty friends at a New Year's eve party Saturday night, in honor of a cousin, Kemp Hutchinson of Chicago. Miss Helen Winter Friday evening entertained at the Winter Inn a number of her friends. Dancing was the order of the evening. Supper was served at 11 o'clock. Emory Anthony DeBree of Greenville and Miss Sarah Louisa Holmes of Grand Lodge were married December 28, 1910. At home after February 1 at Baldwin Place, Greenville. Prof. Enoch H. Harriman of Springfield, Ill., not only teaches in the public schools but he directs the high school orchestra and has charge of the Presbyterian choir of the city. Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Congregational church of Winchester, Mass. The Greenville Congregational church has pleasant memories of Mr. Hodgdon and his family. John W. S. Pierson of Stanton was the first in 1911 to renew his subscription to The Independent. His business life began as a young man in Greenville and hence he desires to keep in touch with the community which was his home in early years. T. I. Phelps has about recovered from rheumatism so that he has made a trip home from St. Louis on business. Mrs. Phelps has somewhat improved—but she yet uses a wheelchair. Miss Jennie is with Mrs. Phelps during the absence of Mr. Phelps. Miss Genevieve Hamper has returned to Detroit after five weeks on the road as a member of Robert Mantell's company. In the company she played Cordelia to Mantell's Lear. She is to rejoin the company in Louisville January 29 and become an understudy in other plays, Miss Hamper is highly complimented by newspaper writers.

There will be a wrestling match at Phelps opera house Thursday evening, January 12, between W. M. Jones of Vanerbilt and A. L. North of Greenville for a purse. This will be a clean athletic exhibition. Admission, 25 cents and 50 cents; ladies free. Greenville Cheese Co.'s Annual Meeting. There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Greenville Cheese Co., held in the city hall in the city of Greenville on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of three Directors commencing at 19 o'clock a. m. for whose term of office will expire at that date, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting. S. C. Woodruff, Secretary. Dec. 27, 1910. Annual Meeting of the Scandinavian Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montcalm and Kent counties, Michigan, will be held in the village of Gowen on Wednesday, the 11th day of January, 1911, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. C. J. Nielsen, Secretary. Dated this 19th day of Dec., 1910.

Farm for Sale. 100 acres, located 4 miles north, 1 mile west of Greenville; first-class soil and good buildings; 1 basement barn 32x50, large potato cellar and other out-buildings, and a good 10-room house. For further information write or call on J. P. Petersen, R. D. No. 3, box 94, Citizens phone 606-6r, Greenville, Mich.

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WARM SHOES Don't go around with cold feet—come in and try on a pair of our Comfort Shoes. We are showing many styles; all kid patent tip, warm lined for dress; plain toe felt fox and all felt shoes for the older ladies. Prices \$1.50 to \$2.50 Wells & Beach

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It is not difficult for a cold wave to wear out its welcome.

There is nothing childlike about the malevolence of infantile paralysis.

Luckily this country raised a large crop, for there is a shortage in French wheat.

Do not despise the humble spud. The crop in one county in Pennsylvania is worth \$1,000,000.

Missouri authorities are going to import Mexican stingless bees. That will be good news for honey boys.

Chicago is to have a new theater designed to attract women. Matinee idols will be its specialty, we infer.

This aviation business is all right, but we do wish that the coal people would quit trying for altitude records.

The toll of death continues. It is a case of nip and tuck between the speeding autos and the dashing bird men.

A Colorado professor says that people get disease germs by shaking hands. La Grippe from the grip, as it were.

A Pittsburg inventor has invented a fluid by the use of which each man can be made his own embalmer. Tell the dead ones about it.

However, speaking of extravagance, it does look foolish for a man to mortgage a useful home in order to buy an ornamental automobile.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson wants to tear down and rebuild New York city. For a long time we have thought it might be improved in that way.

According to a Parisian fashion journal, the old-style hoop skirt will return in twenty years, but even so, we're too busy to worry about that now.

Even if woman is becoming more masculine, as the Harvard man says, very few husbands will care to expatiate upon the theme by their happy fancies.

A Velasquez portrait that has been missing 160 years "has come to light at the country place of the duke of Parma." The duke must live at Longmeadow.

Berlin declares war on the dead; hatpin, Kansas City has put the kibosh on fireworks, and Chicago is beginning to round up its crooks. Let the good work go on.

Another expedition has just started from New Zealand for the south pole, proving that there are hardy people who on a cold day do not especially care to sit by a hot radiator.

A pipe that was once used by Sir Walter Raleigh is offered for sale in London. In this connection we should like to know whether Sir Walter ever learned to roll his own cigarettes.

Japan has decided to let the emperor of Korea have a pension. This is generous. It would have been too bad if the emperor had been compelled to open a laundry at his time of life.

That dirigible balloon line from Boston to Washington will doubtless be used at first by people who have no pressing engagements to dine at the White House, as it is impolite to keep the president waiting.

Wise in their day and generation are Paris modistes who announced that their latest gowns are made to button in front. Now there will be less kicking on the part of the husbands who have to pay the bills.

Prince Henry of Prussia has been flying along in military aeroplanes. This is a field where right of birth does not count. A prince is on the same level as any other man, and must prove the courage and ability to do work for which no amount of high titles will avail in doing. Prince Henry is to be congratulated on this doing the work also of a man.

The western states as a rule make a creditable showing in the new federal census. But the figures show the fallacy of the idea that they are growing much faster than the eastern commonwealths. Illinois, for instance, gained 17,041, or 16.9 per cent, in population during the last ten years. But New York state increased 1,844,383, or 25.4 per cent, in the same time. The east is not taking a backward step, and is still progressing in healthful fashion.

A bulletin from the department of agriculture at Washington reports this as a "bumper year" in farm products. The aggregate output being 7.6 per cent greater than the big one of 1909 and 9.1 per cent larger than the average.

Owners of a new apartment building in New York advertise a skating rink, a model dairy and a hospital among other "conveniences." Nothing is said as to whether the janitor is capable of taking a hand at bridge in an emergency.

Totatoes With Cheese.
Boil and mash six potatoes, add salt, one tablespoonful butter and one-half cup hot milk. Form into cones, using an ice cream scoop, set in oven to keep warm. While potatoes are boiling, make the sauce. Melt one tablespoonful butter in double boiler, stir in tablespoonful flour, add one cup hot milk and salt to taste. When smooth add one cup finely chopped cheese and cook until the cheese is melted. Send table can's hot slatter and a gravy boat. Fine with chops.

WILL RECOMMEND CHANGES IN LAW

Meeting Held by State Association at Lansing.

DISCUSS VARIOUS TOPICS

Reforms in the Methods of Selecting Jurors, and the Probation Law is Taken Up—Attorney Kuhn Speaks.

Lansing.—Two important state associations met in Lansing to discuss various topics of particular interest. The judges and the prosecuting attorneys of Michigan were here for two days, and both asked the legislature to make changes in laws which seem to be open to improvement according to their experience. Reforms in the methods of selecting jurors, the probation law, the problem of codification, and the propriety of a trial judge at tempting settlement of controversies were discussed in a quiet way by the judges.

"What we wish to do is to better conditions," said Prosecuting Attorney Walter Foster. "There has been but little difficulty in getting changes in the laws that our association has recommended. The trouble has been that no one has heretofore felt responsible in some of these matters. Some state officers see to it that their laws are amended because it makes a difference to them personally. But our recommendations have more to do with the social side of life and the giving of justice. People come to us with all their troubles and it is heartrending."

The program included discussions of taxation by Attorney General Kuhn and of local option by Howard Cavanaugh of Battle Creek, and Walter Foster took up that law which has to do with the support of deserted wives.

