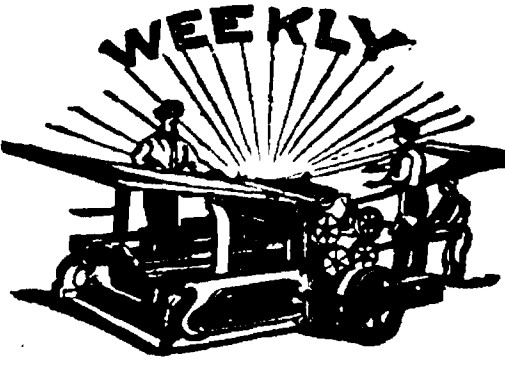


Pinckney Dispatch.



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PINCKNEY, LIVINGSTON CO., MICH., THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1899.

No. 49.

The -- Surprise Store,

- We announce the following new goods:—
- 10c stove litters 5c
 - Nickle plated hammer 10c
 - Egg beaters 2c
 - 10c Measuring droppers 3c
 - Bakers razor straps 10, 20, 25, and 35c
 - Dominoes 5 and 10c
 - Double nine dominoes 25c
 - Lamp burners 5 and 7c
 - Small size lamp chimneys 3c
 - No. 1 lamp chimney 3c
 - No. 2 " 4c
 - Lantern globes 5c
 - Bottle of good ink 1, 2, 3 and 4c
 - Penmanship 3, 5 and 7c
 - Petroleum jelly 4c
 - 10c Bottle Ammonia 5c
 - Bottle Laundry Blue 5c
 - Corn poppers 10c
 - Clothes line 5 and 10c
 - 25c feather duster 10c
 - Cooler set 44 and 92c
 - 10 doz clothes pins 5c
 - Good tar soap 2c
 - Lenox soap 2c
 - Ivory soap 4c
 - Cocoanut cream soap 5c
 - Long handle fire shovel 5c
 - Soddering set 10c
 - Tooth powder 5c
 - 25 good envelopes 3c
 - Lead pencils 1c
 - 5 slate pencils 1c

We will carry a full and complete line of Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Gloves and Mittens, Ribbons, Pocket-books, Stationery, Perfumes, Jewelry, Hair Pins and Hair Ornaments, Notions and Fancy Goods, Crockery, China, Glass-ware, Tin ware, Enameled ware, etc. Our 5c and 10c tables contain the greatest bargains ever sold by any firm in the county. You are welcome at the New Store.

Come and get our prices then

"MATCH US IF YOU CAN."

E. A. BOWMAN, Prop.

Bowman Block, Pinckney.
Moon Building, Howell.

BERT WELLMAN,

Manager of Pinckney Store.

We Wish to Reduce Our UNDERWEAR STOCK

By the First of the Year

And as the weather has been warm the demand was not very good, and we will have to make prices move them. You will be well paid to look at our line before you buy.

Shoes.

Will give 15 per cent off from any shoes in our store for one week.

Groceries for Saturday, Dec. 9:



- Best Canned Pumpkin 6c.
- Best Bottle Catsup 8c.
- Best Bottle Pickles 8c.
- Best Tomato Mustard 11c.

W. W. Barnard.

LOCAL NEWS.

Our fine weather caught cold Monday night.
Matt Brady still remains about the same—very sick.
Miss Nora Fohey, of Webster, was home over Sunday.
Willie Welsh, of Dexter, spent Sunday with Leo Fohey.
H. W. Crofoot and wife were in Howell on Saturday last.
Miss Ella Devereaux was home from Howell over Sunday.
The council proceedings for Oct. and Nov. appear in this issue.
Mrs. W. G. Stephens of Plymouth is visiting her daughter Mrs. F. G. Jackson.
Mrs. Fred Grieve and sister, Daisy Reason, were in Howell on Saturday last.
Be sure and see the Art. Gallery at the Social Friday evening at J. A. Cadwells.
J. J. Teeple and wife visited friends at Howell and Fowlerville the first of the week.
Miss Veronica Fohey, who is attending school in Ann Arbor, was home for Thanks giving.
Herb Schoennals and family, of Genoa, were guests of E. J. Briggs and wife over Sunday.
Mort Mortenson and wife, of Genoa, were guests of his parents here the last of last week.
C. L. Bowman of the City Meat Market has an adv. on page four which will interest our farmer friends.
There will be good things to eat, and no end of pretty things to see at the social Friday evening at Mrs. Cadwells.
Do not fail to read the first of our series of "Klondyke Letters" to be found on page four of this issue—you will find them interesting.
The Society of Church Workers will hold their regular monthly tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Teeple, next Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 5 until all are served. A cordial invitation to all.
Great Exhibit of rare and old Photographs at the Sunday School social Friday night at J. A. Cadwells unexcelled for beauty. See how many old friends you can recognize. Work for first prize.
W. D. Thompson having sold his farm to Chas. L. Campbell will sell his personal property on the premises just north and east of this village, on Wednesday of next week, Dec. 13. See bills for articles and terms of sale.
The Congregational Sunday School will hold a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cadwell Friday evening Dec. 8. Refreshments will be served. A beautiful Art. Gallery which has been kindly loaned will be exhibited under the direction of one of the classes. Proceeds will go to the Christmas fund. All are cordially invited.

Livingston County Association of Farmers' Clubs.

While we were unable to attend the meeting at Howell on Saturday last the corresponding secretary very kindly sent us the following excellent report:
Although the attendance was not large, yet a goodly number of representative men and women from each club in the county were present and an interesting and profitable time was the result. The meeting was called to order by the president, and after opening exercises, Frank Shields gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the legal phase of the subject, "Farmers' rights vs. telephone companies' rights." Mr. Shields said all people were supposed to hold and enjoy all rights in common and the farmer was no exception. Thought the courts looked upon telephone, telegraph and railroad companies with a degree of favor on the account of their being a public benefit; therefore franchises were granted corporations, and private property was taken for public purposes; however corporations must show the necessity for the establishment of their lines of business before they can force the right of way over private property and then only by just and fair compensation for privileges granted. Mr. Shields stated at the commencement that any question that might be asked would be no interruption, hence many questions were given him for solution and thus the forenoon session was profitably spent.
AFTERNOON SESSION.
After the report of the treasurer came the election of officers with the following result: Pres., F. E. Bidwell, Brighton; Rec. Sec'y, A. M. Wells, Howell; Cor. Sec'y, W. H. Sayles, Gregory; Treas., L. K. Beach, Marion. Vice presidents were elected from each club in the county as follows: Green Oak, Mrs. Mary Marshall; East Putnam and Hamburg, G. W. Teeple Anderson, A. G. Wilson; Marion, Mrs. Frank Backus; Deerfield, John Payne; Howell, Ed. Wakefield; Uxcellia, Ryal Barnum; Hartland, E. A. Ross; Genoa, C. G. Sweet; Brighton, J. W. Hunter; Tyrone, Y. T. Cole.
Next on the program was a paper by A. G. Wilson, on the subject of "Transportation." Mr. Wilson handled this subject in a very practical manner and the position taken by the writer was quite generally held by the meeting as shown by the discussion which followed. Mr. Wilson appreciated the benefits of good transportation facilities but thought evils existed in the present system and that the people had good reason for complaint as railroad companies discriminate in favor of the large shippers; cited the Standard Oil Co. as a favorite of the railroad companies; said, that theoretically, government ownership presented the needed remedy but thought there might be some less radical means to secure justice in this great branch of needed industry. Suggested more stringent laws regulating rates and establishing uniformity in same and their rigid enforcement.
Mr. Bidwell in discussing the paper said he could heartily agree with the paper, especially that part of it relating to the establishment of uniform rates. Spoke of the rapid consolidation of the different lines and said consolidation did not reduce capitalization but rather increased it through the well known process of watering stock, hence higher rates must follow to insure dividends to stock-holders. W. D. Sterling of the Howell Schools, having been invited to prepare a paper on this subject presented a well written one which was quite descriptive of this great branch of American industry; said the production of wealth was greatly increased by transportation; thought much of our aggregate wealth was due to our extensive system of transportation; noted the great advance in commerce in the past 117 years; said, shall the American transportation be utilized in the future, he considered its future great. In the general discussion which followed all united in the opinion that an extended and systematic system of transportation was an absolute necessity in the social and material development of a nation, but opinions differed upon methods and management, some advocated government ownership and management on the ground that as transportation was a public benefit and a necessity, the people should own and manage the same in their own interests, also as a means of preventing the many injustices practiced under private ownership. Others advocated the present system, doubting the ability of the people to manage so great a business with its many details.
The question box absorbed the remainder of the time, there being nine questions of local and national importance. To give a complete report of them would take too much time and space. It was apparent that those who could remain to the last part of the program enjoyed the hour very much. J. W. Edgar was elected to represent the association at the state meeting, and the association adjourned subject to call of officers. R. B. SARRIS, Cor. Sec.

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The Magnetic Attraction of Our HOLIDAY GOODS and Low Prices
Push the Old Man Aside.

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for CHRISTMAS BUYERS.

No matter how hard you are to suit, we can suit you, in new and Beautiful Selections of

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You are Cordially Invited to Come and See What We Can Do for You Before You Look Elsewhere.

All that is Newest and Best awaits your inspection and approval, and the prices on All Our Goods are Extremely Low.

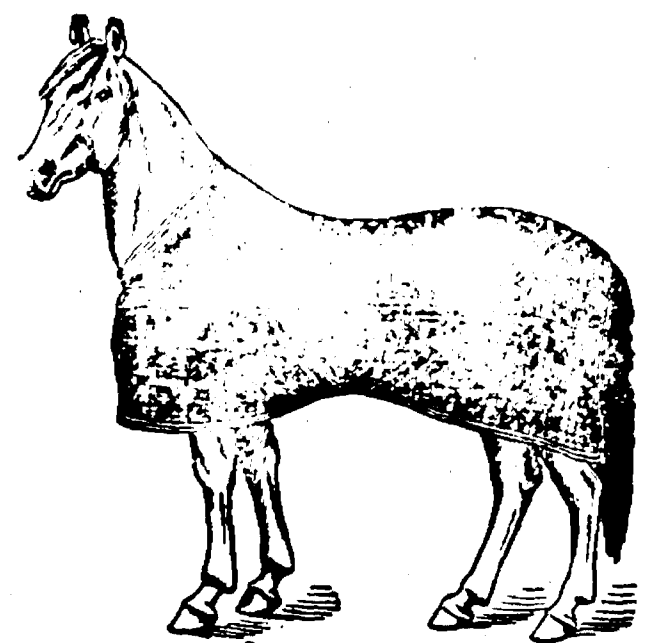
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You Know Where We Are,

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- Plush Robes
- Fur Robes
- Montana Robes
- Stable Blankets
- Storm Blankets
- Fancy Plaid Blankets.



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The Old Reliable. Has five miles of strong warp threads. Long of wear, will never tear.

We are Selling 'em on Small Profits.

TEEPLE & CADWELL.

Rubbers.

MEN, this will certainly interest YOU!
Rubbers of the Lambertville and Mishawaka brand carry conviction with them. We own them cheap, and sell them likewise. Also have the celebrated Ball Brand Knit Boots and Socks. To show them is sell them. We have men's, boys, and youths' Felts and Rubbers in brands and styles to please all.

Gents' Furnishings for Winter.

Heavy Duck Coats, with and without rubber lining. Heavy Kersey Pants. Heavy Overshirts and lighter weights. Every article a good value, made with care, good fitting, and for wear unsurpassed. Gloves and Mitts, just the time for them. The right articles, our assortment furnishing anything you wish.

Our Strong Point.

And that is Hosiery and Underwear. Comparison with goods bought elsewhere has convinced us as well as many others that it's no exaggeration to state that we have the strongest line in the county.

Saturday, Dec. 2:

- 3 lbs Best Crackers 14c
- 40c Tea—to close 29c
- 3 lbs Rice for 11c

F. G. JACKSON.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

OUR GREAT STATE RELATED IN A BRIEF FORM.

