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Orchard Cover Crops

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A Cover Crop system is not only highly essential to the present success of the orchard, but to its future success—the lack of it may explain failure.

The more we learn of cover crops, the more we appreciate their fundamental importance. We have observed cover crops as used in the peach orchards of Georgia and other southern states, of the Lake Shore country in New York, Pennsylvania, of Michigan, Ohio, Maryland, Delaware, etc. We have carefully observed cover crops throughout our own state—and too often the lack of them in the Pacific Coast country and the Northwest.

It is necessary that fruit growers care for their orchards as they care for other farm crops. An orchard takes the fertility from the land, as do wheat and corn, though not to the same extent. Few farmers can name a crop that will give a greater income with less risk and less capital than an orchard; however they must have a little love, or at least respect, for their trees, and look after them carefully.

It is a common saying among orchardists that we do not get bumper crops as in the old days when this was a virgin country. To repeat such crops, one absolute necessity is to put the soil in as near the fertile condition it was following the removal of the forests. The mineral elements of the soil remain, but the humus has been "burned out." After this humus is gone it is harder for the plants to use the minerals.

There are two ways to restore vanishing fertility. One method is by applying fertilizers. The so-called "complete" commercial fertilizer contains three elements, nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus, which are most commonly lacking in land that has ceased to produce. Commercial fertilizers rightly used are profitable, but are expensive. Barnyard manure is a cheaper fertilizer but more bulky. It contains a fair percentage of the three elements. Both commercial fertilizers and barnyard manure are all right in their place, but the supply is limited. Many growers are gradually reducing the ability of their orchards to bear. It is a question of vital importance to the fruit grower. Cover crops solve the problem. They are economical and consistent with the best methods of farm management. Clover, cow peas and other legumes indirectly take nitrogen from the air by action of the bacteria living in the root nodules.

The elements of the soil can be classed under two heads: First, Mineral elements—which are the residue of decomposed rock—pure clay is a good example; it may not have occurred to you in just this light, but practically all earthy soil came either directly or indirectly from the original stone. The soil usually contains the same minerals as the underlying rocks, except a large part of the more soluble material has been washed out.

Second, Humus—which is partially decayed organic matter—leaf mold, grass, weed, etc., that have lost their original form but in which the process of decay is incomplete. Peat and muck are good examples of soils which are practically all humus. Between the two extremes of pure clay and muck, there are almost an infinite number of loamy and sandy soils.

The earthy portion of the soil contains practically all minerals necessary for plant growth. In some cases potash and phosphate may be lacking, but these are infrequent. On the other hand, they are often in an unavailable form, that is the soil may contain a large amount of each, but it is insoluble and the plants cannot make use of it. Clay lands are usually rich in potash, while lime-stone lands nearly always contain sufficient phosphate.

Humus supplies nitrogen to the soil. Most of the nitrogen is locked up in the humus which breaks down gradually, thus supplying the plants with food and preventing excessive waste. The soil has been called "Nature's Workshop and Chemical Laboratory." It is a laboratory and the simplest processes that go on there are far

more complex than the most intricate experiments of our scientific investigators. Nitrogen in plants is converted during the complex process of decay into nitrates which are then ready to be used by plants. Organic matter, when decaying, forms carbonic acid in the soil, and although this is a very weak acid, it is able to dissolve much of the potash and phosphate which were formerly insoluble. Thus the three elements commonly sold in commercial fertilizer are furnished for orchard growth by humus. It liberates the potash and phosphate already in the soil and supplies nitrogen.

Humus is beneficial to the soil in many ways. It makes land more porous, enabling it to hold water like a sponge. It makes stiff clay soil of lighter tilth by separating and loosening the soil particles, thus making cultivation easier and more effective.

Cultivation is something more than an efficient method of destroying weeds. It helps to get rid of surplus water—yet if properly done, retains all beneficial moisture. It aerates the soil, letting in the air and warmth, thus aiding the many chemical processes in the soil to greater activity. There is this difference between cultivation and cover crops: Cultivation liberates plant food already in the soil. Cover Crops also do this and add more to the organic store at the same time preventing loss of available plant material which would otherwise have leached away. Both are invaluable in their places.

Humus is partially decomposed vegetable matter—not completely decayed. When vegetable matter forms humus, or humus breaks down to form still simpler compounds, heat is liberated. Whether a pile of leaves is buried or allowed to rot, the same amount of heat is eventually given off. Thus, decaying organic matter in the soil makes it warmer and drier in the spring, and growth will start more readily and be faster throughout the season. Humus makes the soil darker, and by test it has been shown that dark soil is warmer than the same soil under like conditions but lighter in color. Dark soil also holds the heat longer.

When a country is in a wild state humus is supplied by dead leaves, grass and other vegetation, most of which falls and rots where it grew, but with modern methods of plowing and clean cultivation, we "burn out" the humus and at the same time do away with the source of supply. We may supply this deficiency by applying barnyard manure and commercial fertilizer, and by using cover crops. (We might add that millions of dollars' worth of fertilizer is lost by the American people through careless handling of manure. It should never be exposed to sun and weather.) Cover crops are especially adapted to the best cultural methods in orchards. The ideal cultivation, we believe, is intensive clean culture from early spring to June or July, depending on the season; then seed to the cover crop which seems best adapted to your particular orchard.

Cover crops may be divided into two classes—those taking free nitrogen from the air (clover, cow peas, etc.), and those using only the nitrogen already in the soil. Rye and oats are good examples of the latter, which are used as catch crops where no more nitrogen is desired. They should be used in pear orchards which are inclined to make too rapid growth.

"Catch crops" are necessary because bacteria working in the soil, especially in warm weather, are continually liberating food in the form of nitrates and minerals such as potash and phosphate are also continually changing to soluble form. The nitrates, unless used immediately, are liable to be lost by leaching. Some of the more or less soluble minerals may be lost by washing away in the drainage water; their loss, however, is not so great as that of nitrogen. The growing orchard utilizes these materials during the first part of the season, when growth is most rapid, but later, when growth slackens, a cover crop of some sort is necessary to use this food and get it in a form that can be carried over until the next season without loss. Such crops as clover, cow peas and vetch are especially good. They not only store up all available nitrogen in the soil, but add more from the air, and in the spring they decay readily. Thus they increase the value of crops and extend the life and productive age of the orchard.

During the past season in company with Mr. Irvine, Editor of the Fruit Grower, I visited the orchard regions of Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana. Generally our western friends admitted that

they knew very little about cover crops, and felt their need. Their soil, rich in minerals, is often deficient in humus. This is one of the greatest problems they have to meet and they should give it far more attention.

A cover crop on the ground throughout the winter not only prevents washing, which is so disastrous, but holds the winter snows and lessens the depth of alternate freezing and thawing. It also tends to delay growth in the spring until after the killing frosts. In gathering the fruit to the fall, it makes picking and hauling a cheaper and cleaner job.