Judges Meet at Lansing.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Association of Judges of Michigan will be held in Lansing in the supreme courtroom at the capitol. The following is the program:

Tuesday—President's address, Judge R. M. Montgomery, Washington, D. C.; "Some Needed Reforms in the Methods of Selecting Jurors," Judge Willis B. Perkins, Grand Rapids; "Are Our Courts Fulfilling Their Missions?" Judge M. J. Conline, Oscoda; "The Probation Law," Judge Peter F. Dobbs, Mount Pleasant.

Wednesday—Judge W. H. Kendrick of Saginaw will talk on "My Experience on the Board of Pardons and With the Indeterminate Sentence;" "The Problem of Codification," John W. Beaumont, Detroit; address, William L. Carpenter, Detroit; general discussion on "The Propriety of a Trial Judge Attempting to Settle Controversies;" general discussion of topics; election of officers.

The present officers are: President, R. M. Montgomery, Washington, D. C.; vice-president, Judge Morse Roberts, Detroit; secretary and treasurer, Judge Guy M. Chester, Hillsdale.

Tax Lands Sold at Good Prices.

According to the annual report of the state land commissioner the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1910, has been the most successful in the history of the department.

At the close of the fiscal year in 1909 the state was in the possession of 604,172 acres of land. Since that time the auditor general has deeded to the state, under the provisions of the tax homestead law, 215,565 acres and there reverted to the state, in compliance with the homestead law, land from other sources, 2,301 acres, making a total of 820,039 acres.

The report shows that the amount collected for trespass upon agricultural college, primary school tax, homestead and state tax lands for the year ending June 30, 1910, was \$3,858,711 and the receipts of the office \$188,137.35. From the 62,310 acres of land returned to the state for non-payment of taxes the state has realized \$108,899.92, or an average of \$1.75 per acre. Most of this land formerly sold at the rate of \$1.25 per acre with standing timber upon it, and \$1.75 is considered the highest price the state has ever realized from such a source. Not alone in the acreage line has the land department done a thriving business, as it has disposed of a few city and village lots, which have netted \$48,169. Actual settlers have made homestead entry upon 17,534 acres and according to indications all of this land will be converted into farms by the homesteaders.

Militia Leaves Lapeer.

Company A of Flint and Company B of Pontiac, M. N. G., Capt. Guy M. Wilson commanding, who have been doing guard duty at the Michigan Home for the Feeble-Minded since November 5, broke camp and the quarantine was lifted from the institution. There was a grand rush for down town by employees from the home, who say it is like being let out of prison, as the quarantine became mighty monotonous to them. There were no Christmas festivities at the home this year, as has always been customary.

Michigan Patents.

Michigan patents were issued as follows: William L. Beal, adjusting mechanism for plow beams; Leroy Cain, Caledonia, automatic fire alarm; Charles H. Dingman, Marlon, dry kiln; William R. Fox, Grand Rapids, escapement mechanism for typewriters; Arthur T. Hallock, Muskegon, swinging bed or hammock, also bottom for hammocks; Arthur H. Jappe, Detroit, electric saw; Thomas Hargie, Kalamazoo, drilling machine; Frank Kittzstener, Grand Rapids, alcohol lamp.

Name Successor to Professor Davis.

The regents of the university named Clarence T. Johnston, state irrigation engineer of Wyoming, to be professor of geodesy and surveying to succeed Prof. J. B. Davis, who resigned recently. The salary is \$3,000 yearly. Professor Johnston will assume his duties February 13.

Professor Johnston is one of the most noted irrigation engineers in the United States; though a young man, being between thirty-five and forty years old. He graduated from the civil engineering department of the University of Michigan in 1895 and went west after graduation to engage in his profession. He had been at work but a short time when he attracted the attention of the powers at Washington, and was sent by the department of agriculture to Egypt to investigate the irrigation of that country for the federal government.

After returning to America he was appointed state irrigation engineer at Wyoming, which position he has since held. Legislation has been passed in Wyoming, through Mr. Johnston's efforts, which is recognized as standard law for other states in the west, and is adopted by all the newer states in that section of the country.

The regents recommend turning the large basement room of the new Memorial building over to the students of the university for social purposes as soon as funds for furnishing the room are secured.

To Keep Tab on U. of M. Outlay.

With every prospect that the amount of state taxes which goes for the support of the University of Michigan will be nearly doubled next August by an increase in the equalized valuation of the state, it is stated there is to be action taken by the incoming legislature to bring about an investigation of the ways in which the university is expending the large sum turned over to it by the state each year. Those who are planning this action are not making any charges against the management of the university, but they deem it wise to ascertain just how the maintenance fund should be increased or decreased before the equalized value of the state is increased, which will, if no action is taken, largely increase the funds for the university automatically.

The present equalized value of the state is \$1,734,100,000. The legislature has provided that the university shall receive out of the state tax three-eighths of a mill on the equalized valuation. This nets the big college \$650,297. It is generally understood that the state board of equalization will increase the present figures to about \$2,500,000,000, which would bring up the amount which the university receives to approximately \$936,000.

Warner's Choice May Not Stand.

The appointment of John S. Haggerty of Detroit as a member of the board of control of Jackson prison to succeed the late Thomas J. Navin, brings up an interesting legal question as to whether the governor's appointee will be able to hold office after the first of the year. According to section 2081 of the compiled laws of 1897, whenever a vacancy occurs on the prison board otherwise than by the expiration of a term, such vacancy shall be filled by the governor for the remainder of the term, by and with the advice of the senate if in session. If the senate is not in session the appointment shall continue until the next regular session of the senate.

It is contended that the statute means that an appointment to fill a vacancy expires when the senate convenes, and if such is the case Governor Osborn will be able to name Haggerty's successor. Others claim that it was the intent of the law that an appointee should continue in office until the senate convened when the appointment should be confirmed. Attorney General Kuhn has been asked for an opinion on this point, and it is expected that the state's legal department will pass on the proposition.

Met at Lansing January 3.

State Chairman Knox has called a meeting of the state central committee for January 3, the meeting to be held at Lansing. In addition to winding up some of the affairs of the last campaign which have hung fire the committee will also issue the call for the spring convention. Saginaw is likely to be chosen as the place for the convention, although Battle Creek, Grand Rapids and Lansing are all after it.

The Wayne delegation in the state convention is going to be increased considerably, as the apportionment will be made on the basis of the 1910 United States census. Wayne had 19 delegates in the last convention, but it is probable that, if the same basis number is retained for the smaller counties, this county will have about 250 delegates, thus vastly increasing the power of the metropolis in the state convention.

One Divorce to Eight Marriages.

According to statistics compiled by Secretary of State Martindale, there were one-eighth as many divorces as marriages in Michigan last year. During 1909 there were 3,518 divorces granted, an increase of 610 over 1904, which was the first year that divorce statistics were compiled. The marriages are based on the unmarried population at marriageable ages while the divorce statistics are drawn from the number of married people in Michigan, hence there can be no direct comparison.

State Supreme Court.

The supreme court met and disposed of the following cases: Affirmed: In the matter of Dubois estate; Campan Realty company vs. Lenhardt; Vohl vs. Wirth; Cross vs. Griffin; Restriction Lumber company vs. Wyrembolds; Yulle Miller company vs. Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railway company; Kontecny vs. Detroit & Mackinac Railway company; Hindman vs. Freidrich; May vs. Wilson. Motion to remand was granted. Kaiser vs. Detroit United Railway.

NECESSARY TOOLS FOR MAKING NEEDED REPAIRS

To Obtain Greatest Efficiency of Farm Machinery and Implements Breaks Should Be Mended Promptly—Best Is Cheapest.