Indictments Already Returned by the Grand Jury Include Speaker Adams, Lead Commissioner French and Book Agent Pratt—Gold in Sebewalug.

Death of a Maniac.

A most horrible and brutal murder was committed in Detroit on the evening of the 2d. The victim was John M. Reindel, who conducted a bicycle repair shop on Griswold street, next door to the Capital Square Theater. As Mr. Reindel was known to always carry quite a roll of money it was at first thought that the killing was the work of a burglar, who committed the deed in order to cover up any clue to his identity. Later, however, a man by the name of Thomas Denton applied at police headquarters for admittance, and after being given a cell, a physician was called, who, after making an examination, pronounced the man insane. When questioned Denton admitted that he knew Reindel, and that he killed him and then poured gasoline upon his clothing and set it afire. Whether the insane man committed the deed with the intent of robbery, or whether it was just an insane desire to kill is a mystery.

An Effort to Recruit G. A. R.

Department Commander Pealer, of the G. A. R., in Michigan, is making a strong effort to recruit the order. He has just issued general order No. 2, in which he states that there are now 385 posts in the state, and it is impossible to visit them all, he makes some suggestions for the work of the coming winter. First he would have great care exercised in the selection of post-officers at the approaching elections. The new officers, he says, should be the most competent and loyal men to be found in the posts. They should all be recruiting officers. There should be no schemes to keep comrades out of the G. A. R. No political considerations should be allowed to influence the action of members. Especially it is urged that an effort be made to win back old members who have fallen out of the ranks. Each post is ordered to make a special effort to secure at least five new members within the next three months.

New Use for Cornstalks.

A series of experiments which have been carried on for some time past by the agricultural department have recently developed a new use for cornstalks, from which a very valuable horse and cattle food can now be made. The department has done a great deal of work with cornstalks in the past year and has developed several valuable uses for them, namely coffee bean packing for warships, a high grade of writing paper, the basis for a smokeless powder superior to the picric acid powders, several other uses. The new cattle food is made by grinding the dry cornstalks, leaves and tops, to a powder and mixing it with blood and molasses or both. This is pressed into cakes under a hydraulic press, and can be shipped as easily as bricks or cordwood. For feeding it is broken up and mixed with water.

Three Indictments Returned.

The grand jury which is engaged in investigating the charges of fraudulent legislation by the last legislature, has already returned three indictments against the following persons: E. J. Adams, speaker of the last legislature; Wm. A. French, state land commissioner, and Chas. H. Pratt, whose story brought about the charges that convicted the above officials of felonies. W. A. French has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$3,000.

Two more indictments have been returned by the grand jury, but the names of the victims are suppressed. There is no doubt but what the charges were based on the dicker over the anti-trust bill, as it is alleged \$500 was demanded of the Grand Rapids wholesale grocers for the purpose of sidetracking the bill.

That New Fruit Law.

There is great excitement at Benton Harbor among fruit buyers. The new law that all commission firms must give a bond of \$5,000 in each county where they do business, so that dissatisfied growers can sue them, has brought word from the leading Chicago firms that they will not give a bond, but rather keep out of the state. There is likely to be a reconstruction of the fruit business in this state, and the fruit will be brought direct instead of being bought on consignment.

Historic Band Stand at Farmington.

In the new park which Farmington is going to have will be placed what is probably the most historic band stand in the state. It formerly stood on the site of the Detroit city hall and from it Seward, Douglas and many a prominent speaker of 40 years ago addressed Michigan audiences, and from it all Michigan soldiers were reviewed on their way to the front in '61.

A white swan was shot and killed by a hunter near Cadillac recently, the only bird of the kind ever seen in that county.

STATE GOSSIP.

White Cloud is to have electric lights before long.

A new opera house is one of the possibilities for Saugatuck.

Hollanders at Holland on the 25th donated \$300 for Red Cross aid for the Boers.

The postoffice at Five Lakes was broken into on the 26th and about \$63 taken.

There is a poultry dealer at Otsego whose name, appropriately enough, is Cackler.

Romeo can secure a stove factory if a suitable building is donated for the purpose.

Diphtheria seems to be epidemic in Florence and Northwest townships, Hillsdale county.

The new opera house now in course of construction at Sheridan is fast nearing completion.

Wreckers made two attempts to wreck trains on the Michigan Central near Mason recently.

Now that Caro has a sugar factory, she is on the hustle to get a chicory factory to go with it.

Geo. Kerns, a Dalton saloon keeper, has paid a fine of \$50 for keeping his place open on Sunday.

The Methodists of Saline dedicated their fine new edifice with appropriate ceremonies on the 26th.

The annual reunion of the 3d Michigan infantry will be held at Grand Rapids on December 13.

Four carloads of stock were shipped from Bad Axe, Huron county, to eastern markets on the 25th.

The magnificent Catholic church of St. Thomas the Apostle at Ann Arbor was dedicated on the 26th.

The annual reunion of the veterans of the 6th Michigan cavalry will be held at Ionia on December 27.

A cement factory to cost \$200,000 is projected for Homer Lake, where plenty of marl of good quality exists.

The first sugar made by the new beet sugar factory at Kalamazoo was turned out on the 17th. The beets test well.

A \$10,000 brick manufactory, with all the modern appliances, will be a new industry at St. Joseph next spring.

The first hard snow storm of the season in the upper peninsula started on the 3d. Sleighs were out at Marquette on that date.

How many people know that Jackson, now one of the leading cities of the state, was once called Jacksonburg? The burg was dropped in 1833.

Lowell people seem to be very fond of dogs. The dog warden collected \$65 in four days last week, and covered but a small portion of the village at that.

Mary Vickery, aged 90, an inmate of the Jackson county house, set her clothes on fire with her pipe and before help came she was incinerated.

Farmers in the vicinity of South Haven are sore because their sugar beet crop did not pan out and small acreage will be planted with beet seed next season.

Free rural delivery out of St. Johns will be put into operation on December 4. The route lies north of the village, and covers 27 miles, over 1,100 people being served.

Two deaths from diphtheria was reported at Lansing on the 26th. There is one other case in the city, and the school in close proximity to that case has been closed.

Arrangements are almost completed for the establishment of a daily rural delivery of mail south from Quincy into Algonsee. This will wipe out several county postoffices.

The Kalamazoo Minstrel alliance on the 27th drafted resolutions petitioning congress against the seating of Congressman Roberts, of Utah, on the grounds of polygamy.

The farmers' granges in Clinton, Ingham and Eaton counties are now organizing a Patrons' Mutual Fire Insurance company. The officers of the organization will be at Lansing.

The docket for the December term of the circuit court in Wexford county contains seven criminal cases, an unusually large number for that ordinarily law-abiding community.

Wife beating seems to be a cheap form of amusement (?) in Hillsdale county. An Allen township man who was found guilty of that offense was let off with only 20 days in jail.

Hillsdale county brags that she stands third on the list of counties of the state for the number and strength of her Sunday schools, being excelled only by Kalamazoo and Calhoun.

The original shingle roof of a store at Rochester which was built 55 years ago has just been replaced with a new one. Not many shingle roofs made now-a-days that will last that long.

The deer hunting season, which ended on the 30th, resulted in a total of 11 hunters killed and seven wounded in Michigan and the Lake Superior sections of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Gen. Israel C. Smith was instantly killed while quail shooting just east of Grand Rapids on the 27th. He was going through a thicket and it is supposed that he stumbled, his gun discharging the full charge in the back of his head.

Horses around Vienna, Genesee county, are dying of some disease, the symptoms of which baffles the farmers.

Of the 200 heirs of the estate of the late Jacob Baker, of Germany, which, it is alleged, amounts to \$36,000,000, principally in real estate in Philadelphia, 19 or 13 are living in Huron county.

The Ithaca council has taken a long step in the right direction by buying a 20-acre gravel pit near the city, the gravel from which will be used in improving the roads leading in from the country.

Secretary (Gage, of Washington, on the 27th forwarded to ex-Congressman Stephenson at Menominee a draft for \$4,200 in payment for the lot at that place, on which the public building is to be located.

After a session lasting since Nov. 13, the grand jury at Bay City, finished its work on the 29th, returning three indictments to the circuit judge and submitting a typewritten report of its doings, covering 12 pages.

Cary Dunham, of Lawton, who mysteriously disappeared at Minneapolis, has returned very ill. He says he started for the depot and then remembered nothing until he found himself on a train near San Francisco.

Deputy Game Wardens Bennett and Atkinson seized a quantity of venison at the Michigan Central depot, Bay City, on the 27th, shipped from the north without a license tag attached. It was consigned to Plymouth and Oxford.

Manchester people have an idea that there is gas, or oil, or mineral water, or something worth going after, underlying their village, and efforts will be made to raise a fund sufficient to put down a test well to verify or disprove their belief.

Diphtheria now exists at White Pigeon in malignant form and the school and churches have been closed for the time being. One little girl who was in school on the 20th died of the disease on the 23d, and about 400 pupils were thus exposed.

Would it not be a good thing if the farmers of the state would take half the money which is now spent on botched jobs of repairing roads and use it in building roads upon correct principles? Surely it would be only a few years until the farmers could get to town at all seasons with something more than an empty wagon.

The 12 census supervisors of the state held a conference at Lansing on the 1st relative to methods of work and the interpretation of certain blanks, instructions, etc., the object being to secure uniformity along these lines. They will also act as a unit in an effort to secure an allowance for office work of taking the census next summer.

Reports to the state board of health show that rheumatism, neuralgia, tonsillitis, bronchitis and influenza, in the order named, caused the most sickness in Michigan during the past week. Consumption was reported at 296 places; typhoid fever, 77; scarlet fever, 65; diphtheria, 41; measles, 32; whooping cough, 21; smallpox, 6, and cerebrospinal meningitis, 2.

When Judge Smith gave Mrs. Joseph Ferguson, of Owosso, a bill of divorce a few months ago, he made an order forbidding her husband from marrying again within two years. Joseph stood it as long as he could, but he is married now. A charge of contempt of court now stares him in the face and he sees ahead of him more trouble than he had with Mrs. Ferguson the first.

Chas. Bentley and Hiram Waite, of Port Huron, were around the city on the 1st, meeting old friends, who have stood by them since they were sent to prison several years ago. They were pardoned on Thanksgiving day, and, although a parole only, was asked for Bentley, he received a full pardon. The men will go to work in that city, and friends will help them regain the reputation which was lost when they were arrested.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

From a British source it is learned that the Boers are withdrawing from Kimberley.

C. E. Young, of Flint township, has had fresh berries from his patch many times in the last few weeks.

Nearly \$2,000,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in the heart of the business section of Philadelphia on the 29th.

Both houses of the Cherokee legislature have finally passed the bill extending to the 1st of July next the time for congress to ratify the Cherokee treaty. The treaty is practically the same as that made with the Dawes commission.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Vice-President Hobart the President has canceled all his social engagements for the present. The members of the cabinet have done likewise and the administration will observe a period of mourning.

Lieut. Monroe with a handful of men, 50 in all, captured the garrison at Bayombong. Gen. Conon surrendered 800 officers and men with rifles, several Americans and 70 Spanish prisoners. He must have felt cheap when he learned Lieut. Monroe's actual strength.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

A SUMMARY OF THE NEWS FOR THE WEEK BY WIRE.

A Wisconsin Member of the Republican National Committee Recommends a Change in the Representation at Conventions—Other Items.

Proposed Change in Representation.

Henry C. Payne, the Wisconsin member will present at the meeting of the national Republican committee in Washington, Dec. 12, a resolution recommending a change in the basis of representation in future Republican national conventions. Mr. Payne's plan provides that each state be entitled to four delegates-at-large, and one additional delegate for each 10,000 votes, or majority fraction thereof, east at the last preceding Presidential election for Republican electors; and four delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia. If the plan to be proposed by Mr. Payne is recommended by the national committee and adopted by the convention, Alabama would have 9 delegates; Arkansas, 8; Florida, 5; Georgia, 10; Louisiana, 6; Mississippi, 5, and South Carolina, 5—a total of 49 instead of 124, as under the present apportionment. The other decreases would be: Colorado, 1; Idaho, 1; Montana, 1; Nebraska, 2; Nevada, 1; North Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 5; Texas, 9; Utah, 1; Virginia, 6, and Wyoming, 1.

