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—GENERAL—

—DRAYMAN

Moves household goods, baggage and Merchandise of all descriptions. Stove wood and lumber delivered. EAST JORDAN, MICH

Sometimes 5 and 7 make 11.

That's when your brain is tired. Well it's time to bowl a game.

We have just added to our equipment two new sets of the regulation ten pins.

Bush's Bowling Alleys.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR for children; safe, sure. No opiates

Old papers for sale at this office.



Personal Mention.

Wm. McKay went to Harbor Springs Tuesday.

Otto Moyer returned from Kalkaska Wednesday.

Wm. Gilbert is reported under the doctor's care.

F. M. Severance went to Petoskey on business Tuesday.

Eugene Bowen returned to his home in Whitewater, Wis., Tuesday.

Sheriff W. J. Pearson was up from Charlevoix on official business Friday.

A. H. Frost expects to leave Monday for his winter home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson and the baby came down from Hitchcock Friday.

Miss Glyde McHale returned Monday from an extended visit in Loraine, Ohio.

Mrs. W. H. Marshall took the D. & C. train Tuesday morning enroute for Levering.

Miss Maine Spencer went to Piz Rapids Thursday to attend the funeral of a friend.

Mrs. A. J. Suffer and daughter Fay came up from Charlevoix Wednesday to visit friends.

Secretary M. H. Robertson of the Flooring Co. went to Buffalo on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Roy returned Thursday evening from a six weeks' journey at the Soo.

D. Crothers came down from Levering Thursday evening to spend a few days with his family.

Mrs. W. H. Porter had the misfortune to fall and fracture a bone in her hip on Friday of last week.

Clark Haire and wife, of Deward, were in town Thursday. Mrs. Haire spent the day visiting our schools.

Sam. Ramsey was called to Cass City Tuesday by a telegram announcing the serious illness of his brother.

Chas. Hughes returned to East Jordan Wednesday after an absence of several months in the West, having been in British Columbia recently.

Jas. Milford and family came over from Springvale Saturday. Jas. returned the next day but Mrs. M. and the children will visit relatives and friends here until after the holidays.

Mrs. W. A. Stone is reported to be very ill.

W. H. Fealey, of Thumb Lake, was in town Thursday.

D. C. Loveday was in Charlevoix on business Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. D. Crothers entertained a number of her friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. C. S. Pinney and daughter Mabel went to Central Lake Tuesday to visit friends.

Miss Cora Lorraine was confined to her room several days the first of the week by illness.

Ira D. Bartlett departed for Springvale Sunday, where he is spending a few days with friends.

Erwin Wilder has been joined by his wife and family who came up from Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mrs. A. D. Joels was thrown from a sleigh and sustained a fracture of the collar bone when turning a corner on Bowen's Addition Wednesday.

Capt. Jos. Bennett, an inmate of the county house, was convicted of assault and battery in Justice Boosinger's court Friday afternoon and sentenced to sixty days in the county jail. The offense was committed Nov. 23d when without provocation, he struck Jno. Dixon, a fellow inmate at the county house.

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Both are sent for only ONE DOLLAR A YEAR. WORD AND WORKS is among the best American Magazines. Like the Hicks Almanac, it is too well to need further commendation. Few men have labored more faithfully for the public good or found a warmer place in the hearts of the people. Send orders to WORD AND WORKS PUBLISHING CO., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis Mo.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

School Notes.

School closes Dec. 18th for the Holiday vacation, reopening Jan. 4th.

Arthur Warne returned to School Monday after a short illness.

Mr. Tice has just finished reading to Drummond's Essay on "The Great Things in the World" to the High School.

The Juniors and Seniors enjoyed a sleigh ride on Thursday evening of last week. Ditto. Ninth and Tenth grades Monday last.

Lucile Boosinger returned to school Monday after spending a few days with her grandparents in Lansing.

Mae Suffer of the fifth, and Charlie Johnson of the fourth grade are on the sick list this week.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the Literary Society Wednesday evening, Dec. 16th. An interesting program has been arranged. Come and hear the debate. Admission 10c.

WHY TRAVELING IS DANGEROUS.

Constant motion jars the kidneys which are kept in place in the body by delicate attachments. This is the reason that travelers, train-men, street car men, teamsters, and all who drive very much, suffer from kidney disease of some form. Foley's Kidney Cure strengthens the kidneys and cures all forms of kidney and bladder disease. Geo. H. Hausen, locomotive engineer, Lima, O., writes, "Constant vibration of the engine caused me a great deal of trouble with my kidneys, and I got no relief until I used Foley's Kidney Cure."

Sold by L. C. Madison & Co

Constitution and By-Laws of Hose Company No. 1.

(Concluded from eighth page.)

Sec. 4. When special meetings are called, notices thereof shall be placed by the Secretary at least twenty-four hours previous to the time of meeting, in the postoffice.

Sec. 5. The meetings of the company shall be governed by Parliamentary Rules as laid down in the "Firemen's Companion" (published by Cairns & Bro., New York.)

Sec. 6. Seven members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

Sec. 7. Individual notices shall be sent out for the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

PARADES AND DRILLS.

Sec. 1. There shall be a street parade of the company each year, at such time as the company may fix, in which each active member shall participate fully equipped.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be made at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE X.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1. An auditing committee consisting of three members shall be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, who shall examine and audit all bills presented before the same shall be voted on by the company, and shall examine and audit the Secretary's and Treasurer's accounts at least one week previous to the annual meeting, and report in writing at that meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

FINE.

Sec. 1. For becoming intoxicated when on duty, or disintoxicating spirits, or liquors about the apparatus, actual members, one dollar; Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant three dollars. For entering the hose house in a state of intoxication or introducing any one in that state, one dollar. For leaving the ranks on parade or drill, or when at a fire, without permission of commanding officer, one dollar. For non-attendance at regular company meeting without a reasonable excuse, twenty-five cents. For non-attendance at an annual meeting, twenty-five cents.

ARTICLE II.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

Sec. 1. Any member may, by a two thirds vote of the entire membership, be removed from the office or expelled from the company; for neglecting attendance upon the meetings and fines; for six months; for violation of these articles; for a breach of trust; improper conduct; or the non-payment of fines, dues and assessments for six months.

Sec. 2. All charges against a member must be presented in writing, at a regular meeting, signed by one or two members, and shall be referred to a committee appointed by the President for investigation, and the Secretary shall notify the accused of the action of the company and furnish him with a copy of the charges. The committee shall render a report on the case at the next regular meeting, when the accused may be expelled, censured, fined or reduced to the ranks, as the company may decide by a two-thirds vote.

Sec. 3. No resignation of a member shall be accepted while charges are pending, or until all fines, dues, penalties and assessments are paid, and he return his key.

Sec. 4. Resignations shall be made in writing, and if approved by a majority shall be accepted; provided all dues, fines and assessments have been paid or excused.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The Secretary shall call the roll at every regular or special meeting, company drills, parade, fire, or alarm.

Sec. 2. Roll shall be called at alarms as follows: If apparatus is rolled from the house and five members are present. If the apparatus has not been used, then the roll shall not be called until it has been housed ten minutes, but if duty has been performed, then it may be called as soon as housed and hose properly cared for.

ARTICLE V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of minutes of preceding regular and special meeting.
2. Roll call.
3. Collection of fines and dues.
4. Reports of officers and committees.
5. Election of members.
6. Proposition for membership.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Election of officers.
10. Anything for the good of the company.
11. Adjournment.

BOOSINGER BROS.

But Eleven More Shopping Days

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Days

More

remain before Christmas. Nothing has been left undone to make this the Christmas store for everybody. We were never better prepared for Christmas than now. Our efforts have been constantly applied in every way and the underlying principal that our prices MUST BE THE LOWEST has never been lost sight of, so call early before the assortment is broken.

We mention but few items from each department. When in our store examine our stock the assortment shown for Xmas will surprise you.

Christmas Umbrellas 75 styles at lowest prices, for men and women, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Ladies' fancy embroidered Handkerchiefs from 5c. to 50c. Mufflers 50c. to \$2.00. Ladies' fancy stock from 25c. to 75c.

We haven't the space to tell of the many beautiful and useful things we have for Xmas. You'll have to call for yourself to be convinced.

Quality First o All - - Our Motto.

BOOSINGER BROS.

THE FATAL REQUEST OR FOUND OUT

By A. L. Harris Author of "Mine Own Familiar Friend," etc.
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CHAPTER IV.—Continued.
"My dear James," interrupted Mr. Burritt, "you must know very well that it isn't that. But the truth of the matter is, I've a great aversion to firearms. Still, if you will assure me that the weapon isn't loaded, I'll—"

"I'll assure you of that or anything else that will add to your peace of mind," was the somewhat equivocal reply. "At any rate, it isn't loaded now; and, what is more, I will also give you my word that I will not attempt to blow out my brains during the journey—of," he added, as a sort of afterthought, "anyone else's."

When Mr. Burritt and his friend arrived at the station, the latter took a considerable amount of trouble to insure a separate compartment to themselves—in fact, Mr. Burritt rather fancied he saw him give something to the guard, who thereupon locked the door upon them, and consigned them to solitude.

The carriage in question, it may be worth remembering, was the fourth from the engine.

"I wonder," thought Mr. Burritt to himself as the train steamed out of the station, "which is the pocket he carries the revolver in?" Then his thoughts wandered away from the actual present. "I suppose I shall find them all right at home. Dear, dear, anyone would think I had been away a month. What an old fogey I'm getting. By-the-by, I wonder what James is thinking about? he looks uncommonly gloomy. I wish he'd say something instead of staring out of the window in stony silence. Somehow, one doesn't like the notion of riding alone with a man who has shed another man's blood, especially when he carries a revolver. I wonder whether he's thinking of that, or what?"

If Mr. Burritt could have read what was passing in his companion's mind, he would have been amazed to find

pealing to her son, "I suppose there's no mistake about the day? Your dear father didn't mean to-morrow?"

Her son produced the telegram, which he had about him, and repeated the contents aloud:

"Am returning to-day by the 4:30 train. Shall be home to dinner. Friend accompanies me."

"Well, I'm sure I don't know what to do about it," exclaimed the poor lady, almost wringing her hands.

"Haven't you better go and speak to cook yourself?" said her son, making the proposal without the slightest comprehension of what it involved.

"I suppose I had," murmured his mother; "very well, Jane, you can say I'm coming." And she left the room, leaving the young people together.

"Aren't you tired of standing, May?" asked her brother, addressing the girl, who had scarcely varied her attitude an inch in the last half hour.

"Tired!" she exclaimed, half turning round. "What has that got to do with it? I want to be the first to see them." Then she added, "Tell me what you meant to say, a little while ago, when you began 'I wish,' and stopped."

"Why," he answered gloomily, "I was going to say I wish the governor had never started on this journey; though," he added, in a hurry, "of course he's all right—missed the train or else there's a block on the line, or something—only—" He broke off without bringing his sentence to a conclusion, and asked, "Was that what you wished, too?"

"I!" she exclaimed, "I wish that and more. I wish he had never had that letter. I wish his friend, whoever he is had never come back from where he was."