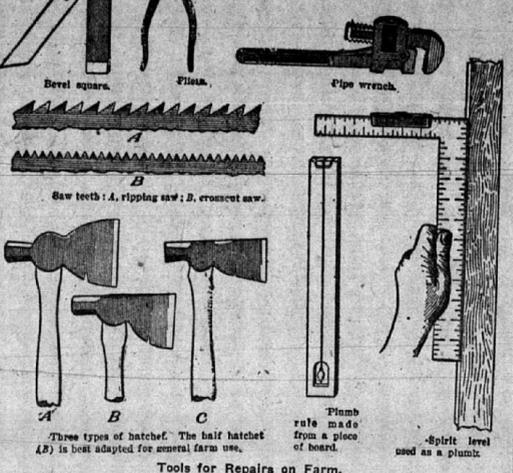
(By W. R. BEATTIE.)

To have the conveniences for the repair of farm equipment at hand is one of the very important things on the farm.

Breakdowns are most frequent during the busy season, and much valuable time may be lost driving to town or to the nearest shop for repairs.

Much of the loss and annoyance from breakdowns may be avoided by carefully inspecting and mending weak parts of the farm equipment before the rush of the season's work begins. The proper time for making such repairs as may be anticipated is in the winter when there is little else on the farm that can be done.

Every farmer should have a workshop and a supply of tools of good quality with which he can repair im-



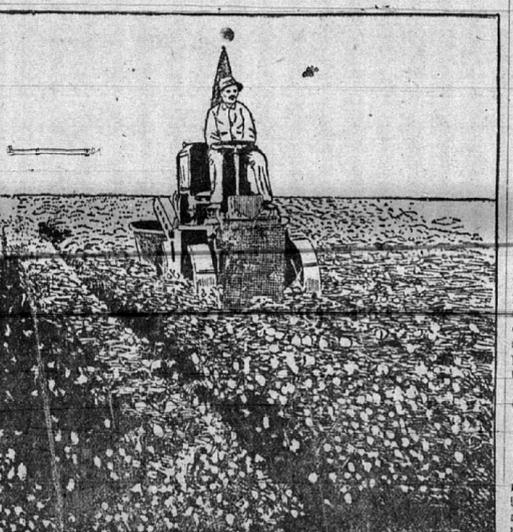
Tools for Repairs on Farm.

plements, harness or buildings. This is an age when appearances count for much, and a farmer's standing in the community is frequently governed by his farm equipment.

Under most circumstances it will pay to secure tools of good quality, although fine exterior finish is not essential. Tools of very inferior quality are offered at low prices, but they invariably prove a disappointment to the purchaser. The name of the manufacturer is a sufficient guaranty of the quality of many tools, and the purchaser is advised to secure only those that are sold under a guaranty from either the manufacturer or the dealer. When contemplating the purchase of a collection of tools, make a careful study to see just what ones are

needed, then purchase all at one time, and a liberal discount can generally be secured. The selection of the tool outfit will depend upon the scope and character of the work to be performed. A soldering iron is very useful and saves much annoyance, both in repairing farm machinery, and cooking utensils. For general purposes a one and one-fourth pound soldering iron will be found satisfactory. Where continuous work is to be performed, two irons are necessary, in order that one may be heating while the other is in use. Soldering irons should be heated only in a clear charcoal fire or in a blue flame of gas, gasoline, or alcohol. Before using a soldering iron it is essential that the tapering cop be per cent be filed or ground until bright, and then coated with solder by first dipping the brightened hot point

MECHANICAL COTTON PICKER



The mechanical cotton picker, the impossible machine that will discriminate between ripe and unripe cotton bolls, finger over the delicate plant, get the lint and leave the rest unharmed—this contrivance of almost human intelligence—has at last been made, and Angus Campbell's quarter of a century's efforts have been crown-

ed with success, writes Arthur W. Page in World's Work.

World's Tea Output.

The world's production of tea is estimated at 1,200,000,000 pounds annually. China consumes 400,000,000 pounds annually and exports 200,000,000 pounds.

SUCCESS WITH GAS ENGINES

Any Farmer Can Secure Valuable Assistance From Gasoline Machine If He Will Give It Proper Care.

(By CLARENCE O. MALMROSE.)
Farmers who shelter their machinery in the field during the winter are not apt to make much of a success of the gasoline engine in farm work. The gasoline engine is a very handy power, and is deserving of widespread popularity. It will fill many niches on a good-sized farm, and very few of us have begun to know its value. But it must be well cared for and kept well oiled, for there are certain conditions under which it operates that are simple but inexorable. It will balk quicker than a mule if the conditions are not right. Any farmer can get valuable assistance from a gasoline engine if he will give it proper care. The care is very simple. First comes protection from the weather. A tarpaulin is a very good cover for an engine that is kept out of doors, and even one housed is better if kept covered when it is not in use. Live batteries are necessary. Electricity is the spark of life to a gasoline motor. A clean spark plug is necessary at the other end of the battery wire. The mixture of gasoline and air must be just right for the most effective work at the greatest economy of power, although the motor will work and waste gasoline. Adjustments of this kind are simple to learn and should be understood by the man who has charge of the engine. A frequent cause of trouble is the failure to strain the gasoline when filling the tank. Pay but little attention to men who claim that their gasoline is unusually clean, or the result will be disastrous. Either strain the gasoline through a chamois or a finely meshed strainer. Good lubricating oil is another important essential. No gasoline engine can give satisfactory service unless it is properly oiled for and housed.

HORNET ARRIVES; REBELS ON MARCH

Foreign Residents in Honduras Have Little Fear.

WAR DECLARATION HELD UP

Vanguard of Revolutionists Which Starts for Capital Meet With But Little Resistance on Nicaraguan Frontier.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras.—The rebel gunboat Hornet arrived off the Atlantic coast of Honduras, and simultaneously a force of more than 3,000 revolutionists began marching on this city, the capital.

Alarm among merchants and foreign residents over the prospect of serious fighting is lessened somewhat by a belief that when Gen. Lee Christmas and former President Benitez march to the city at the head of their army, they will meet with only slight resistance.

Mexico City.—Mal Paso, said to have been the stronghold of the revolutionists in the state of Chihuahua, was captured by the federal forces, according to telegrams received by government officials here.

Officials stated that as soon as the troops under General Luque joined those of General Navarro near Padornales plans were made to advance upon the position held by the rebels.

A reconnoitering party under General Escudero was sent out from General Navarro's camp to locate the exact position of the enemy. The troops advanced toward Mal Paso and were fired upon from the sides of the canyon by the revolutionists. Colonel Escudero ordered his men to advance upon the position held by the insurgents and after a sharp skirmish the revolutionists fled, leaving the pass in the possession of the federal forces.

No details of the casualties in the engagements were given in official dispatches.

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Guadalajara, Mex.—Antonio Rodriguez, supposed to have been born at the stake at Rock Springs, Tex., is in Guadalajara, hale and hearty. Dispatches from Rock Springs at the time of the lynching made reasonably certain the identity of the man as a resident of this city, and as an aftermath to the killing anti-American demonstrations in Mexico were started.

TAFT AND HARMON AT BANQUET.

Gathering is Held to Further Plans for Peary Monument.

Chicago.—President Taft and Governor Harmon of Ohio attended a banquet at the Hamilton club Thursday. The object of this gathering will be to further the plans already on foot for the erection of a monument to Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry.

The Peary centennial commission is composed of 60 members representing ten states. President Taft is a member of the Ohio contingent of which Governor Harmon is the head. The plan of the commission is to erect a building overlooking Lake Erie which will serve several purposes. It is planned to make it a monument to Perry, a lighthouse, a United States meteorological station and a wireless telegraph base. The commission points out the fact that the lakes are without adequate protection, so far as life-saving equipment is concerned, and that a wireless base at Sandusky would be of great benefit to navigators.

ONE STATE PLEDGED FOR TAFT.

North Carolina Committee Indorses President for Renomination.

Greensboro, N. C.—The Republican state executive committee adopted resolutions indorsing President Taft as a "national and not a section president," and pledged support for his renomination and re-election.

COLLEGE MEN TALK SOCIALISM.

Collegiate Society in Annual Meet at New York.