The increases would be: California, 1; Connecticut, 3; Illinois, 17; Indiana, 7; Iowa, 7; Maryland, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Michigan, 5; Minnesota, 5; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 6; New York, 14; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 11; Oregon, 1; Pennsylvania, 13; Vermont, 1; West Virginia, 2, and Wisconsin, 7. The representation of the other states would remain as now. The total number of delegates would be 894 as at present.

Secretary of War Root's First Report.

The first annual report of Secretary of War Root, made public on the 1st, is of exceptional interest, dealing as it does with large questions of insular policy; of army reorganization; of the future of Cuba, and of the campaign in the Philippines. The report begins with a recital of the policy followed in reorganizing the army in accordance with the necessities arising from the discharge of the state volunteers and of the men enlisted for the Spanish-American war, and gives statistics of the past and present strength of the organization, covering in that respect matters dealt with in the reports of the major-general commanding and of the adjutant-general.

The regular army is distributed as follows: In Cuba, officers, 338; enlisted men, 10,796; in Porto Rico, officers, 87; enlisted men, 2,855; on the continent of North America, officers, 910; enlisted men, 17,317; in Hawaii, officers, 12; enlisted men, 453; in the Philippine islands, officers, 905; enlisted men, 30,578. All the new regiments of volunteers are in the Philippine islands or on the way to the Philippines. The regular army has been increased to the number of 61,999 enlisted men and 2,248 officers, making a total of 64,247, and a new volunteer force has been raised from the country at large, numbering 33,050 enlisted men and 1,524 officers making an aggregate of 34,574.

The Boers Successfully Retreated.

A London dispatch from Orange River, dated Nov. 27, and describing the battle at Enslin, says: The Boers successfully retreated. The Lancers attempt to intercept and reach them, but a severe fire, opened from a kopje (hill) forced the Lancers to retreat. Gen. Cronje was with the Boers. Among the Boer prisoners are Ald. Jeppe and commandant Ressik, who led the Boer forces. Many of the Boers voluntarily surrendered. The Boers were shelled during the final retreat, and must have lost heavily, but they succeeded in getting away northward with their six guns. The British were badly in need of more cavalry. The bulk of the fighting was on Free-State territory and the engagement was admirably planned. Thirty Boer wounded are under treatment at Orange River. At the close of the action, Lord Methuen complimented the naval brigade upon their splendid behavior and expressed his regret at the losses.

U. S. Troops May be Sent to Kentucky.

A few days ago the President was asked on behalf of Gov. Bradley, of Kentucky, whether he would send federal troops to assist state forces in case riot ensued on the attempt to seat Taylor as governor. The President referred the matter to Atty.-Gen. Griggs and Secretary Root, as it was claimed by Kentucky Democrats that as the late election was not in any sense federal, the President had no right to interfere. The President has received Griggs' opinion that he cannot send troops. Atty.-Gen. Griggs also maintained that it was the President's constitutional right so to act no matter what caused the riot, and especially where the governor declares martial law and asks the federal government for aid, as Gov. Bradley is said intending to do. It is therefore presumed that regular troops will be placed ready to take part in the inauguration ceremonies in Kentucky.

WAR NOTES.

Gen. MacArthur is now in Bayambong (or Bayamban), preparing to sweep the country on both sides of the Manila-Dagupan railroad. Gen. Wheaton is at San Fabian and Gen. Lawton at Tayug. The cordons from San Fabian to San Isidro cover all the roads and occupies all towns on the line. The American policy is to prevent any more insurgents escaping to the north and to force them toward the country west of the railroad. Maj. March, with a battalion of the 33d infantry, occupies Vigan, having made a forced march from San Fabian. The remainder of the regiment are on the way. Gen. Young with a handful of cavalry and the Macabebes is in Vigan and Lieut.-Col. Howse, with four decimated companies of the 34th infantry, barefooted and fagged, is struggling toward Vigan from Aliaga (Aliagu). When last reported he was within 50 miles of his destination. There are 5,000 Spanish prisoners in Abra province, whose release through the military operations is expected soon.

When the transport Manauense anchored in Manila bay on the morning of Nov. 23th, 43 days from San Francisco, there were several feet of water in her hold and 400 grimy, greasy, hungry, exhausted soldiers and sailors, who had been passing buckets of water since Nov. 17, night and day. First Assistant Engineer Dunleavy was under arrest, and, according to Col. Webb Hayes' official report, the chief engineer would also have been under arrest if there had been anyone to replace him. The colonel's report declares that the captain of the vessel told him that the only thing which brought them through was the fact that the men were greenhorns and failed to realize their danger, while experienced seamen would have deserted the ship and taken to the boats in mid-ocean.

Three hundred Spanish prisoners who escaped from their captors before the American advance, including civil officials of rank, who had been in the hands of the Filipinos for more than a year and many officers, have arrived at Manila during the past week. Francisco Ruyes brought 100 of them from Gen. Wheaton. They were a motley clothed and bearded company. Some were ill and had to be carried from Tayug to San Fabian in army wagons. A delegation of these former prisoners visited Gen. Otis in order to thank him for his hospitality which included the furnishing of food and clothes. Senor Jamarillo, the Spanish commissioner, is making arrangements to send them to Spain on board of a Spanish transport.

The following dispatch from Gen. Otis was received at the war department on the 27th: A steamer from San Fabian on the 26th brought 115 Spanish prisoners, \$25,000 in insurgent government money, and other property captured by Gen. Lawton's troops near Tayug on the 25th. Gen. Wheaton's troops, Fowler's company of the 33d, drove the enemy westward from Mangataren, a few miles southwest of Dagupan, and captured five 3-inch muzzle loading guns, 12 rifles, 12,000 rounds of Maxim cartridges, 1,000 shrapnel, 800 pounds of powder and other property, also 94 Spanish and seven American prisoners. Col. Bell, with the 36th infantry is en route, and will march down the western Luzon coast.

Col. Gardener's 30th regiment, which left Fort Sheridan on Sept. 6, got its first glimpse of the Philippine islands on the 21st, when their transport, the Sheridan, came to anchor in Manila bay a mile and a half from shore. It was an unbroken run from Honolulu, where she laid three days through to Manila, no stops having been made at the Japanese ports or at Hong Kong. The voyage lasted 27 days, and it was the best time the Sheridan has made. The weather was fine all the way over. Only a few were sick when the boat reached Manila, and they not seriously. The regiment has been assigned to Gen. Lawton's division and will doubtless see service in the near future.

The last Filipino council of war was held by the retreating leaders at Bayambong on Nov. 13, in the house now occupied by Gen. MacArthur. It was attended by Aguinaldo, Pio del Pilar, Garcia, Alejandro and some members of the so-called cabinet. Information has reached Gen. MacArthur from several sources to the effect that the council recognized the futility of attempting further resistance to the Americans, with united forces and agreed that the Filipino troops should scatter and henceafter follow guerrilla methods.

Aguinaldo's mother has arrived at Manila and has been given shelter by Senor Legarde, a prominent amigo, who was secretary before the outbreak and who resigned when it came. It seems that Buencamino's party took refuge in a bandit village, which had offered Aguinaldo an asylum, intending to sell him to the Americans. The bandits assassinated half of Buencamino's guard and proposed to keep Aguinaldo's mother for ransom.

Secretary of the Navy Long on the 26th received a cablegram from Admiral Watson, dated Cavite, informing him that the entire province of Zamboanga, Island of Mindanao, had surrendered unconditionally to Commander Very of the Castine. The surrender was made on the 18th, and the delivery of all guns is promised.

KITTY'S HUSBAND

By Author of "Hetty," Etc.

CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued.)

"The secret is not my own," he continued earnestly after a minute; "you must be satisfied with half confidences."

I waited.
"What I want to tell you, Kitty, is this. I am bringing a visitor here to-night to sleep. I want no one to know that he is here. He is eluding justice. I am sorry to say that I am abetting him."

"John, what has he done?"
"Don't be frightened, Kitty. We can sleep in safety without fearing for our lives. He has forged a cheque—a cheque for a large amount. It is not his first offense. Many years ago he was guilty of a similar forgery; then the would-be prosecutor was bought off, the case was never brought into court. This time he has to deal with men who are made of sterner stuff. They will hear no compromise; they insist on prosecuting; for weeks past I have been trying to negotiate with them, to save him. I have failed."

"Is he worth it, John—worth all your work?"

"No, I think not."

"Why are you so anxious, then?"

"For old friendship's sake."

"Was he an old friend of yours? Oh, let him come here; we can hide him!"

"Kitty, you spoke then almost as your old self might have spoken. No, dear, he was never a dear friend of mine. As I said before, Kitty, you must be content with half confidences. A few weeks ago I hoped he had escaped. He could not be found. Then we discovered that he had returned to London and was here in hiding. To-day I find, what I feared yesterday, that his hiding place has been discovered; he dares not return there to-night. When it is much later and the way is clear, I shall bring him here. No one need see him, Kitty. I have a

I turned toward the door; he opened it for me, smiling at me as he did so.

"Thank you, Kitty," he said in a grateful tone. "You have helped me very much."

"A wifely duty!" I returned, with a bitter little smile. "Don't thank me, I was bound to help you;" and I turned away from him with the sound of my own bitter mocking voice ringing in my ears.

CHAPTER XV.

"Heigh-ho, what a long evening this is!" and Meg sighed. "Wind and rain, wind and rain; listen to it!"

"Don't stand at the window, Meg," I urged.

But Meg did not heed me. She stood between the parted curtains, and looked out across the wet pavement shining in the gaslight.

"Madame Arnaud!" cried Meg suddenly.

"Madame Arnaud?" I repeated.

"She is coming in with John. She chooses strange hours for calling, Kitty; the clock is just striking nine. Well, I am glad that some one has come to enliven our dullness—even a dull caller is better than no one."

"But not tonight," I said absently.

Meg turned away from the window; we both waited for John to bring Madame Arnaud into the drawing-room. We waited in vain. There were steps in the hall, then John's study door closed, and all was silent in the house.

Meg and I were silent, too; the rain beat against the panes; I sat and listened to it absently. Presently Meg crossed the room and stood beside my chair, and kissed me caressingly.

"Madame Arnaud must have gone again," I said, almost defiantly, defying Meg's unspoken sympathy, turning and looking up at her.

Meg did not answer. Presently she

cold wind that swept in, even welcoming the rain that beat against my burning cheek. After a minute I shivered. But even then I did not move. Physical cold seemed to deaden for a minute all the passionate burning tumult of thoughts that were surging through my brain.

The wind caught the curtains and made them sway to and fro. Suddenly, as the door was opened, I turned to see John coming in with a firm quick step across the room. He drew down the window sharply before he spoke a word. Then he turned to me, with a quick glance of mingled severity and gentleness. He tried to speak patiently, but there was something of anger in his self-controlled tone.

"Do you try to make yourself ill, Kitty?" he asked.

I had risen from my knees, and I stood leaning against the shutter, my hands held down before me. I looked straight at him, all the agony, all the hopelessness of the past two hours shining in my eyes.

"I try to die," I said calmly, with the calmness of the deepest passion.

John's eyes expressed a passion as deep as mine. He was putting a curb upon his speech; his effort after self-restraint was evident.

"Why should I wish to live?" I asked. "Why? Tell me why."

John sighed and made no answer, went on passionately—

"If the wind blows upon me a little, if the rain touches me, you are sorry. You are not sorry that my heart is breaking. It is breaking all day long—always. And you—you do not care."

"Kitty, I think you are mad when you talk like this."

I pushed back my hair, which was falling loosely about my forehead, and looked at him with an odd little smile—a heart-broken half-bitter smile.

"I should be happier if I died," I said. "And you—could you marry Madame Arnaud, John?"