"Oh, come, now," was the would-be comforting response, "now you're going ahead too far. Of course, it's vexing and all that; but, after all, the only thing—that will really suffer will be the dinner, and that won't be fit

clutched the edge of the table. "Is ten!" he gasped.

And the voice without, now close to their very gates, made itself plainly heard, as it shouted out the latest but letin—

"Speech! Heavens! Stand! 'Orrible railway accident! Over twenty killed and injured. The forty-three from Dover wrecked by a down train carryin' petroleum barrels! The line on fire. Horful scenes! 'Atrend in details!'"

CHAPTER VI.

The Search for a Father.

What happened after this no one ever knew exactly. Before Mrs. Burritt had begun to grasp the idea that something was wrong, her son had rushed from the room.

After what seemed an age of waiting, but was really a very short time, he returned. In his hand he held a copy of the newspaper which he had just bought. "Mother," he said, putting a strong restraint upon himself, "I am afraid there has been an accident on the line. You mustn't be alarmed, for though some people have been injured, there is no reason why my father should not have escaped, and very likely the affair has been greatly exaggerated."

"Ted," said his sister, in a voice almost as calm as his own, though her face had lost every particle of color, and seemed to have suddenly become years older, "let us know the worst!" And she held out her hand for the paper.

"The worst!" he answered, with a sound like a strangled sob in his voice, "Why should there be any worst? And as for the paper," crumpling it up in his hand, "you can't place the slightest dependence upon that. I'm—I'm going up to town by the next train, so as to be on the spot, and—"

"He may be hurt in some way, you know," he added, slowly, by way of preparing their minds for whatever might be the result. "He may have come off with a broken leg, or something of that sort. You can hardly expect him to have got off scot free. But whatever it is, I'm going to find him out and bring him back home. Take care of mother"—this to his sister—and he was gone.

But before he could leave the house, while his hand was yet upon the latch, he found himself confronted by the girl. "Good-bye," she said, slowly and sadly. "You will do your best—but I have no hope—none!"

He caught a train which was on the very point of starting, and leaped into the first carriage he came to. Then he took out the paper which he had kept so carefully from the sight of those others at home, and began to study more earnestly the brief but terrible announcement which it contained.

(To be continued.)

As She Understood It.

He was telling a poker story, but she only caught this sentence: "And then, of course, I called, and—"

She interrupted him reproachfully and also with some asperity.

"I've caught you, John Henry," she exclaimed. "Here I've been trying to get you to call on the Joneses for the last three months, and you wouldn't do it—said you didn't like to make calls, then you go out and make one by yourself, or else you go calling with someone else. Yes; that must be it? What is she, John Henry? Who is this person who can get you to make calls when you won't make them with your wife?"

John Henry looked at his masculine friends and winked slyly.

"Shall I tell her?" he asked. "Might as well," they said. "In this case," he then told her, "three ladies induced me to call."

"Three?"

"Yes; but," he hastened to add, "if you came across them in the park you would probably call them 'queens.'"

It was a great joke—his masculine friends assured him of that—but he hasn't succeeded in explaining the matter to his wife's satisfaction yet. —Chicago Post.

St. Peter Remembered.

A poor son of Erin died and was buried as a very good man by all his neighbors. Arriving at The Gate he found his way barred by Saint Peter. "Before ye can enter," says Saint Peter, "will ye tell me ye are not guilty of any great sin?"

"I am not," said Paddy.

"Think again," said Saint Peter.

"Well," says Paddy, thinking hard, "I remember once using bad language over an old rooster we had."

"That was a great sin," said Saint Peter, "and ye can't come in."

Paddy turned sorrowfully away, but before he had gone for Saint Peter recalled him.

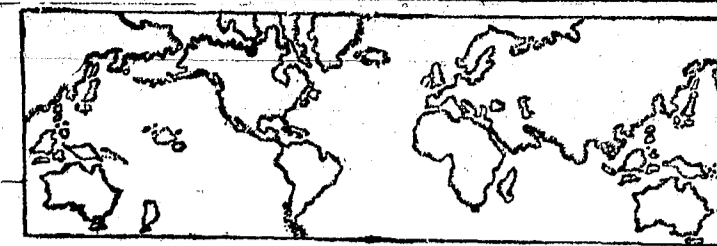
"I've been thinking," said Saint Peter, "and I think ye must have had great provocation, and that your language was perhaps excusable. Ye can come in. I remember, I once had trouble with the same sort of bird myself."

The Kitchen Range.

A fine housekeeper says since painting her kitchen range she has never blackened it with stove polish. Every spring when cleaning house she buys a can of enamel from a druggist and paints her stove with it. The stove looks like new, does not rust and needs no cleaning except dusting and wiping off.

French People in Britain.

There are 26,000 French in Great Britain and Ireland, more than three-fourths of the number being in London. The business most followed among these is cooking. As English landresses are prized in France, so French cooks are valued in England.



How little we know about subjects of which we know nothing.



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When Wandering Hindered Winning.

A man was standing at one end of a street car and a lady was standing at the other end.

There was one vacant seat and the conductor called the lady's attention to it, but she preferred to remain where she was.

The vacant seat was between two ladies, and one of these ladies sat next to a man.

The other lady by the vacant seat tried to get the lady by the man to move next to her so that the man who was standing could sit down by the man who was seated.

The lady next to the man did not move, though the other lady pulled her by the sleeve and motioned for her to sit near her.

In place of sitting down between the two ladies the man began to wonder if the lady who would not move could be the sister or wife of the man who sat by her, and while he was wondering another man back of him came forward and took the seat. Then the man who was standing soon saw the lady about whom he was wondering get off from the car alone. Would some men hesitate to sit between two ladies just because a person by motion without words had hinted that it might be better to sit between a man and a lady than between two ladies?

Dictionary-Directory.

An office man came in and asked the manager for the dictionary.

The manager opened his eyes and said, "Dictionary!"

Then the office man corrected himself and explained that he meant directory.

The office man made the same error several times, then began to hunt for cause and cure.

In his youth he had been a frequent user of a dictionary about the size of the directory which occasionally he borrowed of the manager.

When he wanted the directory he wanted a big book and his voice was used to saying dictionary.

As he started to borrow the directory he would begin to think of other subjects and unconsciously let his voice box work without the attention of his head.

When the voice box is left to manage itself it follows the path of least resistance or previous ways due to habit.

He conquered this to him an easy error by talking it over with himself and reviewing his mistake and advising himself to be more cautious.

We are able to form habits of caution by starting, repeating and keeping at it. You try telling yourself that you had better watch yourself when doing so and so next time and you may find it quite a help to your memory and better judgment.

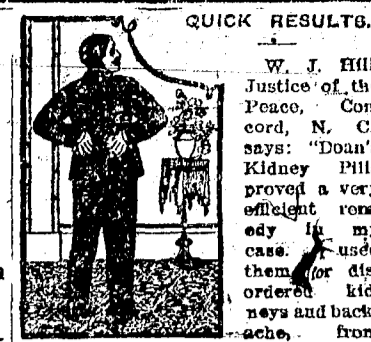
Best Way to Find Truth.

Babies are cared for in many cases just as well as the mother knows how to, yet in those very cases the babies often suffer much. What should be done? Good books on baby science reach a few. Scattered articles in periodicals reach many more. All who read do not apply because they do not see the practical side. Some never think of putting into practice the useful things found while reading.

Here is one plan: First, want to know more. Study self, study baby, study baby's nest, clothes and surroundings. Do not experiment much, but fall in love with "taking better care of baby." The next friend you meet may know something of great use to you and baby, but you do not know what that information is; neither does your friend. The only way to find unknown useful truth is to ask questions and exchange valuable knowledge at every opportunity with everyone you can.

Just Four Hours.

A father found his daughter's desk clock stopped and when he asked her if she would like it started she said she would. He wound it up, looked at his watch and set the minute hand, but forgot to set the hour hand. As he set it down he glanced at it again to audit his work and discovered his error—it was just four hours slow. His auditing glance took no time—extra time—as he did it while replacing the timepiece, and his doing it saved his work on it and he is more cautious than ever, which means increased personal skill.



W. J. Hill, Justice of the Peace, Concord, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills proved a very efficient remedy in my case. I used them for disordered kidneys and back-ache, from which I had experienced a great deal of trouble and pain. The kidney secretions were very irregular, dark colored and full of sediment. The Pills cleared it all up and I have not had an ache in my back since taking the last dose. My health generally is improved a great deal." Foster-McBurn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents per box.

Young Woman's Heroism.
Agatha Anderson, a young woman employed as a lift attendant in a large building at Christiania, Sweden, performed a striking act of heroism the other day. A serious fire broke out in the building, and some people in the upper stories were cut off from escape and screamed for help. Twice the young woman took the elevator to the top through the flames and smoke, succeeding in rescuing all the imprisoned people. A minute or two after she had descended for the last time the machinery fell with a crash from the top of the house.

Dish Washing in Winter.
Housekeepers naturally dread dish washing in winter, owing to the fact that it chaps the hands and renders them hard and rough. Much of the injury, however, results from the use of impure soap. If Ivory Soap is used in washing dishes and the hands are carefully rinsed and dried, they will not chafe.—E. R. PARKER.

Bridal Costumes in Spain.

In Spain a bride has no girl attendants to stand at the altar with her, but instead a "madrina" or godmother; neither does she have a wedding cake nor any festive going away after the ceremony. The wedding pair depart quietly to their new home, where they remain until the following day, when they start on their honeymoon. Before departing they pay a formal visit to their respective relatives.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold

Loxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 15c.

WITTY NOTE BROUGHT PEACE.

Young Couple Reconciled as Result of Father's Diplomacy.

A merchant whose daughter had married a man with whom it proved that she could not get on very well, was much surprised some weeks ago to see the young lady return home again with all her belongings. The old man listened very attentively to her story, and then went to his desk and wrote a note to his son-in-law which he gave to his daughter, assuring her that her husband would receive her kindly after this. The pair, on reading the letter, found in it the following notice: "Dear Sir—Goods that have been selected of one's own free will at my establishment are not taken back again."

The young couple laughed heartily and were reconciled.

Effective Dunning Letter.

King Louis or Portugal years ago promised to send Rossini a pipe of port of a vintage of which specimens have only been preserved in the royal cellars. The wine did not arrive, but the maestro was not a man to allow a promise to be forgotten. Accordingly he took up his pen and intimated to his Portuguese majesty the following reminder: "You promised me some port wine, sire, and it has not arrived. Your majesty has certainly not forgotten your promise, for sovereigns never forget, but allow me to remind you that I am old and that at my age there is no time to be lost."

BOTH FEEL

What Proper Food Does for Both Mind and Body.

Physical health, mental health, indeed almost everything good on this earth depend in great measure upon proper food.

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"My condition was so bad I never imagined food would help me but on the advice of a friend I tried Grape-Nuts. The first package brought me so much relief that I quit the medicines and used Grape-Nuts steadily three times a day. The result was that within 6 months I had so completely regained my strength and health that I was back nursing again and I feel the improvement in my brain power just as plainly as I do physical strength.