There are some forms of mineral plant food in the soil, not available to many cultivated plants. Even under the best conditions they have no power to use them; on the other hand, certain plants used as cover crops can digest these less available foods and after decaying, leave them in a form convenient for weaker plants. The roots of many plants do not thrive in the sub-soil. (The surface layer is merely sub-soil to which humus has been added by growing plants.) This sub-soil is very rich in the necessary elements, as it has not been so washed by rain water. It is the cover crops which send their roots burrowing down into the sub-soil and following old worm holes, they force their way deep into the ground.

The most important of cover crops which gather nitrogen from the air are the clovers. But it is hardly necessary to mention any of these, except Alsike, which will thrive on land that is too "sour" or too wet for other clovers. (It should be mixed with other hay when fed to stock.)

While in the West we noticed a few orchards sown in clover, and for partial cultivation they plowed a strip and left a strip. The strip thus left became a seeder for the strip turned under, causing fairly good cultivation. Hairy Vetch is probably one of the best crops suited to these methods. Intensive, clean culture can be given until mid-summer; vetch can be sown and turned under the following spring.

We have found Canadian peas most desirable in the Genesee Valley of New York. They are also used largely in New Mexico. This is a great crop for fattening lambs and hogs. It is a lamentable fact that such a gold mine is not worked on every farm and orchard.

There are numerous varieties of cow peas adapted to different orchard regions. Occasionally cow peas are followed with a crop of corn. During the last cultivation of the corn, more peas or hairy vetch are sown. Vetch supplies a fine crop for plowing under in the spring and also becomes a profitable pasture crop for hogs when their age and size will permit pasturing without injury to young trees. Peas may be utilized the same way.

Speaking of some personal experiences with cover crops, my son and I have a 200-acre orchard, closely planted, at Rolla, Missouri, in the heart of the Ozark country. There for six years we have made a study of cover crops in a commercial way, and have kept in close touch with experimental work at various stations. It is our opinion that to a great extent, the barren condition of orchards is due to

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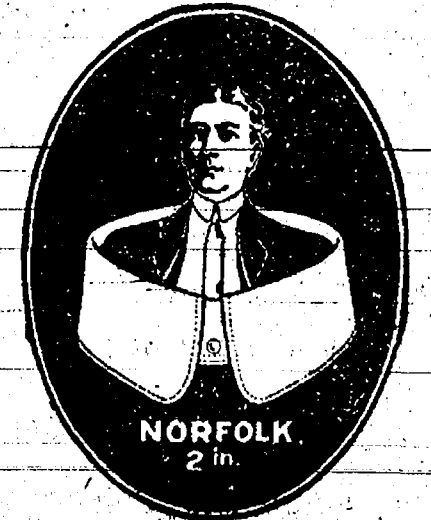
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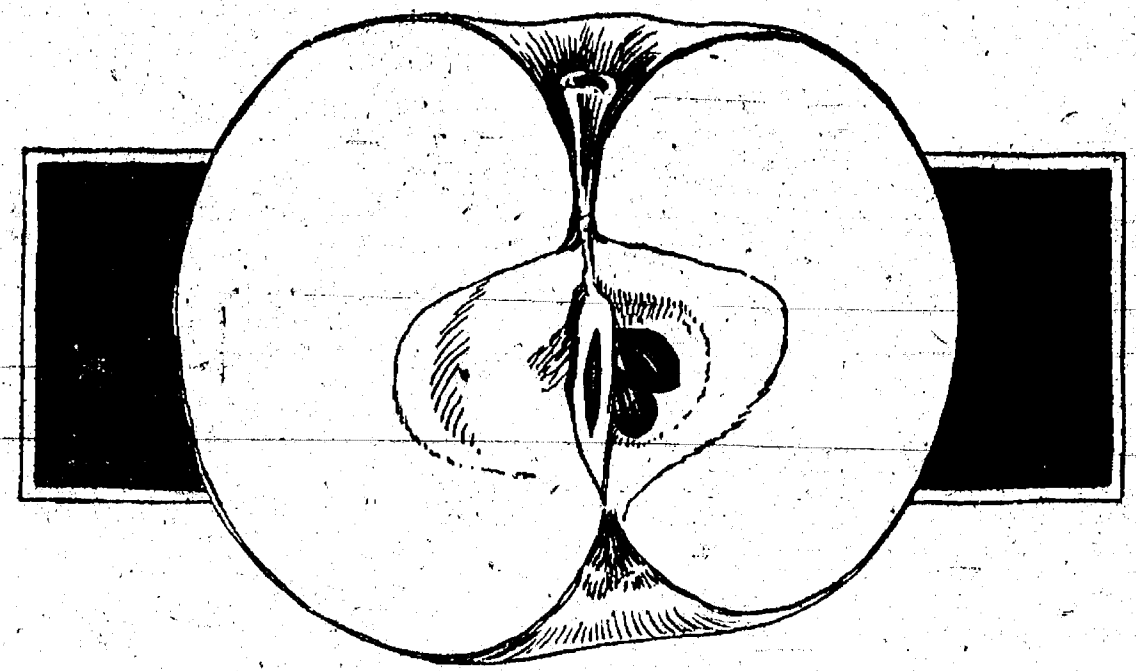
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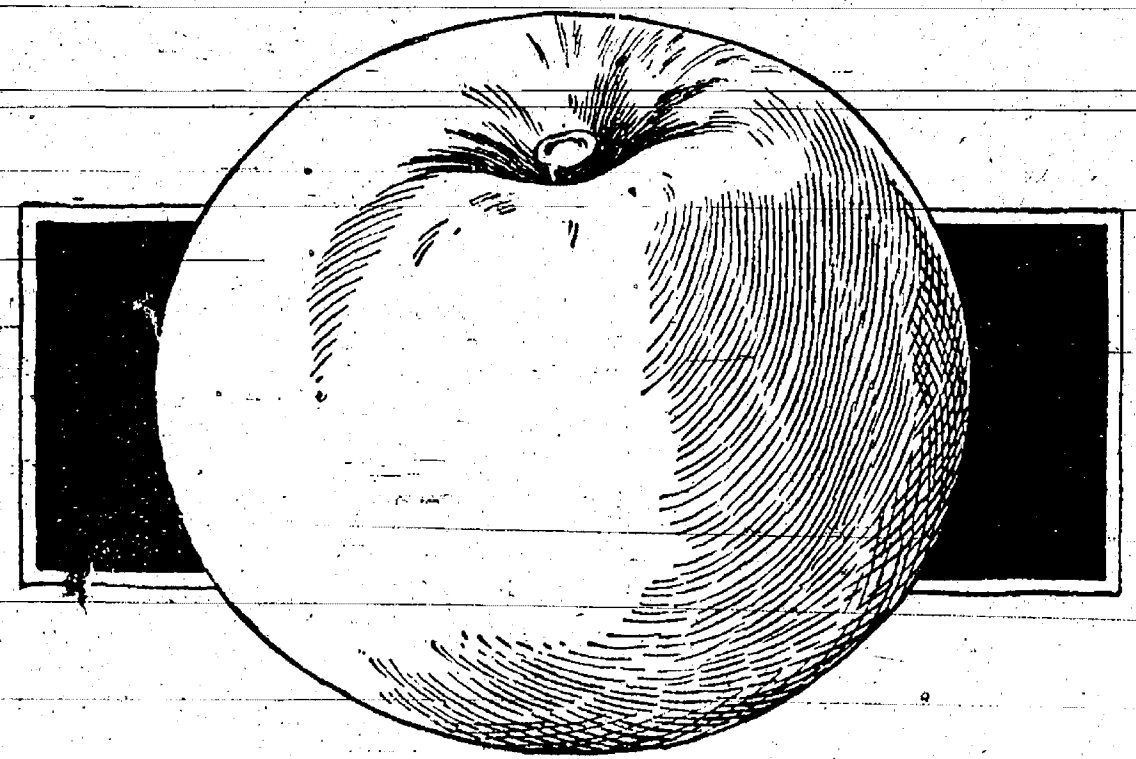
The early settlers of the fertile regions of the upper Mississippi valley took with them trees of many standard varieties of fruits of the longer settled country farther east, but soon found that they would not endure the fluctuating and severe winter weather in combination with the hotter and drier summers of the region. Encouraged by the relative hardiness and productiveness of the Oldenburg, Alexander, Tetofski and Red Astrachan apples, which, though of Russian origin, had been introduced from England by the Massachusetts Horticultural society about 1835, efforts were put forth to secure hardy varieties from the colder regions of Europe, particularly from Russia, a work in which the late A. G. Tuttle of Barabgo, Wis., the United States department of agriculture, the Iowa Agricultural college and a number of nurserymen and fruit growers in various states and the Dominion of Canada participated, from 1866 to a comparatively recent date.