New York.—The Socialist movement among collegians is attracting much attention among the literary circles of this city, and the popularity of the movement among the student body is evidenced by the attendance at the annual convention of the Inter-Collegiate Socialist society, which opened here today. On the program are addresses by J. G. Phelps Stokes, the millionaire Socialist and president of the society; Lincoln Steffens, the well-known publicist, and John Spargo, author of several books on Socialism.

R. F. Doherty, Tennis Man, Dies.

London.—Reginald F. Doherty, elder of the brothers of the famous English tennis team, died here Thursday. He had been in ill-health for some time.

Dietz Bonds Are Signed.

La Crosse, Wis.—Bonds for John F. Dietz of Cameron Dam for \$22,500 on the indictments against him not previously provided for were signed here Thursday by a half dozen Bangor business men. The bonds were negotiated by Myra Dietz.

Japs Attack U. S. Consul.

New York.—A special dispatch from Tokyo, Japan, Wednesday, stated that Adolph A. Williamson, the American vice-consul at Dalny, Manchuria, was assaulted at a fish market in Dalny by several Japanese and Chinese.

Heart Sewed Up; Works.

New York.—With a knife wound three-quarters of an inch long in his heart, neatly stitched up by surgeons, Samuel Herman, a waiter, went back to work Wednesday.

U. S. AND CANADA AGREE ON TREATY

Commission to Control Rail Rates Between Countries—Details Kept Secret.

Washington.—As a result of a long series of conferences between Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and J. P. Mable, chief of the railway commission of Canada, an agreement has been reached to recommend to the governments of the United States and of the Dominion of Canada the creation of an international railroad commission, which shall have supervisory authority over the railway rates in operation between the countries.

Mr. Mable arrived in Washington from Ottawa in accordance with a previous arrangement with Chairman Knapp. He came to Washington finally to discuss the details of an agreement he had reached with Judge Knapp last August, and the two officials, who were designated by their respective governments to consider the subject and make a report upon it, were in conference. Their report has not been completed, but will be in a day or two.

No details of the report are yet available beyond the fact that it recommends the establishment of the commission, upon which shall be conferred certain defined regulatory powers. Whether the commission is to be created by treaty between the two governments or by joint legislation cannot be announced at this time.

BANKER IS MISSING.

Robin, Who Caused Closing of Northern of New York, Goes.

New York.—Joseph G. Robin, chairman of the executive committee of the Northern bank of New York, whose operations are held responsible for the closing of that institution, has disappeared.

Robin was refused treatment at the sanitarium to which he was committed and after a sharp skirmish the revolutionists fled, leaving the pass in the possession of the federal forces.

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TARIFF BOARD SURE

Taft's Commission Plan Now Supported by Payne and Aldrich.

Washington.—President Taft's plan for the creation of a permanent tariff report now has the support of the leaders in both the house and senate and it is almost a certainty that the president's plan will be carried out at the present session of congress.

They have given a formal promise that the senate finance committee and the house committee on ways and means will report bills without delay. The permanent commission and the steps to be taken to obtain the early passage of the legislation were the subject of a discussion at a dinner at the White House Wednesday at which the president had as his guests a number of the Republican leaders in congress.

WAR OF MILLIONAIRES IS ON.

Battle Rages Between Standard and Rising Sun Oil Companies.

New York.—That an enormous battle is being waged between the Standard Oil company and the Rising Sun Oil company of England was acknowledged at the offices of the Standard Oil company in this city. The fight represents a war of millionaires, with a total capitalization of \$1,000,000,000. The Rising Sun company is an English concern said to have the backing of the Rothschilds. It has set out to cut the ground from under the feet of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey in the latter's operations in the far east and has apparently been successful.

CHICAGO HAS NEW FIRE CHIEF.

Charles F. Seyferlich Succeeds James Horan as Marshal.

Chicago.—Mayor Bussey has appointed Charles F. Seyferlich, who for nearly thirty years has been connected with the city fire department, fire marshal to succeed the late James Horan, who lost his life in the stock yards holocaust last week.

Many Killed in Hurricane.

Madrid.—The government was officially advised Wednesday that a violent hurricane has devastated Gomer one of the Canary islands. The was considerable loss of life and great damage to property.

Bathed Dog in Dishpan.

Evansville, Ind.—Because it is fogged, his wife bathed her pet dog in the dishpan and wished for fight when he objected, Robert E. can of this city Wednesday entered suit for divorce.

Valuable Trotter Dies.

Lexington, Ky.—Neddie Connor, trotting stallion valued at \$20,000, owned by Dr. W. H. Horan, Mays, Ky., died Tuesday of uremic poisoning. His track record was 2:09.

Prisoners Burn Way to Liberty.

Kansas City, Mo.—Eleven prisoners of the city farm near this escaped Tuesday after they had cut a window frame in their cell large enough for a man to slip through. The place was unguarded as the honor system prevails.

54-40 OR FIGHT BY EMERSON HOUGH

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SYNOPSIS.

The story is told by Nicholas Trist, his chief, Senator John Calhoun, after the portfolio of secretary of state in Tyler's cabinet, is told by Dr. Ward that his time is short. Calhoun declares that he is not ready to die, and if he accepts Tyler's offer it means that Texas and Oregon must be added to the Union. He plans to leave the intentions of England with regard to Mexico through Baroness Von Ritz, secretary and reputed mistress of the English ambassador, Pakenham. Nicholas is sent to bring the baroness to Calhoun's apartments and misses a meeting with his sweetheart, Elizabeth Churchill. While searching for the baroness' house a carriage dashes up and Nicholas is invited to enter. The occupant is the baroness, who says she is being pursued. The pursuers are shaken off. Nicholas is invited into the house and delivers Calhoun's message. He notes that the baroness has lost a slipper. Nicholas is given the remaining slipper as a pledge that she will tell Calhoun everything. He gives her as security an Indian trinket he intended for Elizabeth. Elizabeth's father consents to Nicholas' proposal for her hand.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

It was not new to me, of course, this pageant, although it never lacked of interest. There were in the throng representatives of all America as it was then, a strange, crude blending of refinement and vulgarity, of ease and poverty, of luxury and thrift.

A certain air of gloom at this time hung over official Washington, for the minds of all were still oppressed by the memory of that fatal accident—the explosion of the great cannon "Peace-maker" on board the war vessel *Frisco*—which had killed Mr. Upham, our secretary of state, with others, and had, at one blow, come so near to depriving this government of its head and his official family, the number of prominent lives thus ended or endangered being appalling to contemplate. It was this accident which had called Mr. Calhoun forward at a national juncture of the most extreme delicacy and the utmost importance. In spite of the general mourning, however, the informal receptions at the White House were not wholly discontinued, and the administration, unsettled as it was, and fronted by the gravest of diplomatic problems, made such show of dignity and even cheerfulness as it might.

I considered it my duty to pass in the long procession and to shake the hand of Mr. Tyler. That done, I gazed about the great room, carefully scanning the different little groups which were accustomed to form after the ceremonial part of the visit was over. I saw many whom I knew. I forgot them; for in a far corner, where a flood of light came through the trailing vines that shielded the outer window, my anxious eyes discovered the object of my quest—Elizabeth.

It seemed to me I had never known her so fair as she was that morning in the great east room of the White House. Elizabeth was rather taller than the average woman, and of that splendid southern figure, slender but strong, which makes perhaps the best representative of our American beauty. She was very bravely arrayed to-day in her best pink-flowered lawn, made wide and full, as was the custom of the time, but not so clumsily gathered at the waist as some, and so serving not wholly to conceal her natural comeliness of figure. Her bonnet she had removed. I could see the sunlight on the ripples of her brown hair, and the shadows which lay above her eyes as she turned to face me, and the slow pink which crept into her cheeks.