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We have not space to itemize, but are confident that our prices will more than satisfy.

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Toys, of all kinds for the little ones, at from 5c. to 50c.
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Kid and Wool Gloves,
Ribbons and Neckwear,
Gold-Headed Umbrellas.
Crockery and China Ware.
A Ton of Confectionery.
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Every kind and shape of Cutlery, Spoons, Etc.

Remember the Voting Contest.

A nice Chair for the most popular young lady.
A Gold Chain for the most popular young man.
Proceeds equally divided between the four Churches.

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75 pairs of Men's and Women's, Boys' and Girls' Shoes at One-Third Off from regular price.

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\$15.00 Ulster Overcoat, 1/4 off, \$11.25
12.00 " " 1/4 off, 9.00
10.00 " " 1/4 off, 7.50
8.50 " " 1/4 off, 6.38
5.00 " " 1/4 off, 3.75
20 Men's Suits at one-fourth off price
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Ladies' and Children's Jackets,
You take your choice at One-Half Price.
25 Ladies' Suits, well tailored and good style,
1-3 off regular price { \$12.00 Suit for \$8.00
15.00 " " 10.00
Don't fail to see these. { 18.00 " " 12.00
A complete line of Ladies' and Misses' Jackets, \$5.00
\$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$10.00 and up.

Underwear and Hosiery.

You have never seen such values as we are showing in our Hosiery and Underwear department.

Special Bargains.

50 pairs of Ladies' Kid Gloves, \$1 value; sell at 58c
5,000 yds. of Silk Ribbon, at 3c, 5c, 6c, 9c, and up.
500 Tablets, at 4c each.
3,000 Envelopes at 4c. per package.
A 3c. Lead Pencil for 1c.
A box of Toilet Soap, (3 cakes) for 10c.
3 cakes of Palm Olive Soap for 25c.
6 cakes of "Grand Ra's" Tar Soap for 25c.
Perfumes, choice quality, at 10c, 25c and 50c.

Ladies' Skirts and Capes.

75 Ladies' Dress Skirts, { \$2.25 quality at \$1.75
3.00 " 2.38
in 4.00 " 3.25
Black and Colored, 5.00 " 4.19
7.00 " 5.98
Cloth, Plush and Astrachan Capes, your choice of these at One-Fourth Off.

Dress Goods.

5,000 yds. good Outing Flannel, at 6c, 7c. and 8c.
600 yds. Dress Goods, 25c and 30c value,
take your choice at 20c
700 yds. Dress Goods, 45c and 50c value, at 37 1/2 c
1 lot 50 in. Plaids, worth \$1.50; your choice, 98c
5,000 yards of dark Prints at 6c.
250 Remnants, of all kinds, at One-Half value.
A lot of Silk Remnants, for Holiday use—Cheap.
750 yds. 50-54 in. dress goods—\$1.25 value at 98c
600 yards of 52-54 in. Heavy Skirtings, in all colors, regular value \$1.50, sell for \$1.15
300 yds. all wool tricot Flannel, all colors, at 25c
75 beautiful Shirt-waist patterns, both cotton and wool, at 1/4 off from regular price.

Rain Coats and Umbrellas.

20 Rain Coats, worth from \$4.00 to \$6.00 each—
Take your choice at \$1.50 to \$3.00
We have a very nice line of Umbrellas, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$4.50.
These are especially nice for Holiday gifts.

Ladies' Furs.

We have a fine line of Ladies' and Misses' Furs and Muffs at prices within the reach of all.

East Jordan Lumber Co.

Children's Sleds and Coasters

12 Styles and Sizes. 100 of them at prices from 35c to \$1.25 now on sale at

Lovebay Hardware.

LAQUERET

Is the finest thing out to make old Furniture look like new. It gives a piano finish and stains to any kind of wood. Try it.

W. A. Loveday & Co.

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CAPITAL, \$20,000.00 SURP US \$150,000.00

Money to Loan on Short Time.
Deposits of \$1.00 and upward received and interest allowed if left on deposit three months or longer.
Bank Money Orders sold at lowest Rates.
Fire Insurance Written - we have seven good companies.
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Briefs of the Week

Mum's Baked Goods are best. Buy them at Jerome Smith's.

Cigars in boxes of 25. All prices and varieties at the Cigar Store.

"A Romance of Coon Hollow" at Loveday Opera House Friday night, Dec. 18th.

George Bowen returned home on Wednesday evening. During the past season he has been traveling with the Wallace circus.

A nice Xmas present for your hubby - a deck of Congress playing cards. Regular price \$1.00. Only 75 cents at the Cigar Store.

Rev. J. A. McKee and family departed Monday morning on a short visit with friends in Ohio. During his absence there will be no preaching service at the Presbyterian church.

Don't suffer from headache, nervousness or poorly fitting glasses when you can find a remedy by consulting J. Leahy, the optician, who comes prepared to fit any eyes that can be fitted.

Secretary Shaw has made his estimates for the fiscal year ending June 1905 and asks \$362,900 for Michigan harbors and channels. Of this amount the estimate for harbor improvement at Charlevoix is \$39,000.

A youth near Holly who wanted to compliment his sweetheart told her she reminded him of the goddess of liberty. All went well until the girl found a description of Bartholdi's statue of the goddess and found that its nose was four feet six inches long, its mouth three feet across, and its waist thirty feet around. It was all off at once with that young man.

It warms the heart like sunshine, cheers the soul like ancient wine, gives hope for the future, bids out the past. That's what Rocky Mountain Tea does. 35 cents.

Warne's Pharmacy.

Merle faught had a narrow escape from drowning while skating Sunday. He got too close to the strip of open water marking the pathway of the steamer Fletcher on her last trip, and broke through the ice. He was finally rescued from his perilous position by a playmate, Russell Harrington, son of Postmaster Wm. Harrington, who, at great risk, got close enough to grasp Merle's hand and pull him out on the ice just as he was becoming exhausted by his own efforts to extricate himself.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
Singer Sewing Machines at Jerome Smith's grocery store. Terms easy.

Regular Council meeting next Monday evening.

A miniature village of fishing shanties has sprung up on the ice since the recent cold snap.

See Leahy, the optician, at Hotel Lakeside Dec. 14-15-16. Fitting difficult cases a specialty.

Monday Dec. 14 is the date when J. Leahy, the expert optician, will again be here; will remain three days, office at Lakeside Hotel. As his work is fully warranted all should appreciate his coming.

A Michigan woman was scanning the marriage columns of a newspaper, and remarked to her husband: "Here's a strange coincidence - a William Strange married to a Martha Strange." "Strange, indeed," "but I expect the next news will be a little stranger."

The Benton Harbor daily and the Grand Rapids papers are only a sample of what the papers all over the country have to say in praising the ever popular comedy drama, "A Romance of Coon Hollow" which comes to East Jordan next Friday night, Dec. 18th.

A bereaved husband up in the Dakota border has posted this notice on a pine tree: "My wife Sarah has left me rache when I didn't do a thing. Too her an I want it. Distinctly understood that any man as takes her in an Keers for her on mi account. Will git hisself pumped so full Led that some tenderfoot will locate him for mineral claim. A word to the Wise is sufficient an order work on fools - P. Smith."

The steamer Gordon coming from East Jordan Thursday afternoon was struck by two large pieces of ice, and cut a large hole in the bow of the boat. She at once began to fill with water and was sinking when Capt. Guard managed to get hold of some canvas, and with the aid of the crew stopped the hole up. The leg Wheeler was sent for to tug her in the harbor. The Gordon got as far as Holy Island, when the accident occurred. Capt. Guard has certainly had his share of hard luck with his boat and we hope next summer that Capt. Guard will have all kinds of good luck, as he certainly deserves it. - Charlevoix Courier

Makes assimilation perfect, healthy blood, firm muscles, strong nerves. Quickens the brain, makes and keeps you well. Great medicine, Rocky Mountain Tea.

Warne's Pharmacy.

Fountain pens filled with Thomas' Ink at the Cigar Store.

A full line of Winslow speed skates at W. E. Malpass Hardware Co's.

Catalpa's "Slaves of the Mine" gave most general satisfaction. His "Romance of Coon Hollow" will simply make the people wonder how it could have been better. You simply can't afford to miss it.

The supporting of a newspaper costs a town scarcely a cent. Though papers may be well patronized and the business men may spend sums of money in advertising, the cash very quickly gets back into the channels from which it came. Nearly every cent a paper gathers in is spent at home and it goes to the merchants who delight in benefiting themselves and the community by liberal advertising. "Boiled down the facts are that a newspaper returns all the money it gets to those who give it, and its work for the town and country is thrown in as good will.

President Charles W. Garfield of the Michigan State Forestry commission has received plans and explanations of the location of two forest nurseries in the forest reserve by the United States forestry department employees who were sent on to locate the nurseries at the request of the state commission. One of the two nurseries is to be located in the southern part of Crawford county near Higgins lake and the other in the southern part of Roscommon county near Houghton lake. The commission proposes to grow native trees in these nurseries and seeds are being gathered this winter in readiness for planting in the spring. White pine, the most valuable timber tree, will be among the leading varieties planted and also most of the coniferous trees suited to this climate. Such quick growing trees as catalpa, black locust and Carolina poplar, valuable timber for posts, ties and pulp manufacture will also be planted.

A faded out, care worn woman of 40 with a spruce up-to-date husband should take Rocky Mountain Tea Brings back that youthful, girlish beauty. Keeps the old man from going to the lodge. 35 cents. Warne's Pharmacy.

List of Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of the letters remaining uncalled for in the East Jordan postoffice for the week ending December 7, 1904: -

- Follik, Mr. Emery,
- Fulber, Charles L.,
- Holben, Miss Jessie,
- Hubert, Miss Edith,
- Minsca, Mr. John,
- Miller, Miss Lilea,
- Shaw, Dr. A. E.,
- Superneau, C. E.,
- Stietner, Mr. Ike,
- Walker, Miss Effie,
- Gibbs, H. E., [2]

WM. HARRINGTON, P. M.

Sick Blood

Feed pale girls on Scott's Emulsion.

We do not need to give all the reasons why Scott's Emulsion restores the strength and flesh and color of good health to those who suffer from sick blood.

The fact that it is the best preparation of Cod Liver Oil, rich in nutrition, full of healthy stimulation is a suggestion as to why it does what it does.

Scott's Emulsion presents Cod Liver Oil at its best, fullest in strength, least in taste.

Young women in their "teens" are permanently cured of the peculiar disease of the blood which shows itself in paleness, weakness and nervousness, by regular treatment with Scott's Emulsion.

It is a true blood food and is naturally adapted to the cure of the blood sickness from which so many young women suffer.

We will be glad to send a sample to any sufferer.

Be sure that this picture in the form of a label on the wrapper of every bottle of Emulsion you buy.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., New York.

Ayer's

For hard colds, bronchitis, asthma, and coughs of all kinds, you cannot take anything better than Ayer's

Cherry Pectoral

Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor if this is not so. He uses it. He understands why it soothes and heals.