Of the hundreds of varieties thus introduced and tested, most have

for the expenditure of labor, time and money occasioned by this introduction work.

Meanwhile, from these and earlier introductions, there has been appearing in recent years a considerable number of American seedlings, from which will doubtless eventually come the varieties adapted to the peculiar conditions of the region. Some of these are distinct improvements on the parent varieties in vigor of growth, time of ripening, resistance to blight and other important characteristics, and while none of those of proved "ironclad" hardiness yet developed has revealed high desert quality, some of them show distinct improvement in this particular.

Among the most promising hardy sorts thus developed is the Patten, which was grown from seed of Oldenburg planted by Mr. C. G. Patten at Charles City, Ia., in 1869. Mr. Patten named the variety Patten's Greening and introduced it in 1885, since which time it has been widely disseminated through the states of the upper Mississippi valley and throughout the ad-

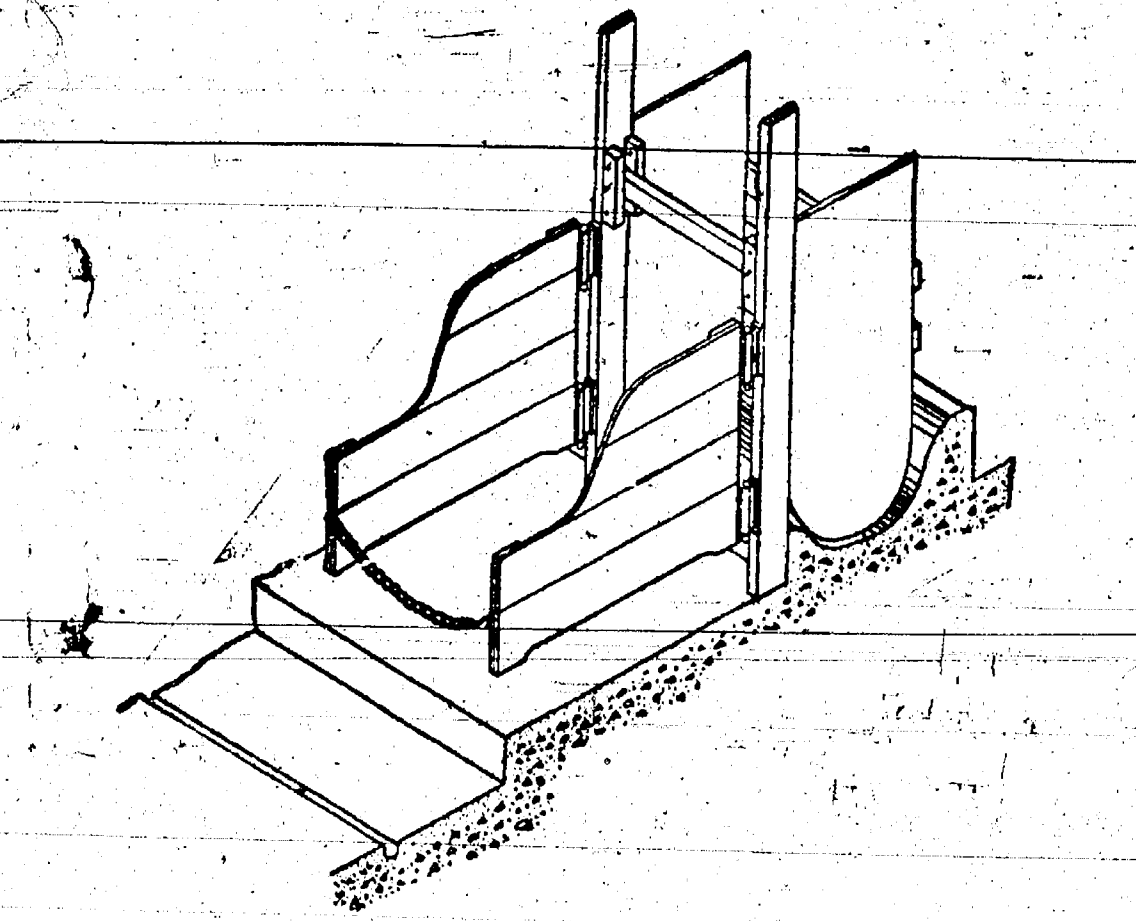


Patten Greening Apple.

proved of little value under the new conditions, lacking either in flavor, keeping quality or other important characteristics of fruit, or in blight resistance on the part of the tree. A few valuable sorts have been thus obtained, however, which are doubtless proving a sufficient recompense

jeant portions of the Dominion of Canada. Its vigorous and sturdy tree, coupled with regular and sufficient productiveness in climates too severe for most varieties, and its longer keeping quality than most of the hardy sorts render it increasingly popular in those regions.