Dignified always, and reserved, was Elizabeth Churchill. But now I hoped me to feel that perhaps the warmth, the glow of the air, caught while riding under the open sky, the sight of the many budding roses of our city, the scent of the blossoms which even then came through the lattice—the meeting even with myself, so lately returned—something at least of this had caused an awakening in her girl's heart. Something, I say, I do not know what, gave her greeting to me more warmth than was usual with her. My own heart, eager enough to break bounds, answered in kind. We stood—blushing like children as our hands touched—forgotten in that assemblage of Washington's pomp and circumstance.

"How do you do?" was all I could find to say. And "How do you do?" was all I could catch for answer, although I saw, in a fleeting way, a glimpse of a dimple hid in Elizabeth's cheek. She never showed it save when pleased. I have never seen a dimple like that of Elizabeth's.

Absorbed, we almost forgot Aunt Betty Jennings—stout, radiant, sun-browned, arch-browed and curious, Elizabeth's chaperon. On the whole, I was glad Aunt Betty Jennings was there.

"Aunt Betty," said I, as I took her hand, "Aunt Betty, have we told you, Elizabeth and I?"

I saw Elizabeth straighten in perplexity, doubt or horror, but I went on. "Yes, Elizabeth and I—"

"You dear children!" gurgled Aunt Betty.

"Congratulations to both!" I demanded, and I put Elizabeth's hand, covered with my own, into the short and chubby fingers of that estimable lady. Whenever Elizabeth attempted to open her lips I opened mine before, and I so overwhelmed dear Aunt Betty Jennings with protestations of my regard for her, my interest in her family, her other niece, her chickens, her kittens, her home—I so quieted all her questions by assertion and demands and exclamations, and declarations that Mr. Daniel Churhill had given his consent, that I saw for the moment even Elizabeth believed that what I had said was indeed true. At least, I can testify she made no formal denial, although the dimple was now brightened out of sight.

Admirable Aunt Betty Jennings



"Nicholas," She Said, "Come To-Night."

She forestalled every assertion I made, herself bubbling and blushing in sheer delight. Nor did she lack in charity. Tapping me with her fan lightly, she exclaimed: "You rogue! I know that you two want to be alone; that is what you want. Now I am going away—just down the room. You will ride home with us after a time, I am sure?"

Adorable Aunt Betty Jennings! Elizabeth and I looked at her comfortable face for some moments before I turned, laughing, to look Elizabeth in the eyes.

"You had no right—" began she, her face growing pink.

"Every right!" said I, and managed to find a place for the two hands under cover of the wide flounces of her figured lawn as we stood, both blushing. "I have every right. I have truly just seen your father. I have just come from him."

She looked at me intently, glowing, happily.

"I could not wait any longer," I went on. "Within a week I am going to have an office of my own. Let us wait no longer. I have waited long enough. Now—"

I babbled on, and she listened. It was strange place enough for a betrothal, but there at least I said the words which bound me; and in the look Elizabeth gave me I saw her answer. Her eyes were wide and straight and solemn. She did not smile.

As we stood, with small opportunity and perhaps less inclination for merriment, my eyes chanced to turn toward the main entrance door, of the east room. I saw, pushing through a certain page, a young boy of good family, who was employed by Mr. Calhoun as messenger. He knew me perfectly well, as he did almost every one else in Washington, and with precocious intelligence his gaze picked me out in all that throng.

"Is it for me?" I asked, as he extended his missive.

"Yes," he nodded. "Mr. Calhoun told me to find you and to give you this at once."

I turned to Elizabeth. "If you will pardon me?" I said. She made way for me to pass to a curtained window, and there, turning my back and using such secrecy as I could, I broke the seal.

The message was brief. To be equally brief I may say simply that it asked me to be ready to start for Canada that night on business connected with the department of state! Or reason or explanations it gave none.

I turned to Elizabeth and held out the message from my chief. She looked at it. Her eyes widened. "Nicholas!" she exclaimed. "Elizabeth," said I, turning to her swiftly, "I will agree to nothing which will send me away from you again. Listen, then—" I raised a hand as she would have spoken. "Go home with your Aunt Betty as soon as you can. Tell your father that to-night at six I shall be there. Be ready!"

"What do you mean?" she panted. I saw her throat flutter.

"I mean that we must be married to-night, before I go. Before eight o'clock I must be on the train."

"When will you be back?" she whispered.

"How can I tell? When I go, my wife shall wait there at Elmhurst, instead of my sweetheart."

She turned away from me, contemplative. She, too, was young. Ardor appealed to her. Life stood before her, beckoning as to me. What could the girl do or say?

I placed her hand on my arm. We started toward the door, intending to pick up Aunt Jennings on our way. As we advanced, a group before us broke apart. I stood aside to make

way for a gentleman whom I did not recognize. On his arm there leaned a woman, a beautiful woman, clad in a costume of founced and rippling velvet of royal blue which made her the most striking figure in the great room. Hers was a personality not easily to be overlooked in any company, her face one not readily to be equalled.

We met face to face. I presume it would have been too much to ask even of her to suppress the sudden flash of recognition which she showed. At first she did not see that I was accompanied. She bent to me, as though to adjust her gown, and, without a change in the expression of her face, spoke to me in an undertone no one else could hear.

"Wait!" she murmured. "There is to be a meeting—" She had time for no more as she swept by.

Alas, that mere moments should spell ruin as well as happiness! This new woman whom I had wooed and found, this new Elizabeth whose hand lay on my arm, saw what no one else would have seen—that little flash of recognition on the face of Helena von Ritz! She heard a whisper pass. Moreover, with a woman's uncanny facility in detail, she took in every item of the other's costume. For myself, I could see nothing of that costume now save one object—a barbaric brooch of double shells and beaded fastenings, which clasped the light laces at her throat.

The baroness had perhaps slept as little as I the night before. At first I showed the ravages of loss of sleep no more than she, I was fortunate. She was radiant, as she passed forward with her escort for place in the carriage which had not yet dwindled away.

"You seem to know that lady," said Elizabeth to me gently.

"Did I so seem?" I answered. "It is professional of all to smile in the east room at a reception," said I.

"Then you do not know the lady?" "Indeed, no. Why should I, my dear girl?" Ah, how hot my face was!

"I do not know," said Elizabeth. "Only, in a way she resembles a certain lady of whom we have heard

Our Lack in Humor.

Artemus Ward said that a comic paper was no worse for having a joke in it now and then, and his words have ever since been quoted as embodying the gospel of wit and humor. The great form of American mirth is the joke. "It is to laugh" that's our creed in a sentence. Mispelled capitals, awkward spelling, impossible grammar, infinite incongruity of situation, endless wordplay, grotesquery of action and character, heightened by pictures equally funny, these are the things that make us laugh. We are quick to catch the point of a cartoon, to enjoy the exaggeration of a caricature. But to smile at the mock-serious, to be amused by satire, is a refinement as yet beyond us.

The First Comedy.

Thalia is the muse of comedy and lyric poetry. Socrates and Deion, supposed inventors of theatrical exhibitions, 563 B. C., performed the first comedy at Athens, on a wagon or movable stage, on four wheels, and were rewarded with a basket of figs and a cask of wine.

rather more than enough here in Washington."

"Put aside silly gossip, Elizabeth," I said. "And, please, do not quarrel with me, now that I am so happy. To-night—"

"Nicholas," she said, leaning just a little forward and locking her hands more deeply in my arm, "don't you know the little brooch you were going to bring me—an Indian thing—you said it should be my—my wedding present? Don't you remember that? Now, I was thinking—"

I stood blushing red as though detected in the utmost villainy. And the girl at my side saw that written on my face which now, within the very moment, it had become her right to question! I turned to her suddenly.

"Elizabeth," said I, "you shall have your little brooch to-night, if you will promise me now to be ready and waiting for me at six. I will have the license."