"I had a terrible cough for weeks. Then I took Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and only one bottle completely cured me."

Mrs. J. B. DANFORTH, St. Joseph, Mich.

25c. Sec. \$1.00. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

All druggists for

Coughs, Colds

You will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

Stage and Platform

"Slaves of the Mine" drew a large audience at Loveday Opera House Saturday evening, being the first attraction appearing in that popular play house in several weeks. The piece is a scenic melodrama, magnificently staged and well played, the mine explosion in the third act being one of the most realistic scenic effects ever seen on a local stage. The crowd was considerably augmented by an excursion party from Bellaire which came over on a special train on the East Jordan & Southern R. R.

Many plays are written where negro characters furnish the comedy vein and are imperoated by white comedians. In "A Romance of Coon Hollow" the colored characters are genuine and besides assisting the comedy strain, take a very prominent part in making some of the scenes, which occur in Tennessee, most realistic and true to life.

The staging and the buck and wing dancing furnished by the colored members of this large company is in keeping with the high grade artistic ability shown by other characters in the play and without question the company will be greeted with a full house which such an attraction deserves. Seats will be on sale Monday morning at Bousinger Bros. store.

EXCURSIONS VIA THE PERE MARQUETTE

CANADIAN HOLIDAYS.

For the Annual Canadian Holiday Excursion, the Pere Marquette will sell round trip tickets to nearly all points in Canada on the Grand Trunk Ry., the Intercolonial Ry., the Canadian Pacific Ry., the Michigan Central and the Wabash, at a rate of ONE FARE for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 17 to 20, inclusive, good to return leaving destination not later than January 9, 1905. Ask ticket agents for rates of fare, points to which tickets are sold, etc.

ANNUAL CANADIAN HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS VIA G. R. & I.

The G. R. & I. will sell excursion tickets to all Canadian points Dec. 17, 18, 19 and 20, return limit leaving destination Jan. 9, 1905. Rate one fare for round trip.

M. F. QUAINANCE, Pass. Agt. Petoskey.

Some guy gave Editor Davis of the Bay City News a beer check in payment for a three months' subscription. "We wouldn't have 'holtered' if it had been nearer home," comments the editor, "but the check is on P. Lynch of Elk Rapids. It's owned, but doubtly mean to take advantage of a man with crippled eyes and work off a beer check for two lites when the beer is twenty-one miles away."

FATALITY OF PNEUMONIA.

Pneumonia is the most fatal of all acute affections, being second only to consumption in mortality lists, all classes, rich and poor, young and old, succumb to its ravages. Foley's Honey and Tar cures colds and prevents pneumonia and has cured many severe cases of this disease. "My wife had a severe attack of pneumonia which followed a severe attack of influenza and I believe that Foley's Honey and Tar saved her life," writes James Coffey, of Raymond, Miss.

Sold by L. C. Madison & Co.

Restaurant and Lunch Counter and good accommodations for Boarders on State St.

Mrs. Phoebe Duford.

CANNON SALVE. Best Salve in the World. Cures all skin diseases. Ask your druggist for it.

SELZ SHOES.

J. L. WIESMAN, LEADER OF LOW PRICES, Loveday Block, East Jordan.

500

BOXES FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS EACH.

In response to the popular demand I have secured another lot of boxes containing Jewellery, Silverware, Novelties, etc., etc. These sell at 25 cents each. Call early as they are going fast and the supply is limited.

FRANK MARTINEK.

For The Holiday Trade

A Choice Line of Books, Perfumes, Toilet Articles, & just received at

WARNE'S PHARMACY

Winslow Racing Skates

Xmas Toys, Mouth Organs and Harmonos
[phones can be found at

W. E. Malpass Hardware Co. EAST JORDAN, MICH.

DO YOU KNOW

That the liability to accident or sickness is constant, that you cannot get away from it whether you are asleep or awake? That it costs you something to carry this risk, (liability) and that you must pay for it?

That it costs you much less to pay a good insurance company to carry it than to carry it yourself? You may not have thought much about these propositions, but they are solid facts verified every day by the experience of men who get injured or are taken sick.

Our proposition is a simple one. You pay us \$1.00 per month, and we pay you, for the time you lose in case of accident or sickness from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per month, according to the liability to injury in your occupation. For further information call on

HACKETT & ISAMAN, Agents

You don't have to give security to borrow trouble.

A man usually finds his ideal when he glances into the mirror.

Anybody can guess what emblem Panama will suspend from her liberty pole.

If it weren't easier to believe a lie than the truth there would be an end of gossiping.

Russia talks to Japan in much the same strain that Fitzsimmons addresses Corbett.

Among the microbes which the health authorities say inhabit sleeping cars is the porter.

The young lady whom Mr. Zangwill is to wed is herself a writer. This is the acme of collaboration.

If we were to take Canada as a gift we should want to have a few acres of ice sawed off the northern end.

According to a dispatch Japan may force the czar's hand, but what it really wants to look out for is his feet.

It is announced in England that Alford Austin has written another tragedy. Does this mean another poem?

Even the sedate historic muse may well grin when she sets down the fact that Wos y Gil has been deposed by Jiminez.

After this no dual wedding should be pulled off in New York without ambulances and patrol wagons in attendance.

A Chicago man has been choked to death by a doughnut. The only part of the doughnut that it is really safe to eat is the hole.

English lords come to this country so hungry for love that they would marry anybody who has less than a million to feed it on.

Obviously there are no Americans in the Constitutional club of London. The earl of Darroven has just been elected to membership.

King Peter of Serbia wants to borrow \$20,000,000. If we were in Peter's place we'd hate to be found in Serbia with that much money.

Even the rich can't have everything to please 'em. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is disappointed because the new addition to his family is not a boy.

A Michigan schoolma'am has been awarded \$30,000 damages for breach of promise. It hurts when a Michigan schoolma'am's heart is fooled with.

That Chicago father who says his 7-year-old boy "needs outdoor exercise" with a shotgun appears to forget that the birds also need a little outdoor play.

Those sun spots came just in time to get the blame for a lot of things from which people in various parts of the country would like to shift the responsibility.

Spain would have been willing to furnish desecrators from her own side to supply a marksman for every gun on every United States warship in Manila bay and Santiago.

An expert killer of cockroaches, taken a contract to rid the vessels in the navy of those insect pests. Might not swearing be banished from the navy by calling in an expert profanity killer?

If ever there was a work of super-erogation it is the effort of certain well-meaning persons in Missouri to educate the people up to the knowledge that the flesh of the possum is good to eat.

It is authoritatively announced from Rome that no object of artistic or historical value was destroyed or even injured by the recent fire in the Vatican. Here is occasion for universal congratulation.

What could be more pathetic than the experience of the girl in New Jersey who is still receiving letters daily from her lover in the Philippines, whose death was announced by cable two or three weeks ago?

The Chicago Record-Herald, with presumably unconscious humor, publishes comparative statements from weather department tables in order to prove that Chicago is not the "windy city." There is wind—and wind.

People whose brains are tired puzzling over the Mary-Ann age problem may find relief in this: "If six dozen eggs cost as many cents as the number of eggs that eight cents will buy at the same price, what is the price per dozen?"

Commander Booth-Tucker says the only dispute he ever had with his late wife was as to whether he loved her or she loved him the more, and they happily agreed to split even and lived happily ever afterward. That sort of marriage isn't a failure.

A EUROPEAN'S VISIT TO SHANGHAI

(Special Correspondence.)

Sailing westward from Nagasaki one leaves behind the quiet waters of the Inland Sea and the Pacific and enters upon the turbid, storm-tossed waves of the Yellow Sea, the northern playground of the typhoon.

Shanghai is the nearest great port of China across this sea, and four days at most brings one to this first safe landing on the continent. Almost all the way there are islands to be seen, and perhaps the high shores of Formosa, the unexplored haunt of pirates and brigands. Far out at sea one notes that the yellow water has become yellower, almost the hue of our own Mississippi River, and soon the strong current of a great river is entered and the low shores of the Yangtze appear. Vast farmless jungles with battened lugs pitch and pound along the coast, and are a source of anxiety at night, as they carry no lights, either through fear of pirates or for the sake of economy.

At the mouth of the Yangtze is the celebrated "heavenly barrier," the Woosung Bar. The bay offers little protection, but we cast anchor here in company with a huge French mail steamer and two British tramps and see the white flag "U. S. Mail."

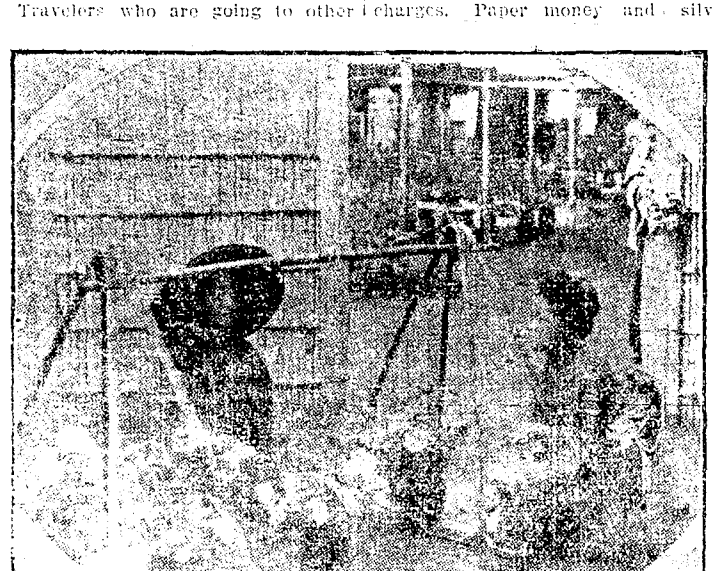
There is no railroad from Woosung to Shanghai, the one built there having been destroyed. An hour in a launch, however, brings one in sight of this Paris of China and up to the most imposing Bund in the Orient. The little gunboats Wilmington and Villalobos, the latter a Spanish prize, lay below the American consulate, and their sailors responded heartily to our cheers for Old Glory. English men of war lay near in all the grim threat of war paint, and small French and German gunboats idled near the foreign settlements.

Oddly enough, the first person to greet one in Shanghai is sure to be a tall, burly, bearded Sikh policeman, who perhaps speaks neither English nor Chinese, and carries neither club sword nor firearm. Statuesque and imperturbable, he upholds the banner of British rule and deals out justice to the best of his ability. European and American sailors take advantage of his lack of weapons occasionally, and send him to the hospital, but he gets along famously with the Chinese.

Travelers who are going to other

parts of the world may be interested to know that the Chinese, Japanese, Malays, Sikhs and Turks crowd the middle of the road and the sidewalks are left to the English, French, Portuguese, Germans, Russians and Americans. All the world comes here to buy the wares of Canton and north China. In the shops one finds silver and ivory, silks and embroideries, besides the latest European goods.