John's gray eyes flashed a quick, startled, scrutinizing glance at my face.

"That is one of the things, Kitty, that I cannot allow even you to say," he returned at last severely.

There was a long silence. It was John who was the first to break it. He spoke slowly, and his tone was heavy as he spoke.

"You asked me the other day to let you leave me," he said. "I refused. I was wrong—and you were right. You may go, Kitty. I will not try to keep you with me."

I was silent. John turned away, with a tired and heavy sigh.

"We will talk of it tomorrow," he added. "It's too late—we are neither of us calm enough—to talk tonight. But you shall go. I promise."

I think I murmured a few incoherent words of thanks as I turned away. I might go! The privilege seemed an empty boon, indeed. I had no feeling of elation, no feeling of contentment in having won. Life stretched away blankly before me, bereft of every joy, every hope.

Even now I cannot recall the long hours of that night with an aching pity for that old self of mine who lay sleepless, tearless the whole night through, and heard the hours strike one by one, and waited in a dull, hopeless, unexpectant way for the dawn to break.

The dawn came at last. The sun rose slowly above the house tops—a red orb in a copper-colored sky. I dressed wearily, and turned with a heavy heart to go down stairs.

My hand was on the handle of my door when the door was opened from outside. Meg came in. At the first sight of her face I stepped forward quickly and put my arm around her. Her face was deathly white—white even to the lips. Her lips were tremulous, and yet they were trying in a pathetic way to laugh at herself and at me—at herself for her emotion, and at me for my solicitude.

"I ought to faint, Kitty," she said, looking at me with a queer, tremulous little smile. "It would be befitting—and—romantic, dear."

She pushed away the eau de Cologne I had brought her, and gradually the color came back into her cheeks.

"You should have told me he was here," she said, after a minute, half lightly, half reproachfully.

"Did you see some one, Meg? Were you startled? A—a friend of John's came last night to stay. I didn't tell you."

"Do you know who he was?" she asked.

"No. I don't know—John didn't tell me. But he told me that he was coming. I wish you hadn't seen him, Meg. He startled you—naturally—when you didn't know that any one was staying here. Would you mind, Meg, not saying to any one that you have seen him?"

Meg laughed harshly.

"I am not likely to mention it, Kitty," she said drily. "It is not often, dear, that I boast of that early escapade of mine. When I am an old woman and very dull I may weave a romance out of those ices and love letters and jam puffs; but I am not old enough just yet. I shan't talk of it, dear; don't fear."

"Meg, what do you mean? Who was it you saw? Not Arthur St. John?"

(To be continued.)

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

Enlistments for the Boer army, it was learned on the 27th, are making some progress in New York, though more men are volunteering in Philadelphia and other places. The recruits are found chiefly among the Irishmen, although Germans and men of other nationalities are also volunteering to fight under the Boer flag. Some dozens of young Irishmen have already left New York for the Transvaal, but the largest recruiting is done in Chicago and other western cities, San Francisco sending her quota.

British Ambassador Pauncefoot has informed the secretary of state that he has been directed by Premier Salisbury to say that a state of war has existed since Oct. 11 between Britain, the South African republic and the Orange Free State. The notice will probably not materially affect the United States, except to enable the government to deal vigorously with any persons who attempt to recruit in the United States for either of the parties to the war, Boer or British.

Presidents Pruger and Steyn have instructed Gens. Joubert and Conje not to split their forces into small detachments, but to strike vigorous blows. Gen. Joubert has three corps, one holding Ladysmith, the second commanding the Tugela, and the third, east of Estcourt, in order to cut off the British retreat. Gen. Cronje's forces are divided into three contingents, one at Kimberley, another at Modder river and the third in the rear of Gen. Methuen.

The latest returns from the Modder River engagement says that Gen. Methuen, of the British forces, and several other officers were wounded. It is also added that Methuen's wound is slight, being a flesh wound in the thigh. The above report is taken from a London dispatch and it is believed to be greatly modified.

The transports Scot, with 33 British officers and 1,086 men, and the Bavarian, with 83 officers and 2,810 men arrived at Cape Town on the 28th.

Nations Warned by England.

Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, in a speech at a luncheon at Leicester, Eng., on the 30th, said that ever since the great split in the liberal party he had found himself a mark for the slanders and misrepresentations of the "baser sort of politicians," but that he had found compensation in the generous appreciation of the majority of his countrymen. Continuing Mr. Chamberlain said he was deeply gratified that the foreign relations of Great Britain were so satisfactory and he asserted that the country owed a debt of gratitude to Lord Salisbury for the great improvement in Great Britain's position. It was especially gratifying, he said, to note the friendly relations existing between the Anglo-Saxon branches, saying that the understanding between the United States and Great Britain was indeed a guarantee of the peace of the world. This statement was greeted with cheers. In speaking of the attitude of foreign nations Mr. Chamberlain said he hoped that the friendly feeling that now existed between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race would continue.

Division of Samoan Islands Rejected.

The United States has declined to accept the agreement as to the disposition of the Samoan islands, reached by Great Britain and Germany. It was possibly the leaking out of some information to this effect that gave rise to the report circulated in European capitals recently of the development of a serious hitch in the negotiations. As a matter of fact, there is no serious hitch, and the reasons which influenced the state department at Washington in rejecting the British-German arrangement when it was submitted for approval, related entirely to minor matters, and touched rather upon the form than the substance of the arrangement. Having rejected the tentative treaty submitted by the other two powers, our government has in turn, and at the instance of the other parties, prepared and submitted a draft of a treaty which it is hoped will be acceptable to all three powers.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades...	\$4 75/80	\$4 00	\$5 00	\$4 25
Lower grades...	\$3 15/25	2 00	5 00	4 00
Chicago—				
Best grades...	5 40/7 00	4 75	5 50	4 00
Lower grades...	3 60/4 05	3 00	4 50	3 05
Detroit—				
Best grades...	3 75/4 75	3 50	4 90	3 90
Lower grades...	3 50/3 75	2 50	4 25	3 75
Buffalo—				
Best grades...	3 75/4 50	4 50	5 50	4 05
Lower grades...	3 25/3 60	3 00	4 25	3 50
Cincinnati—				
Best grades...	5 30/5 65	3 75	4 75	3 95
Lower grades...	3 60/4 50	3 00	4 10	3 50
Pittsburg—				
Best grades...	5 70/6 00	4 25	5 00	4 05
Lower grades...	4 25/4 90	3 75	4 75	4 00

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat	Corn	Oats
New York	No. 2 red 71 1/2	No. 2 mix 62 1/2	No. 2 white 60 1/2
Chicago	66 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Detroit	66 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Toledo	66 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Cincinnati	66 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Pittsburg	70 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
St. Louis	66 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, \$11 50 per ton. Potatoes, 20c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 7c per lb; fowls, 6c; turkeys, 9 1/2c; ducks, 8c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 18c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 21c per lb; creamery, 20c.			

For 47 Years a Railroad Conductor. Early this fall the management of the B. & O. R. R. decided that the uniform force should be provided with service stripes, and on the winter uniforms each man has one or more gold stripes on his right sleeve if he has been in the service for five or more years. The gold stripe stands for five years continuous employment by the company and a glance over the list develops an interesting and instructive condition of affairs.

The ordinary man, in a peaceful and uneventful vocation, is seldom in continuous service for forty years, yet on the B. & O. R. R. there is a hale and



W. H. GREEN.

He has been employed in the B. & O. for 50 years.

heartly old man, with keen, undimmed eyes, and a springy step that has been in the continuous employ of the company for 50 years and is still better than many men half his age.

W. H. Green is his name, but everybody on the line calls him "Captain Harry" and he has a record that any man, in any station in life, would be more than proud of.

Captain Green is probably the oldest passenger conductor in the world. If he is not he has the best record, for not once has he been suspended from duty for any cause whatever. And then, too, he has never been injured. Green was born on September 12, 1827, in Cockeysville, Baltimore county, Md., and entered the B. & O. service March 3, 1850, as a freight brakeman. He was promoted in two years to freight conductor and in 1857 was given a passenger train and has served in that capacity ever since. He is now running through trains between Baltimore and Cumberland, Md., and wears ten service stripes on his right arm.

For many years B. & O. train employes have had an enviable reputation for politeness to passengers and attention to duty, and the adoption of the service stripe system will give the traveling public an opportunity to recognize long and faithful service.

Coughing Leads to Consumption.

Kemp's Balsam will stop the cough at once. Go to your druggist today and get a sample bottle free. Sold in 25 and 50 cent bottles. Go at once; delays are dangerous.

We sell our birthright to be saved when we choose sin.

Dropsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

Walking with God must begin in very short steps.

THE GRIP CURE THAT DOES CURE. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets remove the cause that produces La Grippe. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. See.

Cheerful giving always makes the giver rich.



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I LOOKED STRAIGHT AT HIM.

disguise prepared for him. Tomorrow, when he leaves here, he will, I hope, be unrecognizable. His berth has been taken for him in another name in a ship for South America. Once there, he will be beyond the law."

John stood talking to me for some time longer, arranging the details of our plot.

"Shall I see him, John?" I asked.

"I think not, Kitty."

I rose at last to go. John detained me a minute longer.

"Not a word to Meg," he warned me.

"No," I promised.

"One would not willingly trust state secrets to Meg," he added, with a slight smile. "Try to keep her with you all the evening, Kitty. As for the servants, I will tell them to build up the study fire and then not to disturb me again tonight. When dinner is over, take Meg back to the drawing-room and keep her there."

"You will not be at dinner, John?"

"No," he answered abstractedly. "I am going out now."

"Where?" I asked.

The question escaped me before I had time to think; it was not often that I questioned him about his goings. He looked a little vexed at the question now.

"To Madame Arnaud's," he answered simply.

drew a low chair just opposite to mine. An hour dragged by. All through that hour, even while Meg talked, I was listening with a strained attention.

"Go to bed, Meg," I said at last, pleadingly.

"Why, Kitty?"

"Do go, Meg," I urged.

Meg glanced at me. Then for once she rose and kissed me again and went.

The wind had risen; the rain beat deafeningly against the window. Sounds in the house were lost in the sounds of the storm outside. I crossed the room, took up my stand at the window, where Meg had been standing, and closed the curtains behind me to shut out the light of the room.

Minutes went by, minutes that seemed like hours. At last the house door opened, shut softly, and John and Madame Arnaud came out together, and passed the window where I stood.

I waited. Ten minutes passed. The clock struck eleven slowly, and John passed the window again—this time alone.

He let himself in silently; he went back to his study, and for an hour longer I waited.

The fire had gone out, the room had grown cold; but my head was hot and throbbing. I threw open the window and knelt beside it, welcoming the

The Pinckney Dispatch.

F. L. ANDREWS - EDITOR.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1899.

W. C. T. U.

Edited by the W. C. T. U. of Pinckney.

Three Beers a Day.

The following list of goods was submitted to first class grocery-men of Milwaukee, east and west sides, and their estimates were made by the prices usually paid by workmen, and the average taken.

- 1 Barrel of flour.
- 50 Pounds of Sugar.
- 20 Pounds of Corn Starch.
- 10 Pounds of Macaronia.
- 10 Quarts of Beans.
- 4 12-pound Hams.
- 1 Bushel Sweet Potatoes.
- 3 Bushel Irish Potatoes.
- 10 Pounds of Coffee.
- 10 Pounds of Raisens.
- 10 Pounds of Rice.
- 20 Pounds of crackers.
- 100 Bars of Soap.
- 3 Twelve-pound Turkeys.
- 5 Quarts of Cranberries.
- 10 Bunches of Celery.
- 10 Pounds of Prunes.
- 4 Dozen Oranges.
- 10 Pounds of mixed nuts.

Four big barrels heaped up to hold these goods. In the bottom of the last barrel you will find a purse, in one pocket of which there is a five dollar gold piece; marked "a dress for mamma," in the other a ten dollar bill marked, "shoes for the children." In the third pocket there will be three dollars for a daily newspaper through the year, fifty cents for postage, and still one dollar and twenty five cents left for six good books. All this for "Three Beers a Day" one year.