It seemed to me that this new sell of Elizabeth's—warmer, yielding, adorable—was slowly going away from me again, and that her old self, none the less sweet, none the less alluring, but more logical and questioning, had taken its old place again. She put both her hands on my arm now and looked me fairly in the face, where the color still proclaimed some sort of guilt on my part, although my heart was clean and innocent as hers.

"Nicholas," she said, "come to-night. Bring me my little jewel—and bring—"

"The minister! If I do that, Elizabeth, you will marry me then?" "Yes!" she whispered softly.

Amid all the din and babble of that motley throng I heard the word, low as it was. I have never heard a voice like Elizabeth's.

Az instant later, I knew not quite how, her hand was away from my arm. As that of Aunt Betty, and they were passing toward the main door leaving me standing with joy and doubt mingled in my mind.

HELPED SENATOR TO VICTORY

Political Opponents Made Mistake When They Raked Up a Story They Thought Would Hurt.

Senator Chamberlain of Washington who recently made his first extended speech in congress, on conservation, has reminded an old friend of Chamberlain's own experiments in conservation.

"When Chamberlain was running for the senate," said this friend, "the opposition went over his record with a fine tooth comb to find something injurious to him. One day one of the strikers rushed in and announced that he had it.

Chamberlain was president of a bank when he was a young man; it busted and was a horrible wreck. "Dig it up quick," announced the campaign manager.

The story was looked up and was true. The bank had failed, and there were almost no assets.

They were just ready to put out the story when an old friend of Chamberlain's came along and advised against it. "Womn do you any good," he insisted. "Take my word for it."

But the campaign managers had to do something, and so the story of the busted bank was given out and got due publicity in all the anti-Chamberlain committees save out a statement signed by all the directors and a lot of deposits of the bank. It said:

"It is true that Mr. Chamberlain was president of the bank when it failed. At that time he was a man of some property. He had never been actively connected with the bank management, and when he learned that it was closed and hopelessly in solvent he turned over his entire property and personally paid all depositors."

Whereupon the anti-Chamberlain people started hunting for a new row-back, and when election day came the man whose bank had failed gloriously was triumphantly elected senator.

Women's Clothing.

Dr. Haig Ferguson in a lecture at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary the other day had some severe things to say about the clothing of the adult woman. It was hampered by fashion and superstition and nothing could be a greater tribute to the strong nerves and powerful muscles of women than the fact that their health had survived for centuries their habits of clothing.

A woman's clothing was the despair of the hygienist. Children and girls were more sensibly clad, but wiser girls grew up they were often clothed in a way which made them unable to walk, run or breathe. Weighty skirts, low-necked gowns, "pneumonic blouses," the modern hat, the high-heeled shoe with its pointed toe, were all condemned. But then women will have it so and so it will remain.—*Westminster Gazette.*

The Too Busy Man.

Most of the successful men in this country are so busy making money that they have absolutely no time to make good citizens of their sons.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

WHERE FAMINE VICTIMS REST

Huge Boulder Marks the Graves of Irish Immigrants Who Perished of Ship Fever.

Montreal.—The request of the Grand Trunk Railway, made to the railway Commission of Canada, to condemn to its use the old cemetery on St. Etienne street, in this city, which it claims to be necessary to its growing business, has aroused to bitter opposition the Irishmen of Montreal and of all eastern Canada. To Irishmen the old cemetery is sacred ground. In the days of the



Boulder Marks Victims' Graves.

famine of 1847-48 in Ireland tens of thousands of Irishmen fled from their native land. Some entered the United States through the port of New York; thousands came to this city, some to enter the promised land, but many thousands of them to die here of ship fever. In the old cemetery the remains of 6,000 of these famine victims are buried. Until 1859 no monument was erected to mark their resting places. Then a band of Irishmen employed in the construction of the Victoria bridge placed a huge boulder in the cemetery bearing this inscription: "To preserve from desecration the remains of 6,000 immigrants, who died of ship fever, 1847-48, this stone is erected by the workmen of Messrs. Peto Brassey & Betts, employed in the construction of the Victoria bridge, 1859."

Irishmen here declare that the appropriation of the cemetery by the railroad would be an act of desecration and their attitude is sustained by members of the race all over Canada.

ARTS IN TRIBUTE TO WAGNER

Plaque to Be Placed on the Palace Wall in Venice Where the Great Master Lived.

Paris.—Cadorin, the sculptor, has just finished in his studio in Paris, the plaque in marble of Richard Wagner, which is to be placed on the Grand canal in Venice, where the great master of music lived, and where his death occurred. Italy's most eminent poet, Gabriel d'Annunzio, wrote the dedication which is under the bust of Wagner. The literal translation is as follows:

In This Palace The Last Breath of Richard Wagner Is Heard by the Souls Perpetually Itself Like the Tide Which Laps the Marble.

Thus the poet who in his "Il Puccini" speaks of Wagner as the "Teuton who has stolen away the Italian birth-



The Wagner Plaque.

right," meaning that he has surpassed the Italians in music, in which they feel their right to excel, pays a tribute to the German genius that inspired his pen.

To Reclaim Lost Empire. Constantinople.—The possible realization of the project for reopening the old empire of Nebuchadnezzar to civilization, a project which only yesterday was a dream, is foreshadowed by the efforts of the Turkish government to reclaim 12,500,000 acres of waste land in northern Mesopotamia through irrigation. Should the experiment prove successful the ancient realm of Assyrian and Babylonian monarchs may be re-fertilized and re-peopled with an industrious race and the world's old granary restored after centuries of desolation.

Mesopotamia's early greatness was due to a system of irrigation canals in connection with the Tigris and Euphrates. It was by their neglect that it declined and was transformed into a sandy plain, the haunt of nomad races. Within recent times the engineer and the archaeologist have invaded it, the former plotting the route of the Bagdad railway, which is to unite it with the western world, and the latter delving in the dust-heaps which have disclosed in turn the site of Nebuchadnezzar's palace, the hall in which Belshazzar gave his feast and the very site of Babel. To reclaim it to civilization will cost \$200,000,000, and included in the scheme is the plan for colonizing the persecuted Russian Jews in the redeemed territory.

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CAP and BELLS



STILL HE MISSED SOMETHING

Suburban Amateur Gardener Who Had Improved Small Estate Is Given Severe Jolt.

He was a suburban amateur gardener, whose mission in life was to bore all his friends by asking them down for week-ends, and showing them round his three-foot-by-two estate. Just now he was boring Jackson, from the office. He showed him his four rose trees; he showed him his pocket shrubbery; he showed him his half-inch fountain jet, with its little basin and pair of goldfish; he showed him his summer house, which would almost admit two persons at one end the same time.

"Never know what you can do with a bit of ground till you try!" cackled the host, rubbing his hands gleefully.

"Quite so—quite so!" returned Jackson, absently. "But I think you might improve it."

"How?" questioned the owner, between gratification and wounded pride.

"Well," replied Jackson, "why don't you take a strip off the flower bed—say, four inches wide—turf it over, and convert it into golf links?"

Giving Away a Trade Secret. "I want you to notice that man over there."

"What's peculiar about him?" "He's well off and he got his start as a window dresser."

"A what?" "Don't you understand? He fixed up displays in the front windows of stores so as to attract a crowd. I've seen people almost fighting for a chance to look at them."

"That takes skill." "Skill nothing! All he did was to put pictures of prize fighters in ring costume here and there among the exhibits."

Minus the Price. "Do you think there is any chance of my poem appearing in your magazine?" asked the bard. "I'm without so much as a quarter in money."

"Before you told me your financial situation I thought there might be some chance of your poem appearing in our magazine," answered the hard-hearted editor, "but now I see no hope. Our advertising rates are \$5 an inch."

LOCK 'EM OUT.



Hiram Hayrick (at the country store)—I see that this here Spanana canal is goin' to be a lock canal.