HELENDALE DAIRY-COW STALL



The Helendale stall was originated upon the noted Helendale Guernsey farm. It has not only been used with unqualified success there but also upon many other well-known places, says Homestead. It has several points of excellence which merit consideration. It provides a number of the merits credited to the model and in addition several other noteworthy features. Among these is the crossbar which prevents the cow from going too far forward. This bar is placed upon two uprights and only permits the cow to reach comfortably and easily into the manger. It is adjustable so that it may be raised or lowered to accommodate different sized cows. The cows are secured in the stalls by means of chains running from partition to partition. These partitions are hung on self-centering hinges which force them to return to the center when left free.

By means of this device the partitions are always in place and yet the gate may be swung to one side to admit the milker and to make it easier to clean out and bed down the stable. The gutter used in connection with the Helendale stall is constructed somewhat differently from the model stall. It has an 18-inch drop back of the cows. Ten of these stalls have been estimated to cost \$56.71.

Hens Soon Show Neglect.

Hens that are well housed, well fed, and properly cared for do well; but there is no other creature that shows neglect more quickly than will laying hens. A few days of poor treatment will often stop the egg yield of an entire flock for several weeks.

The uses of the automobile upon the farm are many, especially upon the dairy farm.

GERMANY AND CANADIAN WHEAT

LOOKS TO THE CANADIAN WEST FOR HER SUPPLY.

A dispatch from Winnipeg, Manitoba, dated March 18, 1910 says: That Germany is "anxious to secure a share of Canadian wheat to supply her imports of that cereal." The recent adjustment of the trade relations with Germany has made it possible to carry on a Canadian-German trade with much fewer restrictions than in the past, and considerable development of trade between the two countries is now certain. The great men of the United States are alive to the wheat situation in this country now, and there is consequently the deepest interest in every feature that will tend to increase and conserve the wheat supply. With its present 650,000,000 bushel production of wheat and all efforts to increase it almost unavailing, and the rapidly growing consumption of its increasing population; there is certainly the greatest reason for the anxiety as to where the wheat is to come from that will feed the nation. The United States will be forced as Germany is to look to the wheatfields of Canada. One province alone raised last year one-eighth as much as the entire production of the United States, and but a twelfth of the wheat area has yet been touched. The Americans who have gone to Canada, are to-day reaping the benefit of the demand for Canadian wheat and they will continue to join in the benefits thus reached for a great many years. Splendid yields are reported from the farms of that country, and from land that the Government gives away in 160 acre blocks, and from other lands that have been purchased at from \$12 to \$15 an acre. John Munter, near Eyebrow, Saskatchewan, a former resident of Minnesota says:

"Last fall got over 30 bushels of wheat to the acre and had 30 acres of it; also 20 acres spring breaking on which I had flax of which I got almost 20 bushels per acre. Had 20 acres in oats and got 70 bushels per acre and 500 bushels potatoes on one and three quarter acre, and can therefore safely say that I had a fine crop and am well satisfied with my homestead."

He is considered but a small farmer, but he will be one of the big farmers, some of these days. There are many others, hundreds of others, whose yields were beyond this, and whose average under crop was vastly greater. The story of the experience of American farmers in the Canadian West is a long one. The time to go, would appear to be now, when splendid selections may be made, and where land can be purchased at prices that will be doubled in a couple of years.

The Response Mechanical.

It is the custom in convents for the nuns to respond to a knock at the door with the words: "In the name of God," the phrase being equivalent in "conventional parlance to our worldly 'enter' or 'come in.'"

In a convent in one of the western cities not long since, the mother superior had a never-to-be-forgotten experience as a result of this custom. Some one in the outer world called the convent telephone number by mistake. The mother superior, roused from her meditations, picked up the receiver and responded mechanically: "In the name of God."

"Madam!" called an irate masculine voice at the other end of the wire, "there is no occasion for you to swear at me, even if I have made a mistake in the number. Profane language is prohibited over the telephone!"

No Encouragement.

The family had stood the long strain of Uncle Hobart's illness well, but the peculiarities of the physician, chosen by Uncle Hobart himself, had been to say the least, trying. "Do you really think he will recover, Dr. Shaw?" asked the oldest sister of the invalid, who had borne with his vagaries patiently for years.

"I know how you feel, with Thanksgiving coming on and all," said the doctor, peering at her from under his shaggy eyebrows, "but it's too soon to tell. He may get well, and then again, he may not; I can't encourage you yet—either way."—Youth's Companion.

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It is also possible that farm homes and farm life is daily becoming more and more attractive. The inside of our house is our home, so why not make it nice and attractive, homely and cheerful, up-to-date and modern.

You wouldn't think of burning tallow candles, would you? Well, many people in order to educate a few refined people in every community to the artistic beauty of soft velvety alabaster walls of solid color, a free offer of beautiful wall stencils of classic design is made to every reader of this paper.

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Good Law That Should Be Enforced.

Anti-spitting ordinances, laws and regulations in more than five-eighths of the cities and towns of the country are not enforced as they should be, alleges the National Association for the Study of Tuberculosis in a recent report. While most of the larger cities of the United States have such laws on their books, in the great majority of cases they are ignored or overlooked. The report covers in detail the enforcement of the anti-spitting ordinances in 80 of the largest cities in the country. During the year 1909 in these 80 cities, 3,421 arrests were made for violation of the laws regarding spitting in public places. Over 2,900 convictions were secured and \$4,100.87 was collected in fines.

Queer Attribute of Salmon.

Only about 20 per cent. of salmon spawn before they return up the river from the sea, and those that do return after spawning are coarse, and when cut up, white in the flesh; in fact, are known as bull trout, for so-called "bull trout" are not a different kind of fish, but are plainly salmon which have spawned.