Moderate drinker, just think of this. Take it home and show it to the loved ones, whom you wish to make happy.

Yours for happy homes that will not drive men into the saloons.
HENRY COLMAN,
Milwaukee, Wis.

F. A. Sigler guarantees every bottle of Chamberlins Cough Remedy and will refund the money to any one who is not satisfied after using two thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. t mar-1

ANNUAL CANADIAN EXCURSIONS.

Via Grand Trunk Railway System.

Excursion tickets will be sold from all stations in Michigan and Indiana (except east of Pontiac, Armada and Imlay City) to stations in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, good going Dec. 14, 15, 16 and 17, and for return leaving destination until Jan. 16, 1900.

Low limit: low rates; first class sleeping, coach, dining car and train service; optional routes via Detroit or Port Huron.

Full information from all agents of Grand Trunk or connecting lines, or write to Ben. Fletcher, Trav. Pass. Agent, Detroit.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's arnica salve cures them; also old, running and fever sores, ulcers, boils, felons, corns, warts, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, chapped hands, chilblains, best pile cure on earth, drives out pains and aches. Only 25c a box; cure guaranteed. Sold by F. A. Sigler, druggist.

Council Proceedings.

For The Village of Pinckney.

Regular. Oct. 2, 1899.
Council convened and called to order by Pres. McIntyre.

Present, trustees, Thompson, Sykes, Richards and Monks.

Absent, trustees, Johnson and Bowman. Minutes were read and approved.

Street Com. report presented and accepted as follows:—

Reason & Shehan, oil	\$2.98
Francis Carr, st. fitting, matches	8.10
A. E. Brown, marshal services,	1.67
Percy Swarouth, watering trees,	1.00
R. Sigler and R. Carr, "	1.80
Total	\$15.55

The following highway bills were presented and accepted:—

S. Grimes, labor,	\$2.50
J. Monks, labor and team	5.50
Alf. Monks, "	2.50
Will Moran, labor,	1.00
Marcellus Monks, stone,	1.50
Oral Wheeler, stone,	1.00
Total	\$14.00

Upon motion council adjourned.

R. H. TEEPLE, Clerk.

Regular. Nov. 6, 1899.

Council convened and called to order by Pres. proteim, Thompson.

Present, trustees, Johnson, Thompson, Richards, Bowman and Sykes.

Absent, trustee, Monks, pres. McIntyre. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Street Comr. report read and accepted as follows:—

B. VanBlaricum, laying stone w'k	\$3.75
M. Lavey, labor,	9.38
J. Monks, " team	22.75
S. Grimes, "	3.75
A. Monks, " "	6.25
J. Mortenson, "	1.25
M. Run " "	1.25
Geo. Burch " "	1.25
Deil Swarouth, labor	1.25
Teepie & Cadwell, nails	1.46
A. E. Brown, rep pick,	.10
T. Read, lumber etc,	14.20
S. Grimes, labor,	.50
H. D. Grieve, cartage	.35
Total	\$67.49

The following Contingent bills were presented and accepted:—

A. E. Brown, marshal services to Nov. 6, 1899	\$2.07
L. Graham, care A. Jacoby,	.65
S. Sykes, rep. scraper handles,	1.00
Reason & Shehan, oil and globes,	5.48
H. D. Grieve, cartage,	.25
W. B. Darrow, Hy, comr. book,	.50
Total	\$9.95

Motion made and carried that the council meet hereafter at 7 o'clock p. m. sun time.

Upon motion council adjourned.

R. H. TEEPLE, Clerk.

Special. Nov. 10, 1899.

Persuant to a call for special meeting, by president McIntyre, council convened and was called to order by the president.

Present, Richards, Bowman, Thompson, Sykes, Johnson and Monks.

Motion made by trustee Richards and supported by trustee Bowman, that the sluce at the terminus of Pearl street south, be removed and the cross-walk at that point lowered in a proper manner.

Motion carried. Council adjourned.

R. H. TEEPLE, clerk.

His Life Was Saved

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I could not even get up in bed. I expected to die soon of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave relief. I continued to use and am now well and strong and I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at F. A. Sigler's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

He Collected the Collector.

"Yes," said the business man, "I have given up trying to collect that little bill from Bilkins. You see, he is a pretty big fellow, and he used to throw my collectors out."

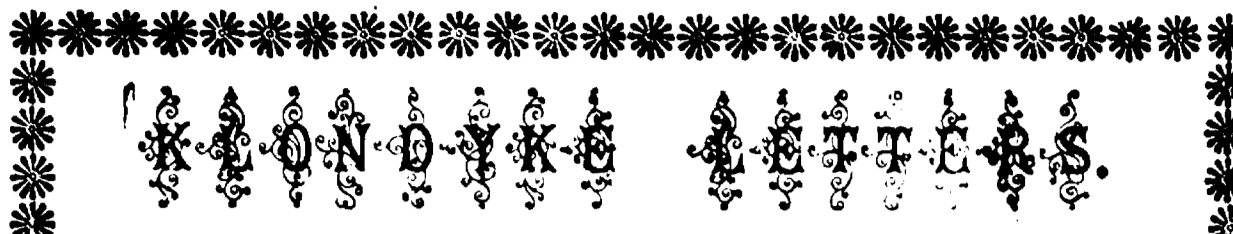
"Then why didn't you employ a woman collector? He couldn't do that to a woman."

"That's what I thought. So I got one and sent her around, but she never came back."

"Why not?"

"He married her."—Answers.

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ON THE YUKON.

By BAILEY SMITH.

Arranged by MRS. W. CARLIN.

Perhaps just a word of explanation before the beginning of these letters will make them more readily understood.

In August 1897 my husband, Mr. Carlin and my brother Bailey Smith left San Francisco for Dawson city intending to go by boat the entire distance. The boat called the North Fork—on which they took passage was very heavily loaded besides taking in tow a smaller boat called the Mare Island to carry the passengers up the Yukon. The boat made very slow progress and by the time they reached St. Michaels Island the season was so far advanced they could proceed no further as ice was already forming on the Yukon. Some of the passengers—Mr. Carlin included—returned to the states to spend the winter and go in over the Pass in the spring, while others remained on the boat in the canal, and it is of their life from then until the present time that is described in these letters.

ST. MICHAELS ISLAND.

On Board Steamer, Mare Island.

Oct. 15 1897.

We have gone into winter quarters about 15 miles from St. Michaels, in the channel between the island and the main land. I believe we wrote you after an attempt and failure to get up the Yukon. The ice drove us back, but if we had stayed in it for a week we would now be on our way up. The weather moderated, ice went out and the boats that we left in the ice went on up, but we had many timid passengers who never saw any ice, and when they found themselves among a little new ice they were ready to bid farewell to earthly troubles and cast their lot among the angels.

I don't think I shall leave this country soon for there will be some good opportunities to make money either in mining business, or labor. A small saw mill is a paying business here. The timber is small and hard to get out but at Dawson it is worth \$200 per thousand. Wood cutting is a

good business for some one, or a great number, for the next few years; up the river, wood is worth \$8.00 per cord on the bank of the stream. All reports from here bear evidence that this country is rich in mineral, and that gold, paying from \$6 to \$10 per day, can be found on any creek in the gold bearing country. But this don't pay as the cost of provisions and the cost of getting them there is very expensive. The only ways of getting through this country is by water in summer or by sleds in the winter. Then the hardships and privations do not encourage one to remain here many years making not much more than a living. I think with the great rush of people here that new railroads will be built into this country; many new trading companies located all along the river; provision will grow cheaper; labor cheaper and means of living better. Everything is backward now and the companies here are slow to act. For a few years times will be good in Alaska. The news of the great strike at Dawson did not reach here, St. Michaels, until last June, about four months ago, and as this is the head quarters of all the trading companies not much could be done to help out the situation at Dawson and Circle City. Provisions are scarce there; the company's stores are closed and people will have to come down to Ft. Yukon, where boats are loaded and in winter quarters or starve. There will be much suffering, in Alaska, this winter. Money will not buy food when there is none to be had, and plenty of provisions are more to be coveted here than gold.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Livingston.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate Office in the village of Howell, on Friday, the 24th day of Nov., in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine. Present: Albion M. Davis, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of

SILAS A. BARTON deceased.

On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of Frank A. Barton, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to himself or some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered that Tuesday, the 28th day of Dec. next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, at said Probate Office, be assigned for the hearing of said petition.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the PINCKNEY DISPATCH, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

ALBION M. DAVIS, Judge of Probate.

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 "Ah didn't say so!"
 "No, but yo' hab pink rouge on yo' lips, an' Melinda am de only gal dat uses pink."

The One Gayety at a Watering Place.
 It was a stupid Southern country watering place, designed especially to catch the Northern fly.

We were there two days, during which it rained all the time. At last the clerk of the hotel, taking pity on our desolation, told us that there was to be a "coon wedding" that night, and that we could go and see the ceremony and the dance afterward.

A collection was taken up for the happy couple, and a wedding present devised. I thought that something literary might do, just for the fun of the thing.

I went to the newspaper stand and in the midst of copies of Laura Jean Libbey and Hall Caine, I found one bound book. It was quite gorgeous, and the newsman told me that he had had it for several years, and was quite delighted when I bought it. It had been a kind of mascot, and he was rather loath to part with it.

It was one of H. G. McVickar's novels, and with dark lilac ribbons I sent it to the dusky bride. Its title was appropriate for the occasion, "The Purple Light of Love," and a bunch of lilacs was also sent in lieu of the customary fleurs d'oranges.

And that is how I remember the McVickar literature.

Love's Signature in the Wrong Place.
 A short time since the daughter of a Hull millionaire drove up to the door of a jeweler's shop, went in and selected a turquoise and diamond ring valued at £50. She made out her check for that sum and passed it to the assistant. The alert young man glanced at it and then looked inquiringly up at the young lady and said: "There is some mistake here I think."

The young lady flushed and asked if the check was not for the right amount. She was told it was, but "But what?" she exclaimed frigidly. "Do you mean that my check is not acceptable?"

The assistant acknowledged that he knew who the young lady was, but explained that the check was not made out just as it should be. And he handed it back. The girl ran her eye over it and then turned a deep crimson.

"Oh," she exclaimed. "I see!" And then she proceeded to make out another check. She had signed the first one, "Your own sweetheart, Jessie."

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MORE LOCAL.

More like winter.

Guy Hall was a guest of friends in Iosco Sunday.

Geo. Green and wife spent Thanksgiving in Howell.

G. W. Teeple and daughter, Maud, were in Howell Saturday.

Remember the Sunday School social at Mrs. Cadwells Friday evening.

C. L. Grimes and children were in Howell the latter part of last week.

Miss Iva Placeway spent the past week with relatives in White Oak and Iosco.

F. E. Wright and wife visited their son Frank and wife in Jackson, Thanksgiving.

A Union thanksgiving prayer meeting was held at the Cong'l church on Thursday last.

Mrs. H. D. Grieve and daughter Kittie were guests of relatives in Howell the last of last week.

Nelson Bullis of Unadilla, returned last week from the North where he went to kill deer. He was not successful this year.

Mr. G. Hart of Lake Odessa, was the guest of Miss Iva Halstead the first of the week. He was a pleasant caller at the DISPATCH office Monday.

A bouquet of petunias was gathered from the yard at the home of H. G. Briggs, Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 31. This is a rare thing for flowers to bloom in open ground, so late in the season, in Michigan.

Regular meeting of the K. L. G. next Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. A good attendance is desired as the election of officers occurs at that time, and other matters of special importance to every member will be presented.

Sam Gimes spent two or three days in Howell last week.

Carl Sykes who has been working at Pontiac, came home Friday last.

Ruben Wright and wife visited relatives in Mason and Dansville last week.

All college students who were home for Thanksgiving, have returned to their work.

A number of friends and relatives of J. A. Donaldson ate Thanksgiving turkey with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barth and two sons, of near Plainfield spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Ann Arbor.