Jonas Meadows—That's good. Then they can lock these derned furniners out.

Followed Instructions. Gunner—You can't get the best of those railway porters who hang your things about. I labeled my trunks "China" and thought they would handle them with unusual care.

Guyner—And did they? Gunner—No; but blamed if they didn't ship 'em all the way to Shanghai, and I haven't seem 'em since.—Judge.

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PRETTY WOMAN IN TROUBLE

Severe Post Office Official Finally Yields to Her Pleading and Gives Letter Back.

The post office official put on his severest manner.

"You say you mailed the letter about an hour ago at a window in the east corridor?" he asked.

The beautiful woman dabbed a handkerchief in her soulful eyes and at the tip of her classic nose.

"Yes, yes," she said. "To whom was it addressed?" She told him.

"And now you want to stop that letter?" he went on, with still more severity. "You want to get it back? Why?"

"Because," said the woman, with unpremeditated frankness, "I am afraid his wife, who has just arrived in town, will get hold of it."

"Oh!" said the stern official. She got the letter.

EVEN SO.



The Statistician—I tell you, sir, 25 ureas don't lie.

The Bank President—Maybe not, but they have a provoking way of evading the truth when manipulated by a crooked cashier.

The Hero's Fate. The hero had returned from the wilds of Africa.

"For days," he related modestly, "I was almost swallowed by crocodiles." The heroine's eyes softened.

"Gracious!" she exclaimed sympathetically. "And masticated by man-eating lions."

"Oh, Herbert!" "And eaten by cannibals." "And hated by breath. Then what did she do? Womanlike, she devoured him with a glance.

A Doubt. "I can't figure out," said Van Dusen, "whether from what Knicker told me about the cook's answer at the club, when Jorkins pitched into him about the birds always being generally cold, whether the cook gave him a stinging retort or the bird, cooked as he wanted it."

"What did Knicker say," asked his friend. "He said, 'When Jorkins carried off that way, I tell you, the cook handed him a hot one.'"

His New Password. "I want to change my password," said the man who had for two years rented a safety deposit box.

"Very well," replied the man in charge. "What is the old one?" "Gladys."

"And what do you wish the new one to be?" "Mabel. Gladys has gone to Reno."

Not Room for Both. "Going to leave us, Brother Good-man?" asked one of the members of the little flock.

"Yes," said the pastor; "Satan is crowding me. He's interfering with my work, and I don't seem to be interfering in the least with his; so I am going to move away and

Correspondence

Gowen Items.

Al. Bishop of Grand Rapids has been visiting friends here. Mrs. Will Hacken and son of Ionia have been visiting her parents here. Miss Rosena Sanders of Grand Rapids has been visiting her friends here. Miss Luella and Phena Cook of Kalamazoo have been spending holidays at home. Mr. Donald and Lyle Hansen of Owosso and Miss Lena Swartz of Ionia spent New Year's with Miss Helen Dennis.

North State Road Items.

Happy New Year! Mrs. Chris Johnson is reported very sick at this writing. Gowen has a new physician, a gentleman from Detroit. Sadie Britzman is reported by Dr. Black as having tuberculosis. Valmer Bigler and wife entertained company from Pine New Year's day. T. L. Thompson and wife celebrated the opening of the new year at their daughter's near Coral. Misses Annice and Hazel Cross spent the holidays with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cross. Annice returned to Gaylord Monday where she is teaching. During the year 1910 there were reported nineteen deaths and twenty-two births in Montcalm township. Ten of the deaths reported were past sixty years of age, the oldest being eighty.

Spencer Mills Items.

Alfred Smith has been very ill with la grippe. George Keller visited relatives in Grand Rapids last week. Glen Cowles visited at Philo Lavender's in Montcalm Sunday. Roy Buttolph was home from Kalamazoo college for the holidays. The many friends of Rev. F. H. Lankin wish him a speedy recovery. The Ladies' Baptist aid will meet with Mrs. George Williams Jan. 13. The Christmas exercises at the Spencer Mills church were largely attended. Miss Carrie Sterns of Courtland called on Spencer friends Friday and Saturday. John Westbrook spent the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Anna Bigler of Saranac. Gladis Lutz of Montcalm spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Volney Cowles. Ben Price and family have moved to New York state where they intend to make their home in the future.

Cannonville.

Leon Hinkley has returned home. Grandma Cannon is on the sick list. Miss Rocella Brown of Big Rapids is visiting her cousin, Mary Force. Mrs. Isaac Cannon and daughter Lizzie are visiting a sister in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sparks and sons returned to their home in Grand Rapids Monday. School vacation has been extended one week on account of the scarlet fever scare. An old folks dance was held in the Macabee hall at Langston Friday night. A fine time reported by all. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson lost their little boy. The physician pronounced it scarletina. He was buried in Riverside cemetery Dec. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Warner and daughter Helen of Flushing are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ball. They will go to Marlon Wednesday to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wall Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Cannon entertained 32 guests on New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. and D. C. Parker and families, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hillis and daughter of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Condon and family and Mrs. J. L. Parker sr. of Entranca, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sparks and sons of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cannon, also Grandma Cannon. Dinner was served at 2 p. m., after which all assembled outside and had their pictures taken.

Bushnell News.

Mrs. Mary Littlebus is on the sick list again, we are sorry to say. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimball took dinner with Bert Staines on Christmas. Mrs. Ida Minier and children visited with Will Stevens and wife on New Year's. Jay Sitts and Emma Harriman spent New Year's at Mr. Sitts' parents near Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harriman and children spent New Year's at W. P. Barnes' on Fairplain. Miss Charlotte and Inez Harriman visited their sister, Dora at Saranac from Tuesday until Friday. Mr. Peterson, a teacher of the high school of Springfield, Ill., called on G. F. Harriman last Tuesday. Mrs. Clarence Beach and three children of Palo spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Bert Staines. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hunter and two children, Lisle and Thessa, spent New Year's at W. W. Root's of Fenwick. The New Year's dinner served at the Fenwick M. E. church was a great success again. A large crowd and lots to eat. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alchin are spending the holidays in Grand Rapids with Mrs. Alchin's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crandall. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harriman entertained on Christmas for dinner twenty-five as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Claud Barger and infant of Saranac; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Harriman and two children of Belding; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harriman and two children and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barnes of Fairplain, their son Glen and Misses Ollie Reynolds of Six Lakes; Mrs. Barnes Wise; also Jay Sitts and Frank Goff and the Harriman family. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Harriman received some very nice presents. Among them were 12 silver knives and forks from E. H. Harriman and wife of Springfield, Ill., which they are very proud of.

Settlement Items.

Hannah Larsen of Grand Rapids is

visiting her sister, Mrs. Martin Hansen. Elmer Nelson is home from Me-Bride. William Steffensen has returned to Jenison. Camilla Steffensen has gone to Ionia to work. C. J. Nielsen, who has been quite ill, is better. Agnes Nelson returned to Mt. Pleasant Monday. The B. L. P. club met with Alma Larsen Friday evening. Myrtle Rasmussen has returned to teaching at Big Rapids. Minnie Larsen has returned to work after a week's vacation. Clara Christensen has been home from Greenville on vacation. C. J. Nielsen's entertained a number of relatives New Year's day. Agnes Madsen has been spending a few days with Ida Steffensen. Neva and Edwin Johnson spent New Year's with their mother here. Mrs. S. Johnson entertained a few neighbors and friends Saturday evening. William Nielsen has gone to Big Rapids to study in the Ferris institute. Mr. and Mrs. Max Thomsen of Grand Rapids are visiting relatives here. Emil Rasmussen of Grand Rapids is spending a few days with his parents in Gowen. John Mortensen and family were visitors of Hans Helm's of Trufant Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson of Grand Rapids are visiting relatives in the vicinity. Clara Christensen and Peter Jensen spent a few days at Grand Rapids last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Knisley of Big Rapids have been visiting the G. P. Rasmussen family for a few days. Irene and Hazel Schroder and John Christensen of Greenville visited Hazel Nielsen a day last week. Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Mortensen of McBride visited friends and relatives in the vicinity Saturday and Sunday. Guests at Alfred Rasmussen's Friday were: Mrs. Peter Christensen and daughters Emma and Julia of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Andrew Andersen of Greenville and Mrs. Peter Christensen and son Will of Gowen.