Hongkong is not a cheap place to buy, however, as these goods are all from the provinces and the local merchant has to pay high rents and charges. Paper money and silver



In the Native Quarter.

change of the Hongkong banks and Mexican pesos are the mediums of trade. Neither Shanghai nor Canton money passes current. Sailors and soldiers are everywhere. You may see two drunken man-of-warsten in rickshaws belaboring their coolies into a mad gallop and betting on the outcome of the race. Merchant sailors, with the heave of the seven seas in their gait, haunt the boarding-houses along the lower streets, and English and American regulars fraternize in the shade. They say that it always rains in Hongkong, and one can readily believe it. As a result, the well-paved streets are clean and the vegetation on the hills is fresh and green throughout the summer. The native town is also kept clean and healthy.

The roar of cannon and the shrill war pipes of a Burma band answer the ringing cheers of a big English cruiser which has broken out the long homeward-bound pennant so dear to the eye of the sailor. With her go two torpedo cruisers that are creeping northward toward the edge of the Russian storm cloud. Hongkong behind her cannon looks out like the mandarin from his curtained sedan chair in the street. What does she care for these street brawls! Her bearers are the steel hulls of the seven seas, her livery bears the dragon and St. George. Her heart is in the great noisy corridors of the bank.

Weight of Children. The weight of a growing child is the most important index to its general health. A child of five years, for instance, should weigh about as many pounds as it is inches high. As a rule this will be 40 pounds. When a child is rather heavier in proportion to its height it is a sign of good health. A deficiency of weight in proportion to height is always an unfavorable sign. Any interruption in the progress of increase of weight, especially during the continuance of growth, must be a danger signal that should not be neglected.

From the harbor the City of Hong-

kong may be seen to advantage. Rising from the water's edge the streets terrace upward to a dizzy height, and the houses of the upper town seem far among the clouds. Winding roads lead from terrace to terrace, and there is an electric tramway to the summit. Residents have planted many trees over the barren hills and there is ample shade in the broad streets. On the lower levels the ricksha is the general mode of conveyance, but on the upper slopes one must be carried in a chair by two or three coolies.

These fellows are kept in check by the police in Hongkong and Shanghai and not allowed to solicit and beg for custom, as in Japan, but they are wiser and more quarrelsome than the Japanese coolie. No matter what they get they are sure to be dissatisfied and demand more. A Chinaman will throw four cents to the coolie and walk away with the coolie cursing and yelling after him. The young Chinaman I saw forgot to take his parasol, when the coolie then refused to give up without more pay. A Sikh and a Chinese policeman who rushed up to stop the fight at once pounced upon the coolie. Fifteen cents an hour is usual.

Queen's road is the principal street and is always thronged. Chinese, Japanese, Malays, Sikhs and Turks crowd the middle of the road and the sidewalks are left to the English, French, Portuguese, Germans, Russians and Americans. All the world comes here to buy the wares of Canton and north China. In the shops one finds silver and ivory, silks and embroideries, besides the latest European goods.

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EASY METHOD OF SUICIDE.

Holding the Breath Will End Life in Short Time.

That it is possible to commit suicide by simply holding one's breath has been clearly proved by a despondent Norwegian, who recently killed himself in this very unusual manner. When he determined to die he closed his mouth and nostrils and by mere force of will prevented his lungs from using their proper work.

This case is the more remarkable, as there has long been a popular notion that no human being could by mere will power stop the action of the lungs for more than one or two minutes. For this reason it has attracted much attention, and a French writer, commenting on it, says: "To persons of good taste who are weary of this life this method of committing suicide will certainly commend itself, one reason being because the body is not disfigured thereby, and another because the act can be committed in any place and at any time. It is true that sensitive or nervous persons will never be able to kill themselves in this manner, for, simple as it seems, the act of retaining one's breath until death comes can only be performed by one who is either unusually phlegmatic or endowed with a very strong will."—New York Herald.

No Vowels in It. Many places have curious names, but apparently there is only one place which has a name without any vowels. That place is the little hamlet of Ws, near Paris. Ws being an unpronounceable name, the inhabitants of the hamlet have transformed it into "JUs," but this change has not been sanctioned legally, and on all the official records the name Ws still appears. The hamlet has 117 inhabitants, and its sole attractions are the Chateau d'Osny, which has been for many years in the possession of Edmond About's family, and the Chateau de Vigny, which is one of the best specimens of the Renaissance style of architecture.

So far as is known, there is only one person in Europe at present who has a name without any vowels, and that is M. Srb, the Mayor of Prasnau.

Venetian Fisher Boy.

The Venetian fisher boy is picturesque in art and literature, but in real life he is too often a sight which would make an American mother weep.

Swindle the Gullible Tourist. A Connecticut firm manufactures sacred scarves for the Egyptian trade. The little charms are curved and even clipped by machinery, colored in bulk to simulate age and shipped in bulk to the Moslem dealers at Cairo. The Arabian guides are the chief buyers, many of them being adepts at swindling. The swindler at the base of the Pyramids or near the sacred temples, where they actually discover these scarves before the very eyes of the Yankee tourist and sell him for an American dollar an article manufactured at a cost of less than a cent in his native land.

The Racing Age. The German emperor will offer a cup for a transatlantic race from New York to London. The prize is \$100,000. Life is all a race today.

Men go racing in their devil carts across the continent. One night will soon be racing from New York to old Biscaya. The aeromats go racing through the clouds from Aix to Ghent.

Men go racing round our planet, as if it were nothing more.

Than a course, supplied with speed, for the showing of our speed. Our trains keep breaking records that seemed wonderful before. And our trotters show a swiftness that's remarkable, indeed.

Racing, racing, racing! Life is nothing but a race. From the cradle to the grave we race with all our might and main. And there's one race that is everywhere and always taking place. The mad race for the dollar that's so mighty hard to gain.

Get Stupefied on Kerosene. Kerosene incredibly is becoming common in many cities. The boys climb upon the tank cars, place their noses over the manhole, and thus inhale the fumes. The effects produced are similar to those produced by alcohol, first a feeling of exhilaration, then a period of stupor, and following is the period of deep sleep. It is stated that in several instances boys, drunk from these fumes, have been taken to hospitals.

Stubborn Man Goes to Jail. A Lewiston, Maine, man defied the city authorities to collect a poll tax and is now reposing in jail, where he has been since Aug. 5. His board bill has been \$1.75 each week, and as he must pay this before he is released his defiance is likely to cost him dearly.

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HIS TRAINING

The elderly man with the diamond horse-shoe scarf and the thick-soled brilliantly polished shoes, who was sitting near the door, rolled his unlighted cigar around in his mouth and turned to his companion.

"Yes," he said, "you might say that it was a gift. If a dog has got anything in him I can bring it out. I know just how to handle 'em. It makes me sick to think of the good dogs that are running loose around the town that ain't got a particle of ejection—dogs with sense that only want a little training to be a credit to the man that owns 'em. I can take a dog and make a gentleman of him. Now that dog out there—"

He opened the car door, admitting a rush of cold air that made the woman shiver who was hanging to the strap over his head, and gazed out on the rear platform where a bright, intelligent-looking collie was sitting, receiving the admiration of the platform passengers with an air of dignity mingled with satisfaction.

"Is he all right?" inquired the other man.

"He's all right," said the dog's owner, as the dog half rose and wagged his tail furiously. "Only," he added, with a severe eye on the dog, "he's taking up too much room there. Suppose you turn around and lie down there in that corner so's there's room for somebody else on that platform besides you," he suggested, and the dog promptly turned around and crawled to the corner indicated, where he curled himself up in the smallest possible space.

"There," said the man, triumphantly, "all he wants is a hint." He leaned back in his seat, forgetting to close the door.

"Isn't it wonderful!" exclaimed one of the standing women, addressing the one who had shivered.

"Very," replied she, changing hands on her strap and sighing wearily. "It's a pity, though, that there aren't some capable dogs that would take a man and make a gentleman of him." She looked at the dog's owner as she spoke and he appeared unconcerned.

There has been found, presumably in a garret, a hitherto unpublished manuscript by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. It appears to have been the intention of the poet to write a second "Rime of the Ancient Mariner," showing how that famous old sailor on an occasion subsequent to the one commemorated in immortal verse met another wedding guest, this time a lady. The poem was not written, but the marginal notes make its outline and plot as follows:

"1st. The Ancient Mariner meeteth another wedding guest, this time a fair lady.

"2d. She is delighted for the mariner's tale, and, being a little late in getting to the church to witness the ceremony.

"3d. The Mariner habitually tells his glittering tale, and, being a little late in getting to the church to witness the ceremony.

"4th. She endeavored to break away, and offered the aged man the price of a drink, which he accepteth but nevertheless continueth his tale of woe.

"5th. She explaineth that she hath a pressing engagement, but he still holdeth her with his glittering eye.

"6th. She heareth in her mind the strains of 'The Wedding March,' and seeth in fancy the bride walk down the aisle, and is agonized by the thought that she will not be there.

"7th. But he still holdeth her with his glittering eye and she cannot choke him off.

"8th. But, at last, she maketh a great effort and giveth the Ancient Mariner such a tongue-lashing that he cannot get in another word, edge-wise.

"9th. He reacheth hard to get in the obvious story, but in vain. His resolution that he is up against it.

"10th. The wedding is held dolefully, he tramples away, a sadder and a sorer man. And never from that day did he stop a Wedding Guest of the same variety."—William E. Blo-Kenna in New York Times.

The "City of Crickets"

"San Antonio ought to be called the City of crickets," said a man who has just returned to New Orleans from Texas to a Times-Democrat reporter, "for I never have found as many crickets anywhere on earth as I found out there. The streets are literally filled with them. It is not simply a case of cricket on the hearth. It is a case of cricket everywhere you go. I have been trying to figure out why it is that these insects are so plentiful in the Texas town in question. At night they swarm around the electric lights like the bugs are familiar with in other places. It is impossible to walk along the streets without stepping on them. And there is just a bit of poetry about the situation in San Antonio with respect to crickets, life there.

No people generally look upon them with a feeling of affection, and it is a rare thing to see a citizen show any sort of indifference to the members of this interesting family. No man would think of treading on a cricket. They take particular pains not to do anything that would in any way injure the lives or limbs of crickets. I was speaking of the poetry of the situation. It is a fine thing to hear the crickets croaking early in the evening. They chirp as cheerily as if they were hidden away in the woods of some beautiful valley or on the banks of some crystal stream. Men busy along the streets would brush along with their mechanical shoes and all the while the crickets keep on croaking their little happy songs, just as if the price of humanity were not heading about them. It is a charming, picturesque, poetic and if I had my way, I would christen San Antonio the "City of crickets." I think the name would add color to a city already colorful in its rich coloring."

The Decline of Babylon

Ancient Babylon was the alluvial land of the Euphrates and the Tigris region, about equal in size to the Italy of to-day, and was the granary of the ancient world, with a phenomenal wealth of vegetation and palm forests and olive orchards and vineyards. Canals dug in various directions served to store the waters and to irrigate the land, and at the same time were the avenues of commerce and trade. Indeed, the Babylon of the Biblical period was the Holland of antiquity.