E. L. Markey and family of Battle Creek were guests of his sister, Mrs. Floyd Reon at this place last week.

A load from here took in the entertainment and party at Dexter Thanksgiving evening. They report a crowd and fine time.

We were very sorry we were unable to be present at the county association of farmers clubs, at Howell on Saturday last, as we desire a report of each of these meetings. We made arrangements to attend however but could not go when the time came. We understand that a very interesting and profitable meeting was held.

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Mrs Albert White is spending this week with her daughter in Oak Grove.

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Time may be money, but the average man would rather give you a lot of his time than lend you a little of his money.

John Bull's press censor and the Paris journalists could never remain contented in the same mutual admiration society.

Ambassador Choate thinks the friendship between the United States and England is ironclad. Rather unfortunate comparison. So was the Charleston.

A New York society man examined for salesman in the Molineux case said in regard to occupation that he did nothing. He might have added that it took him all the time to do it.

Vancouver dispatches state that J. J. McArthur, the dominion surveyor, who has had charge of a party making trails in the Yukon country for the past three months, has returned. The special object of his undertaking north was to make trails along the Yukon river, that winter travel to Dawson might be accomplished without the danger and hardships which have hitherto been the invariable attendants of such expeditions. To minimize these inconveniences McArthur's party cut out 120 miles of trails, while the Yukon and White Pass Railroad Company also constructed about fifty miles of trails. Under these improved conditions, the Rink Rapids, White Horse, Fifty-Mile and Five Fingers can now be avoided in the course of a winter's journey to Dawson.

A man in Pennsylvania, who was recently discharged of his debts as a bankrupt, under the law, afterward made application to the judge of the United States District court to have the sheriff restrained from selling his property, saying that at least two thousand dollars more could be realized on it if it were disposed of by trustee's sale. The court asked what difference it made to him, since the proceeds from the sale would go to his creditors and not to him. His reply was notable: "My religious feelings will not permit me to accept my discharge in bankruptcy as releasing me from my moral obligation to pay in full all my debts. If this property is sold for two thousand dollars less than it would bring at a trustee's sale I shall have just that much more to pay." The judge commended the debtor's sense of honor.

Reports from the West Indies state that Jamaica has just recovered from what are termed the seasonal rains, answering to the Indian monsoon. For days the island has been deluged, from thirty to forty inches of rain falling in various parts in the course of four days. Many lives have been lost, people being washed away by the torrential gullies and swollen rivers. Dry water courses in a day became raging torrents a mile wide. Bridges have been swept away in many places, railway communication is suspended owing to innumerable landslips, the electric tramway system in Kingston has been so badly cut up that it will not run for some time, and the roads have been everywhere torn to pieces by the raging gullies. The seaport town of Savanna-la-Mar was flooded for days, and communication was only possible by means of canoes. Many coastwise vessels have been wrecked, and several steamers from America were a day or two late in consequence of hurricane weather. The crops, especially the bananas, which are Jamaica's principal export to the United States, have been everywhere destroyed, and acute distress is likely to result in some parts of the island for a time. The heavy rains will, however, prove generally beneficial.

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

FAULT FINDERS WITH THE WORD OF GOD.

The Alleged Uncleaness of the Bible
Only the Uncleaness of the Hearts
and Minds of the Would-be Ex-purgators.

In his sermon Sunday Rev. Dr. Talmage deals with a subject that is agitating the entire Christian church at the present moment, viz., "Expurgation of the Scriptures." The text chosen was, "Let God be true, but every man a liar," Romans iii., 4.

The Bible needs reconstruction according to some inside and outside the pulpit. It is no surprise that the world bombards the Scriptures, but it is amazing to find Christian ministers picking at this in the Bible and denying that until many good people are left in the fog about what parts of the Bible they ought to believe, and what parts reject. The heinousness of finding fault with the Bible at this time is most evident. In our day the Bible is assailed by scurrility, by misrepresentation, by infidel scientists, by all the vice of earth and all the venom of perdition, and at this particular time even preachers of the Gospel fall into line of criticism of the word of God. Why, it makes me think of a ship in a September equinox, the waves dashing to the top of the smoke stack, and the hatches fastened down, and many prophesying the foundering of the steamer, and at that time some of the crew with axes and saws go down into the hold of the ship, and they try to saw off some of the planks and pry out some of the timbers because the timber did not come from the right forest! It does not seem to me a commendable business for the crew to be helping the winds and storms outside with their axes and saws inside. Now, this old Gospel ship, what with the roaring of earth and hell around the stem and stern, and mutiny on deck, is having a very rough voyage, but I have noticed that not one of the timbers has started, and the captain says he will see it through. And I have noticed that keelson and counter-timber-knee are built of Lebanon cedar, and she is going to weather the gale, but no credit to those who make mutiny on deck.

When I see professed Christians in this particular day finding fault with the Scriptures it makes me think of a fortress terrifically bombarded, and the men on the ramparts, instead of swabbing out and loading the guns, and helping fetch up the ammunition from the magazine, are trying with crowbars to pry out from the wall certain blocks of stone, because they did not come from the right quarry. Oh, men on the ramparts, better fight back, and fight down the common enemy, instead of trying to make breaches in the wall.

While I oppose this expurgation of the Scriptures, I shall give you my reasons for such opposition. "What!" say some of the theological evolutionists, whose brains have been addled by too long brooding over them by Darwin and Spencer, "you don't now really believe all the story of the Garden of Eden, do you?" Yes, as much as I believe there were roses in my garden last summer. "But," say they, "you don't really believe that the sun and moon stood still?" Yes, and if I had strength enough to create a sun and moon I could make them stand still, or cause the refraction of the sun's rays so it would appear to stand still. "But," they say, "you don't believe that the whale swallowed Jonah?" Yes, and if I were strong enough to make a whale I could have made very easy ingress for the refractory prophet, leaving to evolution to eject him, if he were an unworthy tenant! "But," say they, "you don't really believe that the water was turned into wine?" Yes, just as easily as water now is often turned into wine with an admixture of strychnine and logwood! "But," they say, "you don't really believe that Sampson slew a thousand with the jawbone of an ass?" Yes, and I think that the man who in this day assaults the Bible is wielding the same weapon!

I am opposed to the expurgation of the Scriptures in the first place, because the Bible in its present shape has been so miraculously preserved. Fifteen hundred years after Herodotus wrote his history, there was only one manuscript copy of it. Twelve hundred years after Plato wrote his book, there was only one manuscript copy of it. God was so careful to have us have the Bible in just the right shape that we have fifty manuscript copies of the New Testament a thousand years old, and some of them fifteen hundred years old. This book, handed down from the time of Christ, or just after the time of Christ, by the hand of such men as Origen in the second century and Tertullian in the third century, and by men of different ages who died for their principles. The three best copies of the New Testament in manuscript in the possession of the three great churches—the Protestant church of England, the Greek

church of St. Petersburg, and the Roman church of Italy.

It is a plain matter of history that Tischendorf went to a convent in the peninsula of Sinai and was by ropes lifted over the wall into the convent, that being the only mode of admission, and that he saw there in the waste basket for kindling for the fires, a manuscript of the Holy Scriptures. That night he copied many of the passages of that Bible, but it was not until fifteen years had passed of earnest entreaty and prayer and coaxing and purchase on his part that that copy of the Holy Scriptures was put into the hand of the emperor of Russia—that one copy so marvelously protected.

Do you not know that the catalogue of the books of the Old and New Testaments as we have it, is the same catalogue that has been coming on down through the ages? Thirty-nine books of the Old Testament thousands of years ago. Thirty-nine now. Twenty-seven books of the New Testament sixteen hundred years ago. Twenty-seven books of the New Testament now. Marcion, for wickedness, was turned out of the church in the second century, and in his assault on the Bible and Christianity he incidentally gives a catalogue of the books of the Bible—that catalogue corresponding exactly with ours—testimony given by the enemy of the Bible and the enemy of Christianity. The catalogue is now just like the catalogue then. Assaulted and spit on and torn to pieces and burned, yet adhering. The book today, in three hundred languages, confronting four-fifths of the human race in their own tongue. Four hundred million copies of it in existence. Does not that look as if this book had been divinely protected, as if God had guarded it all through the centuries?

Nearly all the other old books are mummified and are lying in the tombs of old libraries, and perhaps once in 20 years some man comes along and picks up one of them and blows the dust off, and opens it, and finds it the book he does not want. But this old book, much of it forty centuries old, stands today more discussed than any other book, and it challenges the admiration of all the good and the spite and the venom and the animosity and the hyper-criticism of earth and hell. I appeal to your common sense, if a book so divinely guarded and protected in its present shape, must not be in just the way that God wants it to come to us, and if it pleases God, ought it not to please us?

Not only have all the attempts to detract from the book failed, but all the attempts to add to it. Many attempts were made to add the apocryphal books to the Old Testament. The Council of Trent, the Synod of Jerusalem, the bishops of Hippo, all decided that the apocryphal books must be added to the Old Testament. "They must stay in," said those learned men; but they stayed out. There is not an intelligent Christian man that today will put the Book of Maccabees or the Book of Judith beside the Book of Isaiah or Romans. Then a great many said: "We must have books added to the New Testament," and there were epistles and gospels and apocalypses written and added to the New Testament, but they have all fallen out. You cannot add anything. You cannot subtract anything to the divinely protected book in the present shape. Let no man dare to lay his hands on it with the intention of detracting from the book, or casting out any of these holy pages.

I am also opposed to this proposed expurgation of the Scriptures for the fact that in proportion as people become self-sacrificing and good and holy and consecrated, they like the book as it is. I have yet to find a man or a woman distinguished for self-sacrifice, for consecration to God, for holiness of life, who wants the Bible changed. Many of us have inherited family Bibles. Those Bibles were in use twenty, forty, fifty, perhaps a hundred years in the generation. Today take down these family Bibles, and find out if there are any chapters which have been erased by lead pencil or pen, and if in any margins you can find the words, "This chapter not fit to read." There has been plenty of opportunity during the last half century privately to expurgate the Bible. Do you know any case of such expurgation? Did not your grandfather give it to your father, and did not your father give it to you?

Beside that, I am opposed to the expurgation of the Scriptures because the so-called indelicacies and cruelties of the Bible have demonstrated no evil result. A cruel book will produce cruelty—an unclean book will produce uncleanness. Fetch me a victim. Out of all Christendom and out of all the ages, fetch me a victim whose heart has been hardened to cruelty, or whose life has been made impure by this book. Show me one. One of the best families I ever knew, for thirty or forty years, morning and evening, had all the members gathered together, and the servants of the household, and the strangers that happened to be within the gates—twice a day, and without leaving out a chapter or a verse, they read this holy book, morning by morn-

ing, night by night. Not only the elder children, but the little child who could just spell her way through the verse while her mother helped her. The father beginning and reading one verse, then all the members of the family in turn reading a verse. The father maintained his integrity, the mother maintained her integrity, the sons grew up and entered professions and commercial life, adorning every sphere in the life in which they lived, and the daughters went into families where Christ was honored, and all that was good and pure and righteous reigned perpetually. For thirty years that family endured the Scriptures. Not one of them ruined by them.

Now, if you will tell me of a family where the Bible has been read twice a day for thirty years, and the children have been brought up in that habit, and the father went to ruin, and the mother went to ruin, and the sons and daughters were destroyed by it—if you will tell me of one such incident, I will throw away my Bible, or I will doubt your veracity. I tell you, if a man is shocked with what he calls the indelicacies of the Word of God, he is prurient in his taste and imagination. If a man cannot read Solomon's Song, without impure suggestion, he is either in his heart or in his life, a libertine.

The Old Testament description of wickedness, uncleanness of all sorts, is purposely and righteously a disgusting account, instead of the Byronic and the Parisian vernacular which makes sin attractive instead of appalling. When these old prophets point you to a lazaretto you understand it is a lazaretto. When a man having begun to do right falls back into wickedness and gives up his integrity, the Bible does not say he was overcome by the fascinations of the festive board, or that he surrendered to convivialities, or that he became a little fast in his habits. I will tell you what the Bible says: "The dog is turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." No gliding of iniquity. No garlands on a death's-head. No pounding away with a silver mallet at iniquity when it needs an iron sledge hammer.