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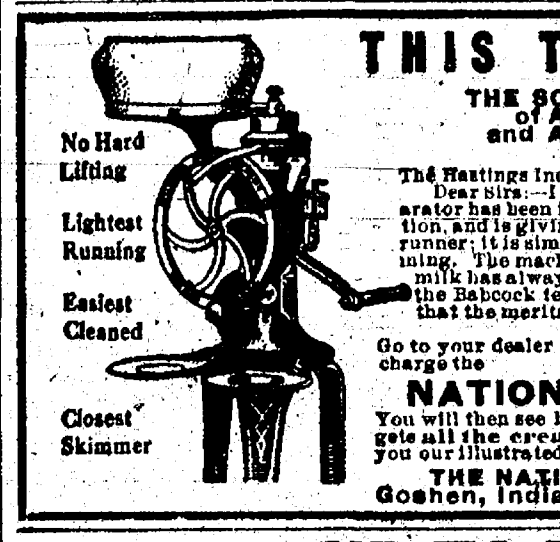
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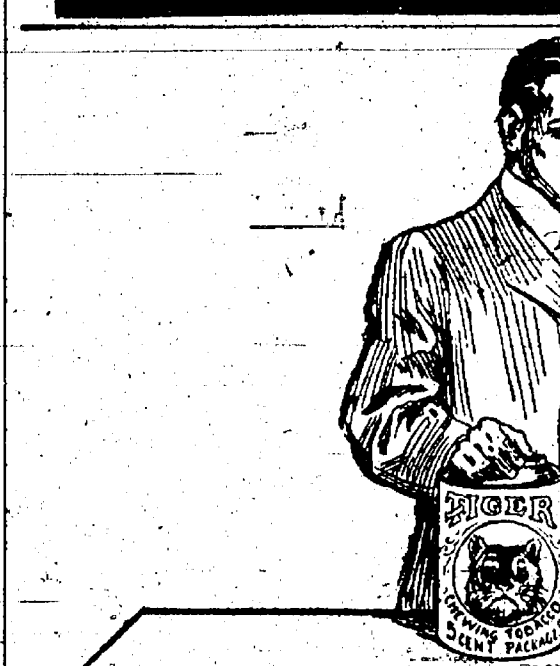
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The accompanying illustration gives you only a rough idea of its appearance. You really can't appreciate it until you either use it yourself, or talk to someone who has used it. It does everything that a coal range will do—except heat the room. The New Perfection Oil Cook-stove will do anything, from heating a kettle of water to cooking a course dinner, but it won't heat a room. It doesn't "smell," it doesn't smoke, it can't get out of order. Light it and it is ready. Turn it down and it is out. Only a woman who knows the trouble of carrying coal and cooking in a hot kitchen can appreciate what it means to have a clean, perfect stove that will cook anything, boil, bake or roast, and yet won't heat the kitchen. How is it done? The flame is controlled in turquoise-blue enamel chimneys, and directed against the bottom of pot, pan, kettle or oven, and only there. The flame operates exactly where it is needed—and nowhere else. With this stove your kitchen is cool.

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is put up in convenient, air-tight, dust-proof packages—kept in a tin canister until it reaches you. That's why it is always clean, moist and full-flavored. The kind of chew you can always enjoy. Try it.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Will purify your blood, clear your complexion, restore your appetite, relieve your tired feeling, build you up. Be sure to take it this spring.

Get it in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs. 100 Doses 11.

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THE SOUTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & MECHANICAL ARTS and Agricultural Experiment Station
BROOKINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Hastings Industrial Co., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:—I am pleased to say that the NATIONAL Cream Separator has been in use in our college creamery and experimental station and is giving excellent satisfaction. The machine is an easy runner, it is simple in construction, and does very efficient skimming. The machine has always skinned so close that the skimmed milk has always contained less than 50 per cent of butter fat, by the Babcock test. Wishing that you may have added success that the merits of your machine deserve, I am, Sir, sincerely yours,
C. L. LAKON, Prof. of Dairy Husbandry.

Go to your dealer and ask him, before you buy, to demonstrate free of charge the

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You will see how simple it is—how simple to clean—how it gets all the cream. It is no trouble whatever to clean. Let us send you our illustrated catalogue. It's free.

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Do you realize there is no longer any reason why you should use a coal range? Oil is cheaper than coal; it is lighter and easier to handle, and gives an intense heat. Provided you have the right stove, oil is more economical, cleaner and less trouble. Have you seen the

New Perfection
WICK BLUE FLAME
Oil Cook-stove

The accompanying illustration gives you only a rough idea of its appearance. You really can't appreciate it until you either use it yourself, or talk to someone who has used it. It does everything that a coal range will do—except heat the room. The New Perfection Oil Cook-stove will do anything, from heating a kettle of water to cooking a course dinner, but it won't heat a room. It doesn't "smell," it doesn't smoke, it can't get out of order. Light it and it is ready. Turn it down and it is out. Only a woman who knows the trouble of carrying coal and cooking in a hot kitchen can appreciate what it means to have a clean, perfect stove that will cook anything, boil, bake or roast, and yet won't heat the kitchen. How is it done? The flame is controlled in turquoise-blue enamel chimneys, and directed against the bottom of pot, pan, kettle or oven, and only there. The flame operates exactly where it is needed—and nowhere else. With this stove your kitchen is cool.

The nickel finish with the bright blue of the chimneys makes the stove ornamental and attractive. Made with 1, 2 and 3 burners; the 2 and 3-burner stoves can be had with or without Cabinet.

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Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye an garment without rigging apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. **MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.**

Entered at the postoffice at East Jordan Michigan, as second class mail matter.

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 1910.

Decoration Day

Program Arranged—Services to Be At Cemetery This Year.

Exercises at the Bridge.

The W. R. C., G. A. R. and the schools will meet at the Town Hall at 9 o'clock a. m. The East Jordan Firemen's band will lead the procession to the water's edge where the following program takes place:
Singing—"Nearer My God to Thee."
Prayer by Rev. Lampert.
Selection by Band.
Exercises by W. R. C.
Flower girls present flowers.
Decoration by W. R. C.
Selection by Band.
Benediction.

Order of March to Cemetery.

In the afternoon meet at G. A. R. hall at 3 o'clock. The parade will form at 2:30 promptly in the following order:
Escort by officer of Village.
East Jordan Firemen's Band.
G. A. R. Post No. 66.
W. R. C.
Schools.
Fraternal Orders.
Citizens.

Exercises at the Cemetery.

Bugle Call.
Prayer by Rev. Grigsby.
Song by school.
Recitation.
Gettysburg Address.
Address by Prof. Northon.
Song by school.
Recitation.
Address by Rev. Kennedy.
Song by school.
Recitation.
Decorating graves.
Band playing march.
Ritual exercises.
Decorating for unknown.
Return march to hall in order.

Officers of the Day.

Marshal—Wm. Harrington.
Officer of Parade—L. C. Madison.
Officer of the Day—Elias Hammond.
Commander—J. W. Rogers.

Primary School Money.

The May apportionment of primary school money is six dollars fifty cents per capita of which Charlevoix Co.'s share is \$36,822 50. The following table shows how it is distributed:

No. of children	Amount
Bay.....	149 \$ 898 50
Boyer Valley.....	350 2275 00
Chandler.....	154 1001 00
City of Charlevoix.....	751 4881 50
Evangeline.....	1480 9620 00
Eveline.....	302 1963 00
Hayes.....	246 1592 00
Hudson.....	161 981 50
Marion.....	192 1248 00
Melrose.....	188 1209 00
Norwood.....	153 994 50
Pealne.....	95 617 50
St. James.....	100 1293 50
South Am.....	1034 6721 00
Wilson.....	224 1456 00
Total.....	5665 \$36822 50

The county treasurer will not receive the check for a few days as a receipt must be signed by him before it arrives.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of letter remaining uncalled for in the East Jordan post office for the week ending April 30, 1910.

Letters.
Rev. A. A. Stephen (2) B. F. Rhodes
Hattie Handy—Louis Fry
William Clark
Cards
Louis Fry
F. A. KENYON, Postmaster.