Every king found his glory in the extension of the waterway system, and from the days of Hammurabi through many centuries the work of the ruler in this regard proved to be the greatest blessing to the country. The whole country was practically one vast garden, northward from

Babylon, between Hillel and Bagdad according to the wonderful reports of Xenophon, Ammianus, Marcellinus and Zosimus, the last mentioned finding as late as the fifth Christian century vast vineyards and olive groves throughout the land. In the time of the early Arabian califs no fewer than 360 cities and villages are mentioned by name along these canals. Pliny declares this to have been "the most fruitful land in the east."

Now, on the other hand, it is a dreary desert, the playground of the storms and winds. In the southern portions there are still some remnants of the canals left, but the two famous rivers, Euphrates and Tigris, are no longer connected, and between Bagdad and Bassora a few English steamboats can scarcely force their way.

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THE FATEFUL WELL

Pleasant times were the order at Miss Maud Telling's Halloween party. "It's one continual round of pleasure," remarked Mr. Joseph Briggs, who was known through the village as a terrible outup, and who had a way of saying things that were repeated by everybody, and considered extremely funny. This new observation of Joseph's fairly convulsed Miss Maud, and while the two Terrey girls giggled until they were red in the face, Sammy Anderson, the meek little shoe clerk who regarded Joseph as an oracle and who eagerly repeated all of the scintillating things that fell from his lips, hastened away to repeat the brilliant observation that Joseph had just made to Sue Nevins before the remark had become public property or had been fully protected by copyright.

Tommy Hutchins, from the county seat, and who was one of the bright particular stars of the occasion, was sitting in solitary grandeur on the red plush sofa watching John Brinker, the American Express agent at Martinsville, bobbing in the tub for an apple. Every time Mr. Brinker's wide-spread mouth came in contact with the apple of course it bobbed down to the bottom of the tub, and Johnny would raise his dripping face in despair, while the Terrey girls would almost have convulsions of joy, and Mr. Briggs would remark "Swimming not allowed in these waters," a remark eminently characteristic of such a thorough wag.

Julia Maddox and a small coterie were sitting before the grate fire telling fortunes by means of chestnuts, which after being properly named after the various maidens of whom Arthur Raymond was supposed to be enamored, were placed down in front of the fireplace to decide his fate. One chestnut suddenly burst open and flew half across the floor.

"Oh, it's Lucy Brooks; it's Lucy Brooks."

Mr. Raymond's countenance assumed a rosate hue.

"What is it?" asked Lucy from across the room.

"You're going to marry—" abouted the fair Julia.

Mr. Raymond attempted to choke Miss Maddox with his handkerchief. Miss Maddox refused to be choked.

"You're going to marry Arthur Raymond," shouted the irrepressible Julia. "We told Arthur's fortune with the chestnuts and you're going to marry him."

Lucy cast a look of scorn at the blushing Arthur. "I don't like such stupid jokes," she said severely.

"No, indeed," put in Mr. Briggs, "Arthur is in earnest." Lucy discharged another scornful look at the shrinking Arthur, and marched away with awful dignity.

"I—I wasn't joking," said Arthur humbly.

Mr. Briggs appeared in the doorway. "Hello, hand!" said Mr. Briggs, with the easy familiarity that came from his being a fellow-townsmen of Miss Telling's, and which was extremely annoying to Mr. Hutchins. "Thought maybe you had taken a trip to Europe, or somewhere. They want you in here. They are going to tell your fortune."

"Excuse me, Mr. Hutchins," said Miss Telling. "I'll have to go in and see who the dark woman is that I must beware of, and whether or not I am going to take a long journey."

Miss Telling arose and ran into the parlor, while Mr. Hutchins sent a look after the retreating form of Mr. Briggs that, if looks were only able to kill, would have laid Mr. Briggs cold and lifeless on the floor in the hundredth part of a second. Mr. Hutchins went into a gloomy reverie, until it was suddenly broken by the appearance of Miss Telling's youthful sister Annie, aged 10.

"Do you like to play pillow and kissing games like that?" asked Annie.

Mr. Hutchins said that a few years before he had enjoyed such games much, but he was afraid he was getting too old for such amusements now.

"Well, I'm not," said Annie. "We used to play them all the time. We do yet a mettimes."

Mr. Hutchins started. "Maud don't play them, does she?" he asked suspiciously, with visions of the wonderful opportunities that Mr. Briggs might possibly enjoy.

"O, sometimes," said Annie. Mr. Hutchins looked sad. "Maud is going to find out who her future husband is going to be to-night," said Annie, mysteriously, "but it's a secret."

Mr. Hutchins was all attention. "Is she?" he asked. "Yes," went on Annie. "Just at 12 o'clock she is going to slip out of the house and go down to the old well in the pasture lot. It's dry now, but it's the only well there is around here since we had the water-works at it. She's going there with a looking-glass and stand by the well with her back to it and then look in the glass and see the face of the man she's going to marry."

Mr. Hutchins was absorbingly interested. "How do you know, Annie?" he asked. "O, I heard her telling Julia Maddox, and after she goes to the well then Julia's going. Now don't you tell any one."

Mr. Hutchins gave a solemn promise and Annie departed. Mr. Hutchins was again left in silent thought. He sat and watched his rival, Mr. Briggs, as he sat by Maud's side while the fortunes were being told. It occurred to him that it would be a great idea for him to go down to

the old well, and when Maud came down he could look over her shoulder and his picture would appear in the mirror, and she would at once think the fates had selected him as her future husband. Of course, if she looked around and saw him it would make a difference. He didn't think for a moment but she would look around and see him. But a few moments alone in the moonlight down by the old well with Maud wouldn't be such a bad thing. And the fact that he had taken all the trouble to go down in that gloomy place and wait for her for a half-hour or so wouldn't hurt his cause any. He had read about fond lovers doing that thing many times, and it seemed as though it would be a sharp thing to do.

Filled with this glowing idea he arose and went into the parlor, while Julia Maddox and Mr. Briggs came out and took possession of the stairs.

"I can tell you a great joke that you can play," said the fair Julia.

"You know me," said Mr. Briggs. "Put me next."

"Well," said Julia, "Maud is going down to the old well in the vacant lot at midnight with a looking-glass. You know if anyone goes out to a well alone at midnight with a looking-glass and stands with their backs to the well and looks into the glass, they will see the face of their future husband or wife, you know, whichever it is. If it's a girl, why she sees her husband, and if it's a man, he sees his wife's face, you know."

"Well, what's the joke?" asked Mr. Briggs.

"O, you're awfully slow," said Julia. "Don't you see? If you were to go down and hide in the well, it's almost filled up, and there isn't any water in it, and then when Maud comes down you can look over her shoulder and she will see your face in the glass."

Mr. Briggs thought extremely well of the suggestion. "You're all right, Julia," said Mr. Briggs. "It's me to the well."

The evening passed joyously on. At half-past 11 Mr. Hutchins quietly slipped out of the house and journeyed down to the well. He was a prudent youth and he carefully punched around in the well for a while with a clothespole to make sure that it wasn't deep and that there was no water in it. He crawled into the well and scrambled down into the bottom. He had just got nicely fixed when he heard a noise above him. He looked up and saw a dark body silhouetted against the sky. He sat still, for he thought of the joking to which he would be subjected if he was discovered.

The figure above did not go away. Instead it bounded forward and landed beside him. Mr. Hutchins jumped to his feet and blindly grasped the intruder. The intruder gave a shout of terror and clutched Mr. Hutchins. Mr. Hutchins recognized the voice. "Well, Briggs," he said, "what are you doing here?" Mr. Briggs grew calm.

"O, I don't know," said Mr. Briggs. "You don't own this well, do you?" "I didn't say I owned it," said Mr. Hutchins. "Still, I probably own as much of it as you do."

"Somebody must have told you to go bury yourself," said Mr. Briggs. "I wouldn't ask you to resurrect me if they did," said Mr. Hutchins. "It's none of your business why I'm here, but if you must know, I came down here to smoke."

"What a nice smoking-room. Pretty pictures on the wall."

"If you don't like it, what did you come here for?" asked Mr. Hutchins.

"O, I saw you come down here," said Mr. Briggs, who had now regained his composure. "I followed you and jumped in here to see what you were up to." Mr. Briggs paused and patted himself on the back.

"You seemed a bit surprised just the same when I caught hold of you," said Mr. Hutchins.

Mr. Briggs started to reply, but paused. There was a noise up above. Then a voice floated down and the noise of shuffling feet.

"Say," came in plaintive tones, "how far are you fellows a-goin' to carry this old gate? All the way to Indiana?"

"Ah, you're lazy. Well, I guess we have carried it far enough, though. Here, let's chuck it down on top of the old well."

Slam came a heavy object over the well. Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Briggs, gazing upward, saw a grated object come between them and the moonlight.

"Keep quiet," whispered Mr. Hutchins, hoarsely; "it'll be a terrible joke if they catch us here."

"Come this way fellows," shouted a voice above. "Chuck all the gates on top of this one."

Bang, crash, came the sound of more heavy objects falling over the top of the well.

"Come on," came the cheery voice from above once more. "Run the wagon right down the hill and on top of the pile."

There was a pause and then a shock as though a mountain had suddenly been piled on top of the gates. Then the voices above grew fainter and an awful silence fell on the well.

Briggs spoke first. "Some of our friends, I suppose. Must have hired 'em to put a roof on your smoking room."

Mr. Hutchins did not reply. "Seen to be in jail now," went on Briggs. "Behind the bars, anyhow," he said looking up at the gates. "How long have you got to serve?"

"What did you come here for, any how?" asked Mr. Hutchins, suddenly. "What's it to you?" asked Mr. Briggs.

"Well, it's this," said Mr. Hutchins. "We're in a bad hole."

"I noticed that," put in Mr. Briggs sarcastically. "Well, you know what mean."

We're in a fix, if that's any better. The question is, how are we going to get out?"

"O, don't leave before you finish your cigar," said Mr. Briggs. "What's the use of having a smoking-room?"

"Look here," said Mr. Hutchins, solemnly. "What will everybody say if they discover us down in this well to-morrow. It'll be worse on you than on me, because you live here and I don't."

"O, you'll live here quite a while if nobody comes along to-morrow to take those gates off the top of this well."

"I'm going to try to get out."

"Good idea. Don't forget to close the gate after you. In fact, close all the gates after you. The cattle might get in."

"Good night."

Mr. Hutchins crawled up to the top of the well and pushed at the gates. They refused to budge.

"Won't the gate open?" asked Mr. Briggs, solicitously. "You ought to oil the hinges."

Mr. Hutchins pushed and shoved, but to no avail. Finally he crawled back to the bottom of the well and sat down in despair.

"Welcome home," said Mr. Briggs, genially. "You weren't gone long."

"Look here, Briggs," burst out Mr. Hutchins, in despair. "This thing has gone far enough. I don't propose to stand any more of your funny remarks."

"Well, if you don't like it, why don't you go away. What's the use hanging around here where it's so dreadfully unpleasant?"

"Now see here," said Mr. Hutchins. "I know well enough why I came here and I think you came for the same reason."

"O, yes I came to smoke," said Mr. Briggs.