I can easily understand how people, brooding over the description of uncleanness in the Bible, may get morbid in mind until they are as full of it as the wings and beak and the nostril and the claw of a buzzard are full of the odors of a carcass; but what is wanted is not that the Bible be disinfected, but that you, the critic, have your mind and heart washed with carbolic acid!

I tell you at this point in my discourse that a man who does not like this book and who is critical as to its contents, and who is shocked and outraged with its descriptions, has never been soundly converted. The laying on of the hands of Presbytery or Episcopacy does not always change a man's heart, and men sometimes get into the pulpit as well as into the pew, never having been changed radically by the sovereign grace of God. Get your heart right and the Bible will be right. The trouble is men's natures are not brought into harmony with the Word of God. Ah! my friends, expurgation of the heart is what is wanted.

You cannot make me believe that the Scriptures, which this moment lie on the table of the purest and best men and women of the age, and which were the dying solace of your kindred passed into the skies, have in them a taint which the strongest microscope of honest criticism could make visible. If men are uncontrollable in their indignation when the integrity of wife or child is assailed, and judges and jurors as far as possible excuse violence under such provocation, what ought to be the overwhelming and long resounding thunders of condemnation for any man who will stand in a Christian pulpit and assail the more than virgin purity of inspiration, the well beloved daughter of God?

Expurgate the Bible! You might as well go to the old picture galleries in Dresden and in Venice and in Rome and expurgate the old paintings. Perhaps you could find a foot of Michael Angelo's "Last Judgment" that might be improved. Perhaps you could throw more expression into Raphael's "Madonna." Perhaps you could put more pathos in Rubens' "Descent from the Cross." Perhaps you could change the crests of the waves in Turner's "Slave Ship." Perhaps you might go into the old galleries of sculpture and change the forms and the posture of the statues of Phidias and Praxiteles. Such an iconoclast would very soon find himself in the penitentiary. But it is worse vandalism when a man proposes to refashion these masterpieces of inspiration, and to remodel the moral giants of this gallery of God.

Prosaic Modernity.
From the Detroit Journal: Romance and chivalry are not what they were, alas! Once, the hero, having rescued the maiden from the tower, paused in his flight to exclaim: "Hark! The hoof-beats of pursuers!" But now—"Smell! The odor of thy father's automobile!" It is terrible, this sordid utilitarianism!

NOTABLE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

With the close of the present year Mr. David C. Cook, of Chicago, will celebrate his first-quarter-centennial as editor and publisher of Sunday-school literature. Starting twenty-five years ago, without reputation or assurance of support, he has become one of the most widely and favorably known publishers in this line. Beginning in 1875 with two small publications, his periodicals have grown in number and favor until there are few schools in this country that do not find it to their interest to use some of his pure and helpful publications, while many in distant lands pay tribute to their merits. The past quarter of a century has witnessed many changes among Sunday-school publishers; and much less time than this has sufficed for some to outlive their usefulness. On the contrary, Mr. Cook is preparing to celebrate the beginning of another quarter-century with additional improvements and new publications. Among these may be mentioned The New Century Sunday-School Teacher's Monthly, a large and thoroughly up-to-date magazine for superintendents and teachers, the first issue of which will appear in December. Among the most remarkable of his publications is the Young People's Weekly, which has attained a circulation of nearly a quarter of a million, being a successful attempt to furnish a high grade of religious story reading for boys and girls. To avoid the "goody-goody" story of the Sunday school, such as we remember in our childhood days, and furnish something natural, interesting and ennobling, has been its aim, and we are not at all surprised at its popularity.

The restraining influence of the Christian home and the Sunday school on our growing community of young people, some of us may not appreciate as we should—perhaps because these sometimes fail to restrain. This paper should be a most welcome accessory in this work, and one which all should appreciate. Boys and girls will read, and the story book and paper are their first choice. There seems a plentiful supply of religious papers for older people, but this is the first successful attempt to furnish a non-sectarian religious story paper for young people.

The paper is profusely illustrated, beautifully printed, and contains as much or more reading matter than the most expensive of secular young people's story papers. The price, 75 cents per year, should bring it within the reach of every home. Mr. Cook is now making a special effort to give the paper a wider circulation, and all who send 75 cents for a year's subscription before Jan. 1 will receive a beautiful premium picture entitled "The Soul's Awakening." It is exactly the same size (16x18 inches) and style as those on sale at art stores for \$1. Orders should be addressed to David C. Cook Publishing Company, 36 Washington street, Chicago.

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Ages of Trees.
A well-known scientist furnishes some information in regard to the ages of trees. He assigns to the pine tree 500 to 700 years as the maximum, 425 years to the silver fir, and 170 to the ash.

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"All right, old fellow; let's have it," replied his fellow-students in a chorus.

Henry Harris leaned back in his chair and began his story.

"When I was a boy of 12 there came to our village a young man in ill health, who soon became a sincere friend of my father's and frequently visited our home.

"This invalid, whose name was Alfred Payson, confided his life's story to my father. It was a tale that is met with only too often.

"Alfred had been a wild and reckless youth, thereby arousing his father's anger, and just six years before the two had parted, each vowing never to look upon the other's face. For those six years Alfred's proud spirit had refused to seek the reconciliation that a word from him might have brought about.

"One day there came to him a sense of his sin against his father, to whom he had been as dead for so long. Seized with a sudden feeling of forgiveness he wrote a letter to that father, imploring his pardon and asking for one word with him before he'd die.

"The letter was given to me to post by my father one noon as I arose from my dinner.

"It will go off sooner if you post it in town," said he. "Be sure you don't forget it, my boy."

"All right, father," I answered, thrusting the letter into the pocket of my baseball trousers.

"Upon reaching the town I found that I was already five minutes late for the game, and resolving that it would be time enough to post the letter afterward put it in my pocket again and hastened to the field.

"After witnessing an exciting game I started homeward without one thought of the unposted letter in my pocket, and there it lay forgotten through all the following week.

"Alfred Payson grew weaker each day and was no longer equal to the shortest journey, but when the day was bright and warm he would sit under



HE WOULD EAGERLY WATCH FOR THE POSTMAN.

the shade of the chestnut tree on the little lawn at Woodbine Cottage.

"He would eagerly watch the postman coming down the lane, and what a disappointed shadow used to cross his face when told there was no letter for him.

"One evening I was called into my father's study and asked if I had posted the letter he gave me.

"What letter, father?" I stammered, as a recollection of my duty omitted flashed across me.

"The one I gave you a week ago," answered my father sharply. "Did you post it as I bade you?"

"Yes, father," I answered falteringly.

"The moment the lie had escaped my lips I would have given worlds to recall it, but the next I yielded to my foolish cowardice and verified it by another.

"You are certain, Henry?" added my father, looking searchingly at me, and I replied unhesitatingly:

"Quite certain, father."

"All right, my boy," he answered kindly. "I don't doubt your word, but I thought you might have forgotten it, and it was an important letter."

"O, what a miserable, guilty boy I felt as I crept into bed that night. I resolved to post the letter the first thing in the morning, but then I thought this would entail the discovery of my falsehood, for the date of the

postmark would be enough to explain the cause of its delay.

"Anxious and unhappy I carried the letter in my pocket all day. The possession of it made me miserable, yet I had not the moral courage to do what I knew to be right—namely: go to my father and confess all.

"I had half made up my mind to do this, when, wandering down the garden walk one evening, I was seized with a sudden temptation. The gardener had been burning rubbish all day, and the heap was still blazing brightly.

"Without a thought of its contents, I threw the letter in the midst of the burning rubbish. In a moment the words that might have brought to a dying son a father's loving forgiveness were destroyed forever.

"Not many days longer did Alfred Payson listen longingly for the old postman's footsteps in the lane. The angel of death was hovering near the little rose-covered cottage.

"One bright June morning the news came to us that Alfred was dying. My father lost no time in sending a telegram to the young man's father summoning him to the bedside of his dying son.

"By the next train the old man came at last with the words of love and pardon for which his boy had craved.

"But too late! Alfred Payson had passed forever beyond the reach of earthly forgiveness.

"Need I add that the letter which in my wicked cowardice I had destroyed had been a plea from that dying son for the reconciliation that, but for the falsehood I uttered, should have brightened his last hours on earth?"

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Be Assured the Children That the Story Was True.

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"Well, children," said he, "I's not used to public speaking, but I remember when I was a lad I was very fond of hearing a story. Shall I tell a story?"

The children assenting, he proceeded: "Once upon a time, many years ago, there was a lad, a very good lad, who went regularly to Sunday school, and never missed. But one Sunday afternoon, as he was gawin' to school, two bad boys met him and persuaded him to go birdnesting wiv 'em. So they went lang by the river side, and by-and-by they came tiv a tree, and in the tree, on a branch which overhung the wetter, was a nest. The two bad boys sent the good lad to climb the tree and fetch the eggs. Up he went and got out on the branch, farther and farther, and just as he was reachin' out his hand to tak' the nest the branch broke and he fell into the river and was drowned."

After waiting a few moments to allow his hearers to thoroughly grasp the full extent of the catastrophe, he resumed with: "Children, the story is true, for the lad that was drowned was me!"

Organist Taken for an English Spy. Sir George Martin is nominally the dignified and gray-haired organist of St. Paul's cathedral in London. Several weeks ago he went out to South Africa to conduct some musical examinations in Cape Town. His work over, he determined to run up into the country to see a bit of the Transvaal. During his trip the talk of war became violent, and the wary Boers got an idea into their heads that Sir George Martin was a British spy masquerading as a musician. They put detectives on the trail, and finally detained him for some days in Pretoria to await developments. Finally, just before President Kruger's ultimatum was made public, the authorities gave him his liberty. Sir George took advantage of the opportunity, and has just arrived in London, overjoyed at his good fortune at getting away so easily.

Good for Insomniacs. Sip a glass of hot milk slowly just before going to bed and bathe the feet in hot water. Imitate the breathing of one who is asleep, and drop the head very slowly from one side and the other as one does when falling asleep in a chair. Another plan is to close the eyes and then allow them to gently roll toward the nose as though looking cross-eyed. Let the breath out through the nose and imagine it to be vapor, then seem to draw it back again, as though drawing back the vapor. These are far better than the ancient device of counting sheep jumping over an imaginary fence.

Times Change. Things have changed since Shakespeare's days. The schoolboy does not go "creeping like a snail, unwilling, to school. He takes a trolley car.—Baltimore American.

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Do you not think you have wasted precious time and suffered enough? If so, then try the "5 Drops" and be promptly and permanently cured of your afflictions. "5 Drops" is a speedy and Sure Cure for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago (lame back), Kidney Diseases, Athma, Hay Fever, Dyspepsia, Catarrh of all kinds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Headache (nervous or neuralgic), Heart Weakness, Dropsy, Earache, Spasmodic and Catarrhal Croup, Toothache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Creeping Numbness, Malaria, and kindred diseases. "5 Drops" has cured more people during the past four years, of the above-named diseases, than all other remedies known, and in case of Rheumatism is curing more than all the doctors, patent medicines, electric belts and batteries combined, for they cannot cure Chronic Rheumatism. Therefore waste no more valuable time and money, but try "5 Drops" and be promptly CURED. "5 Drops" is not only the best medicine, but it is the cheapest, for a \$1.00 bottle contains 300 doses. Price per bottle, \$1.00, prepaid by mail or express, or 6 bottles for \$5.00. For the next 30 days we will send a 25c sample FREE to anyone sending 10 cents to pay for the mailing. Agents wanted. Write to-day.

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THIS ELEGANT GUITAR FOR \$2.65

This Guitar is made of the finest imitation mahogany with either solid rosewood or walnut finger-board, pearl inlaid position dots and German silver raised frets; it has fancy inlay around sound hole and best quality American patent heads; the top of Guitar is beautifully bound with celluloid; it is strung with a full set of best quality steel springs and is ready to play upon.