Montcalm News.

Jacob Kraft went to Grand Rapids last week. School commenced again Monday after one week's vacation. L. J. Schermerhorn has returned to his studies at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Chris Johnson (north state road), is reported very sick. Elsie Lavender has returned to the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids. John Johansen is spending a few days at Lowell putting in a lighting plant. Louise Sharp has returned to Ypsilanti after spending her vacation with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Nielsen gave a dinner party New Year's day to relatives and friends. Mrs. Willard James and daughter Marguerite went to Grand Rapids last Wednesday for treatment. Miss Martha Hansen, an employe at Clark's dry goods store, spent New Year's with Peter Peterson's. Walter Christensen went to Six Lakes last Monday to visit his sister, also to meet two sisters from Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald N. Fieldt and son Howard of Saranac spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson. "Grandma" Williams, aged 80 years, died New Year's morning. Funeral Tuesday afternoon. Her son has bought the old William Wilson farm. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Plato and daughter Goldie, who have been visiting T. J. Roddey's during holidays, returned to Green Bay, Wis., last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen gave an evening party New Year's. As guests there were: Rev. Ole Amble, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petersen, Mr. and Mrs.

Peter Stofenberg, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rasmussen. Mrs. Clifford Herbert went to Grand Lodge last week to visit her sister. Mr. Herbert joined her Saturday and they went to Fowlerville to spend New Year's with his brother. The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Chris Thompson Thursday of last week. They numbered nearly a hundred. All were served with a nice dinner by the hostess and everybody had a most enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wood of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs of Kalamazoo, and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Anderson and daughter of Trufant were New Year's visitors at John Anderson's.

Lansing News including Tuesday Evening.

The legislature caucuses chose officers as follows: The Senate. President Pro Tem—Fred B. Kline, Monroe. Secretary—E. V. Chilson, Lansing. Sergeant-at-Arms—Richard O'Keefe, Port Huron. The House. Speaker—Herbert F. Baker, Westland. Speaker Pro Tem—John M. Perry, Osceola. Clerk—Paul H. King, Lansing. Sergeant-at-Arms—A. A. Bush, Detroit. The senate caucus was in executive session. The first ballot was 13 for Chilson, former secretary, Lansing; 13 for Clark of Detroit. The second ballot was 14 for Chilson, 12 for Clark. Governor Osborn has demanded the resignation of two members of the parson board, Dr. James F. Rumer of Genesee county and Rowland Connor of Saginaw, on account of their recommending the pardon of the notorious murderer Ascher. The legislature will organize today. Thursday Governor Warner will deliver his retiring message and Governor Osborn will deliver his inaugural message.

The Soldiers' Home membership has a death report for December greater than any month before. There were deaths of 32 members, 18 men and 4 women in the hospital, 4 men in quarters, 5 men absent with leave, 1 man T. A. P. in hospital waiting readmission. Four men died on Christmas day, 2 in morning and 2 in the evening.

A second holdup of an Overland limited railroad train near Ogden, Utah. One robber held up conductor, engineer and fireman while the other went through the Pullman train going west. Two porters in a drawing room were wounded, one feigning death to secure life.

Old papers for sale at this office.

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Hart Schaffner & Marx \$25.00 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... \$18.50	All Our \$2.00 UNDERWEAR, Sale Price... \$2.00
Hart Schaffner & Marx \$28.00 and \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats..... \$19.50	All Our \$2.50 UNDERWEAR, Sale Price... \$1.75
Men's and Young Men's \$30.00 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... \$13.50	All Our \$2.00 UNDERWEAR, Sale Price... \$1.50
Men's and Young Men's \$18.00 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... \$12.85	All Our \$1.50 UNDERWEAR, Sale Price... \$1.15
Men's and Young Men's \$16.50 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... \$11.00	All Our \$1.00 UNDERWEAR, Sale Price... 79¢
Men's and Young Men's \$15.00 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... \$10.00	All Our 50¢ UNDERWEAR, Sale Price... 39¢
Men's and Young Men's \$12.00 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... \$8.50	

Shirts	Pants
All Our \$2.50 FINE SHIRTS, Sale Price..... \$1.68	All Our \$6.00 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$4.48
All Our \$2.00 FINE SHIRTS, Sale Price..... \$1.38	All Our \$5.00 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$3.98
All Our \$1.50 FINE SHIRTS, Sale Price..... \$1.15	All Our \$4.50 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$3.48
All Our \$1.00 FINE SHIRTS, Sale Price..... 79¢	All Our \$4.00 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$2.98
All Our 50¢ FINE SHIRTS, Sale Price..... 39¢	All Our \$3.50 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$2.50
All Our 50¢ WORKING SHIRTS, Sale Price..... 39¢	All Our \$3.00 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$2.25
	All Our \$2.50 ODD PANTS, Sale Price..... \$1.75

Neckwear	Fancy Vests--Hose	Caps and Hats
All Our \$1.00 NECKWEAR, Sale Price... 75¢	\$5.00 Fancy VESTS, Sale Price... \$3.50	\$3.50 FUR CAPS, Sale Price... \$2.25
All Our 50¢ NECKWEAR, Sale Price... 39¢	\$4.50 Fancy VESTS, Sale Price... \$3.25	\$2.50 FUR CAPS, Sale Price... \$1.68
All Our 25¢ NECKWEAR, Sale Price... 19¢	\$4.00 Fancy VESTS, Sale Price... \$3.00	\$1.50 CLOTH CAPS, Sale Price... \$1.15
All Our \$2.50 MUFFLERS, Sale Price... \$1.75	\$3.50 Fancy VESTS, Sale Price... \$2.50	\$1.00 CLOTH CAPS, Sale Price... 75¢
All Our \$2.00 MUFFLERS, Sale Price... \$1.38	\$3.00 Fancy VESTS, Sale Price... \$2.00	50¢ CLOTH CAPS, Sale Price... 39¢
All Our \$1.50 MUFFLERS, Sale Price... \$1.10	Men's 50¢ HOSE, Sale Price... 39¢	\$3.00 HATS, Sale Price... \$2.00
All Our \$1.00 MUFFLERS, Sale Price... 79¢	Men's 25¢ HOSE, Sale Price... 19¢	\$2.50 HATS, Sale Price... \$1.75
All Our 50¢ MUFFLERS, Sale Price... 39¢	Men's 15¢ HOSE, Sale Price... 10¢	\$2.00 HATS, Sale Price... \$1.38
		\$1.50 HATS, Sale Price... \$1.10

Sweater Coats	Pajamas and Night Robes
\$5.00 SWEATER COATS, Sale Price... \$3.50	\$3.00 PAJAMAS, Sale Price... \$2.00
\$4.50 SWEATER COATS, Sale Price... \$3.25	\$2.50 PAJAMAS, Sale Price... \$1.75
\$4.00 SWEATER COATS, Sale Price... \$3.00	\$2.00 PAJAMAS, Sale Price... \$1.25
\$3.50 SWEATER COATS, Sale Price... \$2.50	\$1.50 PAJAMAS, Sale Price... \$1.00
\$3.00 SWEATER COATS, Sale Price... \$2.25	\$1.50 NIGHT ROBES, Sale Price... \$1.15
\$2.50 SWEATER COATS, Sale Price... \$1.68	\$1.00 NIGHT ROBES, Sale Price... 79¢
	75¢ NIGHT ROBES, Sale Price... 59¢

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