AN OPEN LETTER.

Nowvry, Mich., Feb. 12, 1910.
Petoskey Rug Mfg. Co.,
A. T. Washburne, Prop.,
Petoskey, Mich.

Dear Sirs:—The Rugs came yesterday and are simply superb. If I could see old sinners converted and made over as new as those Rugs are I should think that perfection was reached in transforming men.
How you can do it out of such old carpets is a surprise to me. Your charges are reasonable. Your work is excellent. Your attention to patrons is commendable. And the products of your looms surpassing all our expectations.
With many thanks, we remain,
Sincerely,
Rev. Levi Bird, Ph. D.
Pastor Newberry M. E. Church.
P. S.—You are at liberty to use this letter if you care to do so.
We have hundreds of such letters as above coming from nearly every state in the Union on file at our office for inspection.
A. T. Washburne, Prop.

A GREAT ENTERPRISE COMES TO EAST JORDAN

The W. C. Spring Drug Co. Makes an Important Connection with The Largest Co-Operative Corporation in America, Backed by Men Doing an Annual Business Amounting to \$75,000,000.

PEOPLE OF EAST JORDAN BENEFITED.

The W. C. Spring Drug Co. of this city, have, with characteristic enterprise, demonstrated their ability to keep well abreast of the times by concentrating themselves with the largest druggists' co-operation in America. The men connected with this enterprise do a yearly business aggregating over \$75,000,000, which well emphasizes its soundness and magnitude.

Nearly two thousand retail druggists throughout the United States have organized themselves as a co-operative company for the purpose of producing a line of medicinal preparations which they recommend, absolutely guarantee and back up with their own names and personal reputations. The formulas of these remedies are thoroughly known to everyone of these druggists and the ingredients of each will be truthfully described to the public and the remedies sold with the distinct understanding that their purchase price will be instantly refunded without question or quibble if they fail to benefit the user.

Over two thousand different formulas were turned over to the company. Each formula being selected because of its tested and proved value and established reputation; gained through continued and successful use by prominent physicians.

A research committee of expert chemists and physicians made a most thorough and exhaustive test of each one of these two thousand prescriptions until they had selected about three hundred as being the very best and most dependable known to medical science, each for the treatment and cure of a particular ailment.

These three hundred remedies are now manufactured by the company, which is known as the United Drug Co., Boston, Mass., in one of the largest, most modern and best equipped pharmaceutical laboratories in the United States.

The tremendous output of this company enables it to purchase drugs, herbs and other necessary material in very large quantities. The co-operation and professional advice of 2,000 leading druggists guarantees the high quality of everything used and guarantees that only formulas of extraordinary merit are used in the manufacturing of their products.

The preparations of the company are shipped direct to the retail druggists who are connected with the enterprise. Thus their absolute freshness is assured, it is impossible for their quality to deteriorate, there are no middlemen's or jobbers' profits to be added to their cost, and the public can obtain these products at actual

cost of manufacture, plus a single retail profit.

One noticeable feature of this business, and a very commendable one, is that no one remedy manufactured by this company is a "cure all." Each one of the three hundred different remedies is a known and dependable specific for a particular ailment. The confidence of the druggists interested in this enterprise is unquestionably demonstrated by this guarantee which is printed on every package: "This preparation is guaranteed to give satisfaction. If it does not, come back and get your money—it belongs to you and we want you to have it."

This is certainly an innovation that must appeal to the people of East Jordan. It insures safety and satisfaction because our own local druggists, The W. C. Spring Drug Co., who are so well known and highly respected for their integrity, are connected with this enterprise and are staking their own personal reputation on the quality of these remedies, and the very frankness with which they take the people of East Jordan into their confidence insures an unprecedented success for these remedies which are sold under the trade-name Rexall, which means King-of-All. From reports coming from thousands of towns and cities, the Rexall Remedies are certainly demonstrating their full title to the name.

Those who have previously refused to buy proprietary medicines because there was no way of ascertaining their merits, can now purchase Rexall Remedies, the formulas of which they can have for the asking. Besides they are sold by a concern personally known to you and located right here in our city, who guarantees that they are in every way as represented or they will cost nothing.

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets are the first of the three hundred remedies which are being introduced. Anyone in East Jordan who suffers from stomach derangement, indigestion or dyspepsia should not hesitate to try this Rexall remedy when they are so highly recommended and backed with such a strong guarantee.

The W. C. Spring Drug Co. are so well and favorably known for their sterling honesty and square dealing that we predict a great success for them with the Rexall Remedies, and they are to be heartily congratulated in bringing this great and modern business enterprise to East Jordan.

We urge all who may be in need of prepared medicines to call on the W. C. Spring Drug Co., and learn about the Rexall Remedies. Enterprise of this sort should be encouraged.

To The Republican Electors of Charlevoix County.

I desire to announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination to the office of Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County on the Republican ticket at the primary election to be held Tuesday, September 6, 1910.
J. H. GRAFF.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

New Hat Shapes

The poet says that new seasons require new songs. That may be true but we are not songsters. We are in the Hat and Clothing and Shoe business. In a word we are prepared to properly dress you from crown to toe, from collars to hosiery. All the new Hats are here; the latest headgear for spring and summer has arrived.

Wallace Wiess The Fair Store

Collars, Cuffs and Shirts



are Laundered here with scrupulous care and scientifically. We know just how to do our work to get the best and most satisfactory effects, and our numerous patrons will tell you that we please them with the style and finish of our work, our excellent service, and our moderate prices. You can best find out all this yourself by giving us a trial order.

Cuson Bros.,
Prop's East Jordan Steam Laundry.

A book on Rheumatism, and a trial treatment of Dr Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy—liquid or tablets—is being sent free to sufferers by Dr Shoop, of Racine, Wis. You that are well, get this book for some discouraged, disheartened sufferer! Do a simple act of humanity! Point out this way to quick and certain relief! Surprise some sufferers, by first getting from me the booklet and the test. He will

Arrangements for Memorial Day.

To G. A. R. and all Old Soldiers:—
May 30 is Decoration Day and all old soldiers are invited to attend the exercises of that day. We feel it the duty of every old soldier. It makes no difference whether you belong to the G. A. R. or not, this is for us all. We fought together, let us meet together. It is a bonded duty of every old soldier to be present in honor of those who have gone before us and who fought and died for our country and our dear old flag that we love so dearly. Now remember, all old soldiers and Spanish American soldiers are invited to attend without fail. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. we know will be on hand to do their part.

We will meet at the G. A. R. hall on the corner of State and Third Sts. at 1:00 p. m. standard time. We will form to line and start at 2:00 p. m. for the cemetery where the exercises will be held. The schools and all fraternal orders will join in line with us at the G. A. R. hall. Everybody is invited to join us for the parade. Remember the parade will start on time from the hall.