No more, no less, than 5,000 of them, probably the largest contract in guitars ever made—an instrument that positively sells from \$3.50 to \$7.00. When this lot is exhausted we cannot duplicate this offer. Quantity talks. Only by operating on such a big scale, together with our well-known small profit policy, could such an offering be possible. Another reason for dispensing such a bargain broadcast is the confidence we feel that every guitar sold will win for us a permanent patron and a friend whose recommendation we can count upon. We will forward the guitar to any address C. O. D., subject to examination upon receipt of 10c. We, however, advise that cash in full be sent, as that saves return charges for money and we stand perfectly ready to refund money if the guitar is not all and more than we claim for it. Be a member our special price on 5,000 of them only is . . . \$2.65

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One Day Dyspepsia Cure. KASKOLA TABLETS. All druggists. 15 cents.

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Your money reaches its full limit of purchasing power when you buy goods at

MONROE BROS'

Special Cloak Values.

Our recent purchase of a Manufacturer's line of samples of Ladies' and Misses' Jackets and Ladies' Capes has proven to be the greatest Cloak values offered to the people of Howell.

Look at the prices and then call and see the values they represent:

Ladies' and Misses' \$5.00 Jackets for	\$3.98.
Ladies' \$7.50 Jackets for	5.00.
Ladies' 8.50 Jackets for	6.50
Ladies' 10.00 Jackets for	7.50
Ladies' 12.00 and 12.50 Jackets for	8.75

Underwear.

Underwear for everyone. Selected with great care and we give you the best values your money will possibly buy.

Ladies' Jersey ribbed Underwear at 19c, 25c, 35c, 39c, 50c.
Ladies' Jersey ribbed Underwear, wool, at 75c and \$1.00.
Ladies' fine wool Underwear, plain, \$1.00.
Ladies' black tights \$1.00 and 1.50.
Ladies' Union suits at 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50
Men's Jersey Underwear 35c quality 25c.
Men's Jersey Underwear, very heavy, 50c.
Men's Fleece Underwear, extra value, 35c and 50c.
Men's wool fleeced Underwear 75c and \$1.00.
Fine all wool Underwear, best value in the town for the prices, \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50.
Children's Jersey Underwear 15c, 20c and 25c.
Children's heavy fleeced Underwear 27c.
Children's wool Underwear from 25c to 60c.

Special Shoe Values.

Ladies' winter Tan Shoes, heavy soles made to sell at \$3.00 our price \$1.98.
Ladies' fine Shoes, vesting and kid tap, extra fine quality at a low price, \$1.98.
Ladies' fine vici kid Shoes, better Shoes cannot possibly be made, for the prices at 2.00 2.50 3.00 and 3.50.
Men's fine satin calf Shoes at 1.25 and 1.50.
Men's fine calf Shoes, double sole, leather lined for 2.00.
Men's high cut calf Shoes, double sole 2.50 quality for 2.00
Men's seamless Shoes, seal stock, waterproof 3.00 quality for 2.50.
Men's fine box calf Shoes, double sole, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50.
Men's enamel and patent leather Shoes.
Boys' and Youth's satin calf Shoes, three soles, at 1.50.
Boys' and Youth's seal waterproof Shoes, three soles, 1.75 and 2.00
We have the best line of Boys', Youth's and little Gent's Shoes in Howell and our prices are the lowest. Full line of Misses' and Children's Shoes.

RUBBERS.

A very large stock of Ladies', Gent's, Boy's and Children's Rubbers, to fit all kinds of shoes.

Men's and Boys' Rubber Boots, the best brands made.
Men's and Boys' Felt Boots and Rubbers.
Men's and Boys' Socks and Rubbers.

Ladies' Wrappers.

Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, (special), 69c.
Large stock Flannelette Wrappers, nicely trimmed, \$1.00, 1.39, and 1.75.

Ladies' Waists.

Ladies' Mercerized Waists, silk finish, at \$1.00, 1.39 and 2.00.
Ladies' Wool Waists, braid trimming, \$1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.

Ladies' Underskirts.

Heavy Mercerized Skirts at \$1.00, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00 and 3.00.
Jersey knit Skirts at 50c, \$1.00 and 1.50.
Wool Skirt Pattern, at 75c, \$1.00 and 1.25.

Bed Blankets.

Special values, at per pair. 48c, 59c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00.

Special Prices on Groceries.

20lbs. Best Granulated Sugar for \$1.00,

(or 5 lbs for 25 cents. Only 20 lbs. to each customer.)

40c quality Tea for	30c.
Best quality Tea for	45c.
3 lbs good Raisins for	25c.
1 lb can good Baking Powder, 8c or 4 lbs for	25c.
1 lb package Lion Coffee for	9c.
2 lbs best Santos Coffee for	25c.
Java Blend Coffee, 22c quality, for	18c.
Best Java Blend Coffee, 30c quality, for	22c.
10 lbs Rolled Oats for	25c.
4 lbs best Crackers for	25c.
Best canned Tomatoes	8c.
" " Corn	8c.
" " Peas	8c.
Canned Salmon	12c.
12 bars good Soap	25c.
9 bars Queen Ann Soap for	25c.
9 bars Lenox Soap	25c.
9 bars Jaxon Soap	25c.
Corn Starch, per pound	4c.
Glass Starch, per pound	5c.

Cash Sale Coupons given with every purchase.

Monroe Brothers,
Howell, Mich.

HAMBURG.

Miss Amelia Baetcke of Brighton visited friends here last week.

Mr. Hiram DeWolf was very ill last week, but is much better now.

Mr. H. G. Beach moved his family to Toledo on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Grant Realer of Lansing is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. DeWolf.

The singing school class increases every week. Several new scholars were added again last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sawyer and son of Brighton spent Thanksgiving with their daughter Mrs. Edd Shannon.

The M. E. S. S. are preparing a fine cantata for Xmas. The title is "Shepherds of Long Ago," and will be given Dec. 23.

The Quarterly Conference will be held at the M. E. church two weeks from next Saturday Dr. Ryan will preach the next morning at 10:30.

Will Cusic a young man of Green Oak will know in this place was found dead last Thursday on the R. R. track near Dexter, and was supposed to have been killed by the cars. Later on it was found he had been killed and placed on the track. He had about \$50 in money on his person.

ANDERSON.

John Birnie is on the sick list.

Fred Merrill and family spent Sunday in Iosco.

Jas. and Chas. Hoff were in Howell one day last week.

Clarence Whipple spent a few days with his parents last week.

Jas. Marble and wife spent Thanksgiving with Dell Hall and family.

Mrs. J. E. Durkee and son Fred, spent Sunday with Unadilla friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Smith, spent the first of the week with White Oak friends.

John Dinkle returned home from Pontiac Thursday last, where he has been at work.

W. H. Placeway and family of East Putnam, spent Thanksgiving with his brother at this place.

Elmer Smith and wife of Owosso, spent the latter part of last week with his brother Jas. at this place.

C. W. Wood, A. G. Wilson and daughter Mollie, attended the farmers' institute at Howell Saturday.

A number of young people from this vicinity attended the Maccabee oyster supper at Gregory on Thanksgiving evening and report a fine time.

Dellivan Durkee of the Ypsilanti Normal, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at home. He was accompanied by his roommate, Mr. Weber of Elkton.

The Anderson farmers' club will meet on Saturday next, Dec. 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Marble. A good program is being prepared and an enjoyable time is expected.

UNADILLA.

John Dunbar is building an addition to his house.

Duvid Bird, Ann Arbor, visited at F. E. Ives last week.

Mrs. A. C. Watson visited at Frank Ives last Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Allie Holmes, Dec. 3, a daughter.

Wm Sayles attended the Farmers' Club in Howell last Saturday.

Herman Reed visited friends near Howell the last of last week.

Edd Joslyn and wife, of Marion, visited his parents here last Friday.

John Ryan and wife, of Howell, visited at Mike Sullivan's last Saturday.

Midie North went to Detroit Monday enroute for her home in Canada.

John Watson and wife visited at A. C. Watson's Thursday and Friday.

The Sunday school of this place is arranging a good program for Christmas.

George Thorndyke and family, of So. Lyons, visited at Robt. Bonds last week.

Edna, Jennie and Roy Ives, of Chelsea, visited friends here the last of last week.

Mrs. Percy Mills and daughter Gertrude visited her sister near Munith, Saturday.

Miss Belle Birnie returned to Olivet Wednesday after a two weeks visit here.

J. D. Coulton, of Jackson, was a guest of Mrs. Flora Watson last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Fred Douglas and son Willie, of Ionia, are spending the week at Wm. Livermore's.

Mary Ives and Kittie Livermore returned home last Wednesday after a ten week's visit in Ithaca, N. Y., and Detroit.

Frank Marshall, Tom and John Budd, of Stockbridge, visited relatives here and enjoyed a day's hunt last Thursday.

Quite a number from here attended the Maccabee oyster supper at Gregory, last Thursday evening. A large crowd and a good time reported.

Remember the Farmers' Club at Ryal Barnum's Saturday, Dec. 16.

The young people of this place met at the school house and organized a literary club known as the "Ollapodrida Club." The next meeting will be held next Saturday evening. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Bert Harris; Vice Pres., Will Stowe; Secy. and Treas., A. C. Watson.

PETTEYSVILLE.

A daughter of E. G. Carpenter is quite sick.

Chas. Mercer was home from Ann Arbor over Sunday.

George Flintoff is in Saginaw this week buying lumber.

Will Peck is working for Kerry Roach in North Putnam.

STILLMORE LOCAL.

Born on Monday evening last to F. G. Jackson and wife a son.

This has been a remarkable season—no freezing weather until the 5th of Dec.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brogan of Ann Arbor, were the guests of Miss Mame Sigler Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie Cordley left Dec. 1st for a visit of several weeks at Jackson, Battle Creek and Ann Arbor.

We hope those who have promised us wood on subscription will bring it now—it looks as if we should need it soon.

Word was received here Wednesday, of the death of Henry Northerd of Grass Lake. He was a brother of Mrs. Patsy Welsh.

The M. E. Sunday School will have a Christmas tree at the church on Saturday evening, Dec. 23. A program is being arranged.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Pinckney Driving club, on Saturday evening of this week, at the town hall; a good attendance is desired.

By an error in the copy of the Grand Trunk excursion notice found on page 4 the return limit is made to read Jan. 16, when it should read Jan. 6.

Several of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Henry of Hamburg met at their home on Tuesday last for a visit and to help tie comfortable. A very pleasant day was spent.

Dehorning done promptly by Will Voorhies, Hudson, Mich.

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Thin, pale, anæmic girls need a fatty food to enrich their blood, give color to their cheeks and restore their health and strength. It is safe to say that they nearly all reject fat with their food.



is exactly what they require; it not only gives them the important element (cod-liver oil) in a palatable and easily digested form, but also the hypophosphites which are so valuable in nervous disorders that usually accompany anæmia. SCOTT'S EMULSION is a fatty food that is more easily digested than any other form of fat. A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health. You can get it in this way.

We have known persons to gain a pound a day while taking it.

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\$2 TO \$2.50 \$1.00 TO \$2.00
SINGLE MEALS, 50c. UP TO DATE CAPES

Special Jacket Sale...

AT THE **BUSY BEE HIVE**

The following prices have just been made on two lots of Jackets, not this year's purchase. Many of these are of excellent material and the cloth is worth four times what we ask for the garments.

Question:

Won't it pay you well to make slight alteration?

One lot, about 40, up to \$10 and \$12 Jackets, we offer at... **\$1.98**
One lot of higher priced ones we put into another lot at..... **\$2.98**

ALSO, for a few days, we have on sale an 80x84 inch Horse Blanket. Price..... **58c**
Which is a great bargain and will not last long.

For Friday and Saturday we will put on sale in with our **98c** Fleece Wrappers a nice lot that have been \$1.25 and let them all go at the **98c** price.

Yours respectfully,
L. H. FIELD.

Jackson, Mich.