"Now," went on Mr. Hutchins, "you came here for the same reason that I did, and when everybody discovers us here to-morrow the reason will get out, and they will probably publish it in that jay sheet out here, and then we'll be the laughing stock of the county."

"Shouldn't wonder," said Mr. Briggs. "The Martinsville Eagle will have something like this: 'Imprisoned in a well. Two prominent young men found starving under a pile of gates. Were three days without food or water. Attended a Halloween party and mysteriously disappeared.'"

"I can't see that it will be any worse for me than it will for you," said Mr. Hutchins.

"O, no," drawled Mr. Briggs. "But I don't think it's going to be seraphically beautiful for either one of us."

"Well, then, why don't you help to get out?"

"I'm ready to help. But what can we do? Dig a tunnel or blow up the gates with dynamite? I don't happen to have any with me, though. Have you?"

"Sh! there's somebody coming." Mr. Hutchins crawled up to where he could get a glimpse through the gates. "It's John Brinker," he whispered. "He's hiding behind the wagon."

"Invite him in. Don't be selfish," hoarsely muttered Mr. Briggs.

"There comes Maud," whispered Mr. Hutchins. "She's got the candle and looking-glass, and everything. Then he saw Johnny Brinker creep up and peep over her shoulder. Maud gave a little cry and turned around. "Johnny Brinker," she said. "This isn't fair."

"Well, Maud, you came here to try your fate, you know. You were ready to believe that the man whose face you saw in the looking-glass was to be your husband, were you?"

"Yes. But, John—"

"And you saw my face, didn't you?"

"But that wasn't magic."

"No, it was fate, Maud, and you mustn't defy fate. You made the best of your own free will, you know. You can't refuse to abide by the result, can you, dear? And, besides, I love you so much. Tell me, Maud, isn't the old Halloween tradition true? Isn't the man whose face you saw in the mirror going to be your husband?"

There was an awful and portentous silence in the bottom of the well. Mr. Hutchins held his breath.

"Yes," said Maud, shyly. "Dear John, I have always loved you."

Mr. Hutchins slid slowly down into the well. Mr. Briggs whistled through his teeth.

"I believe the old well is haunted, though," said Maud.

"We shall always think so, dear old well," said Johnny Brinker. Johnny took Maud's hand in his and slowly the two walked back to the house together.

"Well," said Mr. Hutchins, slowly. "Yep," said Mr. Briggs, we're still here."

"If you were there I think we could get out of here," said Mr. Hutchins. "I, well, that is, there doesn't seem any further use of our being rivals. I guess we stand on the same ground now."

"We stand on the bottom of the same well, anyhow," said Mr. Briggs. He crawled up beside Mr. Hutchins, and the two by main force squeezed a hole at one side of the pile of gates Mr. Hutchins got out first. Then he reached down and succeeded in dragging Mr. Briggs through the hole. They put, in fifteen minutes brushing the dirt off their clothes and their walked back to the house.

"Why, where in the world have you been?" demanded Julia Maddox. "Come right in. We've got a new fortune-telling game, and we're going to find out who Maud's going to marry."

"Are you?" said Mr. Hutchins.

"Well, well," said Mr. Briggs. Chicago Tribune.

The Supply of Market Hogs

As there has been a wide difference of opinion in regard to the supply of market hogs, it was deemed advisable to obtain some statistics in regard to the matter if possible from centers of production. To that end an inquiry was addressed to several hundreds of correspondents in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Nebraska. Packers and provisioners have assumed that the stock in farmers' hands which may be expected to reach the market a little later is exceptionally large and that the good corn crop which has been gathered in the territory mentioned will insure heavy marketing throughout the season. Our returns do not bear out this assumption. On the contrary they indicate that present supplies are about 5 1/2 per cent under those of last year at a corresponding date. When it is remembered that last year's hog crop was considerably below that of 1901, this estimated shortage has even greater significance. It is not possible to get and compare statistics of the total production in those states in 1901 and 1902, but receipts at Chicago in 1902 were about 4 1/2 per cent below those of 1901. Receipts at Chicago for the first ten months of 1903 or up to November 1st, show a 500,000 decrease when compared with the same period in 1902.

A variety of reasons are given for the estimated shortage at the present time. First, the high price of corn and the demand for light weights has induced rapid and close marketing. One Illinois correspondent states that stocks have been so well cleaned up that in his opinion it would be impossible to gather up a carload of fat hogs in his county at this time. This close selling involved a sacrifice of breeding stock in many instances. Breeding stocks were also cut down considerably by cholera in Illinois, Indiana and Nebraska, and to some extent in Missouri and Ohio. Farmers in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska also suffered some loss of pigs on account of bad weather at farrowing time. Estimates of the present supply in these states as compared with last year, run as follows: Illinois, 95 1/2 per cent; Indiana, 92 1/2 per cent; Iowa, 93 per cent; Kansas, 94 1/2 per cent; Missouri, 95 per cent; Ohio, 98 per cent; Wisconsin, 93 per cent; Nebraska, 94 1/2 per cent.

Estimates of the probable weight of hogs when marketed, run as follows: Illinois, 230 lbs.; Indiana, 203 lbs.; Iowa, 242 lbs.; Kansas, 235 lbs.; Missouri, 218 lbs.; Ohio, 218 lbs.; Wisconsin, 207 lbs.; Nebraska, 230 lbs. The hogs now on hand are described, almost without exception, as small and thin because the high price of old corn has made feeding prohibitive. As feeding cannot begin until the new corn is fit for use, marketing will be delayed about one month. Illinois reports indicate that hogs will not begin to come freely to market before the middle of December or first of January; Indiana reports that about 20 per cent will be marketed in November and December and about 50 per cent before the first of February. The larger proportion of the Iowa crop will be shipped in January and February. About 50 per cent of the Kansas supply will be shipped before the first of February, the bulk in December and January. In Missouri the larger proportion will be sent to market before the first of January. Ohio correspondents report that on account of the failure of the corn crop in many parts of that state hogs will be marketed early, the bulk of the supply before Christmas. Wisconsin hogs will be marketed chiefly in November and December. Nebraska marketing will be distributed over a larger period and about 55 per cent are likely to come late in the winter. An increased number of sows will be bred the coming winter and the 1904 crop of spring pigs should be much larger than that of last spring. With the present supply of market hogs below normal and an abundance of corn for feeding, the outlook for producers appears very encouraging, and there would seem to be no occasion for any glutting of the market sufficient to demoralize prices.

Breeding to Suit Location

Prof. John A. Craig, who owns a fine farm in northwest Wisconsin, says that he gave pure-bred Tamworth swine a trial in that country thinking that they would be especially adapted to the district and its peculiarities of climate, soil and plant products. The pigs proved to be sprightly and able to hustle, and the sows produced large litters and gave them plenty of milk. For a time while suckling the pigs were weaned they failed to round out as well as could be desired and were, in short, found difficult to fit for market. To overcome the tendency to slow fattening and to make the progeny less nervous, a cross was decided upon, and the Poland-China selected for the purpose. This cross has proved a satisfactory one in every respect. The pigs are still lively enough, but less restless, and while doing well when suckling go on after weaning and make a fine growth and rounded frame for the market. A second cross has been taken and the pigs are still sprightly and profitable, so that it may be concluded that the Poland-China cross with Tamworth sows is a paying one that could be made by many who are not satisfied with their present herds of swine. The principle involved is the same as where a razor-back is used to instill vigor and health into degenerated swine, but the advantage is on the side of the Tamworth, as it is a pure breed and of better type than the razor-back. By using the Tamworth litters are increased in number and the resultant cross-bred pigs are better able to withstand the cold climate of the northern districts of Wisconsin. In other words, the pig produced is suitable to the environment in which it will have to live and that should be true of every hog everywhere. It has been said in this department of the paper that for corn consumption the Poland-China is eminently well adapted, but as corn is not the most prolific crop in the north some other breed of swine is evidently better adapted for the situation. The crops grown in northern Wisconsin are rich in nitrogen, being largely legumes. Clover, luxuriant, peas, beans, root crops and grain, such as oats and barley, all do well and the latter crops supply an abundance of nitrogenous food ingredients. Here bacon hogs would be sure to succeed well and the Tamworth is of the bacon type. Even though it may not be profitable to raise bacon hogs of the ultra long narrow type a dash of bacon-hog blood is useful as has been shown by Prof. Craig, and we would strongly advise such an admixture of blood wherever there is a severe climate and a predominance of nitrogenous foods. On the other hand, it would be a mistake to breed and feed bacon hogs in a corn producing district, as the food here most plentiful is better adapted for fat production than the making of bacon of the finest quality. It is seen, therefore, that hogs should be bred with the object of having them most perfectly adapted to their environment or district. The razor-back hog is the product of a special environment where lots of exercise is necessary to find a living and that living consists of wild nuts, fruits and herbs which go to build up a rugged frame and more muscle than tender meat or fat. Such a hog would not turn corn speedily to good advantage and would be less perfectly adapted to the special environment productive of the best class of bacon hogs. The right hog in the right place gives the best results, but it is not common to find this rule governing the ownership of swine. The right hog has at first been chosen, but his stamina has not been kept up, and it is now time to use a dash of strong blood of a vigorous breed of swine to modify. For instance, the great tendency of the hard hog to become sluggish, overfat and consequently nonprolific. This applies only to the breeding of hogs for marketing when fat. With pure-bred hogs outcrosses cannot, of course, be made and with them for that reason it is even more important to seek the maintenance of stamina and prolificacy by exercise, frequently change of boars and the most careful feeding of balanced rations, which will build up an ideal frame without developing any part or class of tissue at the expense of another.—Farmers' Review.

The Water Table

The Farmers' Review has on different occasions referred to the necessity of the farmer paying attention to the "water table" in the soil, as its height during the growing season has much to do with determining the crop producing ability of the land. Where the water table is too high the land becomes unproductive. And what is too high? Some might think that if the water table were at a distance of, say, two feet below the surface of the soil it would permit of the full development of a corn crop. But not so. Even with the water standing at 30 inches below the surface, the soil is so saturated that the corn crop cannot fully develop. A bulletin of the Indiana station, in regard to this matter, says: "An examination of corn roots in the fields showed that when the roots reached the permanent water line the tip of the roots turned black and that the tissue was destroyed. With this destruction of the tip of the root the corn plant turns yellow and from this time forward the plant is in an unproductive condition. Many of the plants bear no ears, and where ears form there are very few that are marketable. During September many of the stalks fall down owing to the weakness of the stalk between the ear and the ground. The stalks are almost always hollow and nearly free from pith. For corn culture the permanent water level should be reduced to 42 inches. It is certain that with a permanent water level of 30 inches, very little corn can be raised, while with a permanent level of 42 inches first-class crops have been grown continuously for 30 years."

So, in many soils at least, the permanent water table must be at least three feet below the surface to permit of the best results in raising corn.—Farmers' Review.

Assumed Woes of Actress Too Much for His Composure. Recently a new play was performed in Prague, the principal characters in which are a beautiful young lady and a brilliant young officer, but are unable to marry because they are as poor as church mice. True, the young lady has a very rich uncle, from whom she hopes to obtain aid, but she very soon discovers that he is an arrant miser and will not give her a farthing.