On May 29, at 1:30 p. m. a union Memorial Sunday service will be held at the Methodist church. Rev. A. D. Grigsby will give the address. Everybody invited to attend this service on Sunday.

J. W. Rogers, Commander.
Geo. Bowen, Adjt.

PROBATE ORDER.—State of Michigan.

The Probate Court for the County of Charlevoix.
At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the City of Charlevoix, in said county, on the 2nd day of May A. D. 1910.
Present: Hon. John M. Harris, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Ellen Gonder deceased.
Issue Newton Flora having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to himself or to some other suitable person.
It is ordered, that the 31st day of May A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Charlevoix County Herald, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
JOHN M. HARRIS,
Judge of Probate.
A true copy.

Want help to select colors for your house? We can give it.
Our color cards, "Attractive Homes and How to Make Them," and Color Combinations are free and tell all about it.
If desired, we will submit your needs to an expert who will suggest colors. This costs you nothing. Then use for best results.
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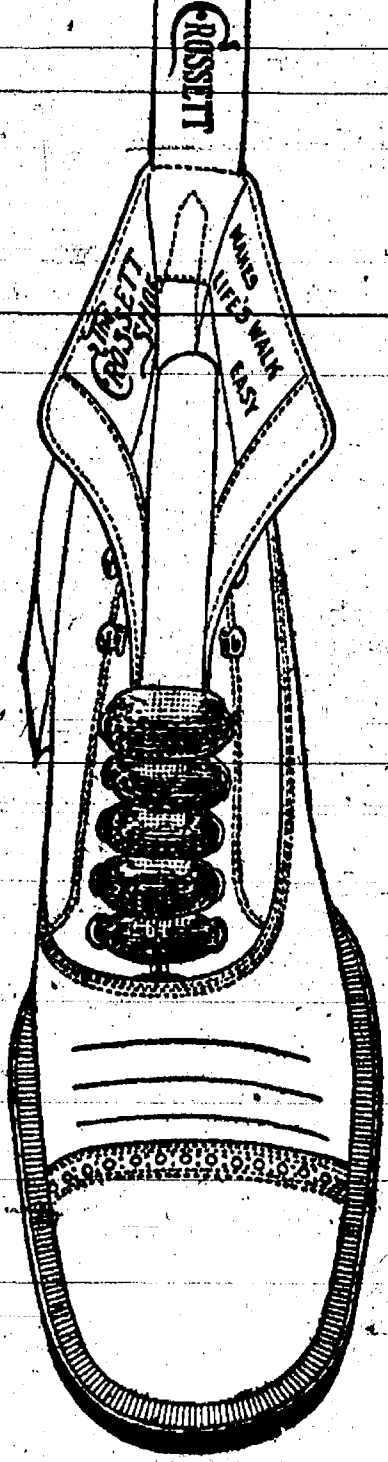
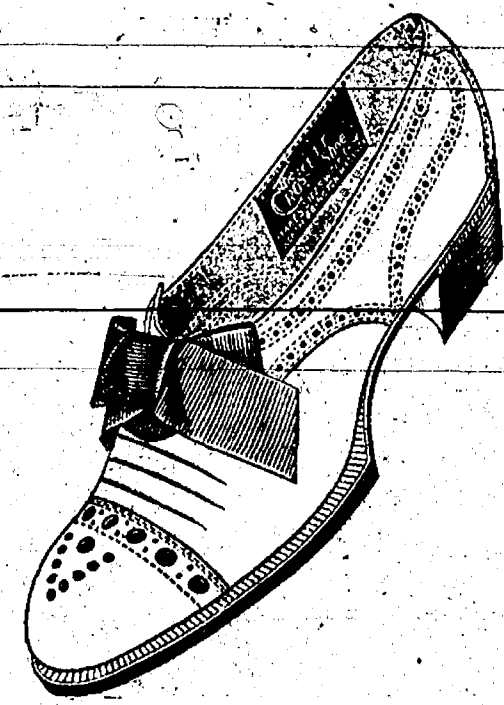
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"Makes Life's Walk Easy"

They are made in North Abington, Mass., by one of the best equipped and best managed shoe factories in the world. It is not possible to build a better shoe. The very best of leather is used throughout and the name—

CROSSETT SHOE



on your shoes is a positive assurance that your walk will be easy during the life of the shoes. We want you to come in and see these shoes and we are sure if you are a judge of good shoes you will at once decide they are the kind you want. This is the only store in East Jordan selling the Crossett shoes. They are sold in every town and you will find they are kept by the very best shoe merchants in any town or city, which is in itself a good proof of its quality. Be sure and come in and see us and let us show you the neatest styles to be had.

East Jordan Lumber Co.

Briefs of the Week

Don't forget the date, Sunday evening May 22nd.—Musical at the Methodist church.

The G. A. B. Sunday Memorial Services will be held at the Methodist church and the address given by Rev. Grigsby.

The ball game here Tuesday between the local nine and Mancelona resulted in a 4 to 0 victory for the visitors.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon next Monday night, May 23rd, commencing at 11:09 and ending at midnight.

Forest fires have been doing considerable damage hereabouts the past week. The Chemical Co. lost over \$1,000 worth of wood and heavy fires are reported in the Ward timber.

The annual meeting of the Old Settlers' Ass'n will be held at Traverse City, June 8th. W. P. Porter of this place is a member of the transportation committee.

A horse which Eph Kldder was driving on Main St. Thursday morning became unmanageable and kicked itself free of the buggy. It was caught before it got a chance to run away.

Of the 83 counties comprising the state, 42 have paid their taxes to the auditor general while 41 are negligent to the tune of \$1,500,000 and the state officials are wondering what is happening to this big sum.

John Young and Thomas Hurlbert of Meirose township were before Judge Collins Thursday charged with the larceny of goods to the value of thirty dollars and were bound over to the circuit court for trial.—Charlevoix Courier.

A union local option rally will be held at Petoskey on May 30th, in which the counties of Emmett, Charlevoix, Antrim and Osego will participate. Ex-Governor Hawley of Indiana will be the principal speaker. Several from East Jordan are planning to attend.

Attorney General Bird will resign June 1 and assume his duties on the supreme court bench and at that time Mr. Kuhn will take up the duties of Mr. Bird. Several matters are in course of being worked out which Mr. Bird desires to complete before turning over the office to his successor.

G. I. Gibson, Secretary of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, will meet with the Charlevoix County Fruit Growers' Association, at Charlevoix, Tuesday, June 7th, and will talk on the subject of fruit, its care and culture. A full attendance is desired. Remember the date, Tuesday, June 7th, at Charlevoix.

The eleventh annual convention of the Charlevoix County Sunday School Ass'n will be held at Boyne City June 1st and 2nd. Those who take part from East Jordan are Rev. W. W. Lamport and Rev. A. D. Grigsby. M. H. Robertson is President of the organization, F. E. Boosinger one of the vice presidents and Mrs. M. E. Heston secretary-treasurer.