The woes of the lovers touched the hearts of many in the audience, but only one person proved really equal to the occasion. This was a worthy and wealthy baker, who had actually been moved to tears by the distressing scenes on the stage. At last his heart overflowed, and the moment the rich uncle vanished with a bitter sneer at his niece's folly on his lips, he rushed from his seat to the footlights, and, taking a well-filled purse from his pocket, handed it to the astonished heroine, saying:

"Here, take this—you'll find a good dowry in it—and have nothing more to do with that wretched miser."

Breeding to Suit Location

Every one in the theater roared at the good fellow's simplicity and generosity, but he could not see that he had done anything unusual, and, as he refused to take back the purse, the heroine, with a smile, laid it on a table, and the play went on.

The Stings in Little Things.

Calamity strikes who stands unmoved— Calm as some tempest-beaten rock— When some great trouble hurls its shock.

We say of him his strength is proved, But when the spent storm folds its wings, How bears he then life's little things?

And I can tread beneath my feet The hills of passion's heaving sea, When wind-tossed waves roll stormily, Yet scarce resist the alien sea's sway, That at my heart's door softly sing, "Forget, forget life's little things."

I can forgive—'tis worth my while— The treacherous blow the cruel thrust; Can bless my foes as Christians must, When patience smiles her royal smile, Yet fierce resist the alien sea's sway, Its shots of ire at little things.

But what is this? Drops make the sea; And petty cares and small events, Small causes and small consequences, Make up the sum for you and me. Then, O for strength to meet the stings That pierce the points of little things!

Missing No Opportunity. A large, good natured man was greatly attracted to a little girl in the dining room of an up-town hotel the other day. She was about two and a half years old, was beginning to run about and talk a good deal, and also appeared to be at home in the hotel. After smiling at him across the dining room and making friends with him at a distance he accosted her in the hall. He asked her the regulation questions put by strangers to children, all of which she answered as promptly as her baby fashion would permit.

Finally the man shook hands with her and said: "You are a nice little girl. Shall I bring you a box of candy to-morrow?"

The little one looked puzzled a moment, then spoke up brightly: "No; 'oo better do det it now!'" She got the candy that evening.

Soap in Early Days. Before soap was invented what did the ancients do to keep clean? Ply is the first to mention soap and he declares it to be an invention of the Gauls, though he prefers the German to the Gallic soap. It was made in England in early times, for Richard of Devises, writing in the reign of Richard I, quotes the words of a French Jew, who wrote still earlier: "At Bristol there is nobody who is not or has not been a soapmaker." In the reign of Edward I, soap was largely manufactured at Coventry. In London the first soap works were established in 1524. Soap seems to have deteriorated in Elizabeth's reign; historians record that good soap was almost an impossible luxury and clothes had to be washed with hemlock, netles and refuse soap. It is not mentioned by Shakespeare.

Curious Lawsuit in Ceylon. A curious lawsuit regarding the ownership of lands was tried recently in Ceylon. The trouble originated at an archery competition held by King Parakrama Babu VI, who ruled over Ceylon in the fifteenth century, in which there were two champions who outdistanced all the rest and alike hit every mark that was submitted to them. The king was about to divide the prize when from a neighboring pond a frog was heard to croak. The king, elized upon a situation and declared that whichever could hit the frog, aiming only by ear, should gain the prize. One of the archers trained his frog with the arrow. So delighted was the monarch that, besides the original prize, he gave to the winner an estate of 50,000 acres. The present claimants in the lawsuit were the descendants of the archer.

Dyed Young. Burt McIntosh was taking a photograph of one of the theatrical companies in town. A young girl of not over sixteen years, with startlingly yellow hair tripped across the stage. "Here comes The Beloved of the Gods," whispered the manager.

"Why have you dubbed her that?" asked Mr. McIntosh, with interest. "Because she has dyed so young."—New York Times.

Highest Auction Bid. The highest bid ever made at auction was the sum of £400,000 offered by Mr. Lister (now Lord Masham) for Swinton Park. At the Fontenay sale £2,000 was taken for the sale of the catalogue alone.—London Advertiser.

Iron and steel imports for the fiscal year which ended June 30th, 1903, reached a total of over \$50,000,000, against \$23,000,000 in 1902 and \$16,000,000 in 1901. That these imports are used for the manufacture of articles consumed at home seems evident from the fact that there has been no material increase in the export of manufactures during the same period.

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PREAMBLE.

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RESOLVED—That we solemnly pledge ourselves to sustain our officers in discharge of their duties, and hold ourselves bound in honor to conform to, and abide by, in every respect, the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECT.

Sec. 1. This Association shall be known by the name and style of East Jordan Hose Company No. 1.

Sec. 2. The object shall be the extinguishment of fires and the protection of life and property.

Sec. 3. The number of active members shall not exceed twenty.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of this company shall consist of Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, and two Fire Police, also President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the President as Chairman, who shall be elected annually by ballot, on the 3d Monday in September in each year, and shall hold their office for one year and until their successors are elected, with the exception of the Chief, who shall be appointed by the Village President.

Sec. 2. Vacancies caused by death, resignations, removals, etc., may be filled at any regular meeting (by ballot) notice having been given at any previous meeting. The person so elected shall hold office until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the Chief to take command at fires, drills and parades, settle all disputes between members when on duty, his decision to stop all controversy until the meeting of the company, when the subject may be acted upon by the company. He shall see that the apparatus and everything pertaining thereto are kept in good order and repair. He may order drills at his discretion by giving two days notice. He shall report for discipline members not prompt in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 2. The duty of the Captain is to assist the Chief in the discharge of his duties; to obey his orders, and in his absence to perform his duties.

Sec. 3. The duty of the Lieutenant is to aid the Chief in discharge of his duties; to obey his orders, and in the absence of the Captain to perform his duties.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Fire Police to direct the disposal of goods and furniture removed from burning buildings, and to guard the same until taken into the care of the owner.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the President, in his absence, the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the company, to sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer for the payment of bills ordered paid by the company, they may direct the Secretary to call special meetings, when deemed necessary, or at the request of five members in writing; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for. They shall impartially enforce the Constitution and By-Laws, and see that all the officers appointed perform their duties.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the company's proceedings; to notify all members of their election, and every committee of its appointment through its chairman; keep a roll of the company, and call the same at every meeting, and after every fire, drill, or parade, as called for in the By-Laws, noting the members present; keep a financial account between the company and its members, receive all money due the company, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, within five days, taking a receipt for the same, draw and sign all orders upon the Treasurer. After each monthly meeting he shall notify all members who may be in arrears for fines, etc., and hand a list of the same to the President, notify in writing every person elected a member, within five days thereafter, in writing, to sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and furnish him with a copy of the same, and provide for the same, and notify in writing to the Treasurer, at least ten days before the meeting, of all arrears, and furnish him with a copy of the same, and provide for the same, and notify in writing to the Treasurer, at least ten days before the meeting, of all arrears, and furnish him with a copy of the same, and provide for the same.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a fair and regular account of all receipts and disbursements of the company, and to receive from the Secretary all moneys belonging to the company, and to disburse of same, giving him a

receipt, therefore, and disburse the same only on a written order signed by the President and Secretary and stamped with the company seal. He shall make a monthly report of all such receipts and disbursements and at the end of the year shall render a full account of all receipts and disbursements and submit all his accounts and vouchers to an auditing committee for examination.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. No person shall be eligible for membership in this company, unless he be of the age of 18 years or more, of good moral character and a resident of this village.

Sec. 2. The membership fee in this company shall be One Dollar.

Sec. 3. All applications for membership must be made in writing, stating full name and age, occupation and residence, and accompanied by the entrance fee (which shall be returned if application is rejected) and signed by the proposing member, who must be in good standing. The application may be read at any regular meeting, and immediately referred to the company as provided for.

ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. On an alarm of fire all members shall repair immediately to the hose house and assist in conveying the apparatus to the place of fire, and locating the same agreeably to the orders of the officers in command, and do all in their power, under the direction of the officers, in staying the conflagration and preserving life and property, and when the fire is extinguished, or in case the alarm is false, to aid in returning the apparatus to the hose house, when the roll shall be called, and they shall be at liberty to depart. The first member arriving at the hose house in response to an alarm, shall have command of the company until the arrival of an officer.

Sec. 2. In case any member shall become intoxicated while wearing his uniform, either on parade, at fires, or visiting with the company, the officers shall have power to divest him of all equipments which would denote him a member, and he may at a subsequent meeting, be expelled from the company.

Sec. 3. Any member failing to pay his fines, assessments, etc., within 20 days after being reported by the investigating committee, shall be reported by the Secretary, and may be expelled from the company by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Sec. 4. Whenever it shall be considered that a member is repeatedly negligent of his duties, or does not exert himself to assist the apparatus to the fire, he may be requested to present his reasons for not doing his duty, and if not deemed sufficient by the company, may be fined or expelled.

ARTICLE VI. EXEMPT MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. The names of all persons who shall have served a term of three years in this department, and are clear on the Secretary's book, may be placed on the roll of exempt members, with the date from which they served, when they became exempt, and when they resigned from active service.

Sec. 2. Exempt members who may have retired from active service may sit in the meetings of the company, and have the privilege to debate, but not to vote. They may attend any fire, drill, or parade, but shall not be subject to tax or fines for non-attendance.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. All meetings whether annual, monthly or special, shall be held in the hose house.

Sec. 2. The annual meeting shall be held on the 3d Monday in September, A. M.

Sec. 3. Monthly meetings shall be held on the 3d Monday of each month in the hose house.

PERE MARQUETTE

In effect Sept. 27, 1904.

Trains leave BELLAIRE as follows:
For Traverse City, 10:10 a. m. and 3:57 p. m.
For Grand Rapids, Chicago, and West 10:10 a. m., and 3:57 p. m.
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Time Schedule, Takes effect Sunday, Sept. 6, 1904.

West Bound:	Mixed
Leave Bellaire	4:00 p. m.
" " "	4:20 p. m.
Leave Bellaire	4:35 p. m.
" " "	4:50 p. m.
" " "	5:05 p. m.
Leave Bellaire	5:20 p. m.
" " "	5:35 p. m.
" " "	5:50 p. m.
" " "	6:05 p. m.
Arrive South Arm (East Jordan)	6:15 p. m.
Ar. Charlevoix (steamer)	8:45 a. m.

East Bound:	Mixed
Lv. Charlevoix (str.)	7:40 a. m.
" " "	8:00 a. m.
Lv. South Arm	9:30 a. m.
" " "	9:50 a. m.
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" " "	11:50 a. m.

East Jordan & Southern R. R.

TIME TABLE, In effect June 21, 1903.

SOUTH		NORTH	
No. 1	No. 2	No. 1	No. 2
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8:30	1:15	8:30	1:15
8:45	1:30	8:45	1:30
8:51	1:36	8:51	1:36
9:06	1:51	9:06	1:51
9:18	2:03	9:18	2:03
9:30	2:15	9:30	2:15

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