Fire at the home of A. E. Cross early Monday morning did about \$350 damages. The fire ignited near the heater and when discovered had gained such headway that the household was forced to make their exit through a window upstairs. Miss Maud Cross was quite seriously injured in an effort to save some of their belongings. The fire ate its way through to the roof, and the promptness of our fire department prevented it spreading. The dwelling is owned by Arthur Clark.

Earl Fox was a Mancelona visitor recently.

Robert Price was a Charlevoix visitor, Saturday.

H. C. Clark was a Detroit business visitor this week.

Mrs. Robert Clark is guest of Central Lake relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Cole is here from Detroit visiting relatives.

Come one, Come all, to the musicale at the Methodist church.

Mrs. Ed Bellinger was a Harbor Springs visitor this week.

Mrs. Ed Price spent Sunday with her husband at Charlevoix.

E. Hemstreet of Bellaire was an East Jordan visitor, Monday.

Miss Vesta Gay left Monday for Flint where she has a position.

Clark Haire and F. J. Porter were Charlevoix business visitors, Wednesday.

Mrs. Dewitt Keenholts was guest of Mrs. George Preist at Pellston, over Sunday.

Rev. H. Kennedy, newly settled among us, lost a horse by death on Tuesday.

W. E. Malpass left Tuesday for Chicago where he entered a hospital for treatment.

John Dolezel of Mancelona has secured a position with the East Jordan Chemical Co.

Mrs. C. H. Pray received a visit from her mother, Mrs. A. Boulard of Mancelona, this week.

Mrs. L. A. Kenyon left Thursday for Sturgis for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Roy.

Atty and Mrs. A. B. Nicholas, Jr., Geo. H. Spencer and Miss Bessie Warner spent Sunday at Charlevoix.

The steam-barge Chas. S. Neff cleared this port, first of the week with a cargo of iron ore consigned to Buffalo parties.

Mesdames Heston, Robertson, Grigsby, Brown, and Miss Agnes Porter, attended the District W. C. T. U. convention at Norwood this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gidley and daughter returned from Cheboygan last Wednesday evening after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Grigsby.

Prof. J. B. Allen arrived here Wednesday evening from St. Elmo, Tenn., where he has been spending the winter and will make his home in East Jordan during the summer months.

Some bedding fire on the third floor of the old Eagle Hotel necessitated an alarm of fire being turned in Thursday morning, but was extinguished before our fire-department arrived.

Mrs. W. A. Loveday and Mrs. W. A. Stone were Charlevoix visitors, Monday. They went to bid good-bye to a party of friends who started that day for England, viz.—Hon. John Nicholls and four daughters—Mesdames Mason, Bridge, Meech, and Paddock. Mr. Bridge accompanies the party as far as Boston.

As Friday was the last day of school at Deer Lake, the young people of that place planned a farewell surprise for the teacher, Miss Northon. A large number of her friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smallot, where the young lady has been boarding during her term of teaching, and played many games and indulged in a nice supper served by Mrs. Smallot. Miss Northon has many friends in Deer Lake who extend their best wishes as she returns to her home in East Jordan.—Boyne Journal.

You will always find 20 to 30 rugs to select from at C. H. Whittington's.

WANTED—Eight-foot HEMLOCK TIES. Apply at East Jordan Chemical Co. office.

FOR SALE—House and Lot on West Side. Good well and barn. Enquire of M. A. Barker.

Empey Bros. have some very fine Rugs. Quality and price is what makes them attractive.

Two Furnished Rooms for Rent—either singly or together—over Springs Drug Store. For particulars enquire over the drug store.

Services will be held in the Peninsular Grange Hall next Sunday, the 22nd, conducted by Rev. A. D. Grigsby. Services commence at 3:00 p. m. standard.

HORSE FOR SALE—Gray, six-year-old, sound and true in all respects. Weight between 1300 and 1400. Call on or address Albert Dvorak, R. F. D. No. 4, East Jordan, Mich.

FOR SALE—Empey Bros. have the following property for sale: one Spring Wagon, one Huggy, two set of Light Double Harness, one set of Single Harness. The above property is all new. You will find this is a good time to buy.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. observed "Peace Day" by celebrating their second birthday party. There were nineteen whose birthdays came in the three months' schedule. The evening of May 18th was one long to be remembered by these orders and their partners. A program of songs, dialogues, readings, tableaux, consisting of fourteen numbers, was given. A pretty setting for a stage was effective. It was an evening of mirth and each number was heartily applauded and a number were obliged to respond to encores. Feasting followed the program. The table for the favored ones was prettily decorated in yellow and green; a spray of yellow flowers was at each plate with the place card. Ice cream and cake were served. Already those who come in the next turn are planning for their day, so it is becoming a popular as well as pleasant affair.

Seven young women, under supervision of Miss Agnes Porter as representative of the W. C. T. U., contended for the D'Amore silver medal at the Methodist church on Friday evening of last week. The affair was most creditable to them and to the society in charge. The judges of the evening, Atty F. E. Boosinger, Mrs. W. F. Empey and Mrs. W. J. Smith, awarded the medal to Miss Florence Maddaugh, who recited "The Drinking House Over the Way." The other contestants were Grace Light, Mary Weldy, Hattie Graff, Minnie Harper, Sophia Berg and Mary Miller, all of whom did creditable work and won hearty applause. Miss Porter, after the presentation of the medal to Miss Maddaugh by Mrs. W. J. Smith, gave each of the young ladies a silver pin as a memento of the occasion. Miss Tessie Reed sang a fine solo during the hour, and Miss Margaret Fortune rendered several beautiful selections upon the piano. There are some who desire that at the next contest only boys shall enter the lists. It would be a good idea for a change and the novelty of it would no doubt help to draw a crowded house.

High School Notes.

The 'Comet' struck the high school Wednesday night! On Thursday morning we found all of our books, papers and all other articles which our desks contained piled in the corner of the room.

The Physics class are studying the subject of "Light."

The seniors were given their final examination in Advanced Grammar last Monday.

The reading circle books have arrived and the students are now busy writing out the answers to the 132 questions, preparatory for the Teachers' Examination.

The Botany students are studying the strawberry.

The twelfth grade are reading Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Harry Waistead and Lou McEacheron were among our visitors this week.

Mary Gonsolus had charge of Mrs. Winnie's room, the seventh grade, last Monday.

John Frazer has returned to school again after a visit at Traverse City.

The eleventh grade are studying Emmerson's Life.

Hours for Lawn Sprinkling.

The hours during which Village water may be used for lawn sprinkling are from 6:00 to 8:00 a. m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m. If village water is used for this purpose at any other time, the water will be shut off and a charge of \$1.00 will be made for turning it on again. Water users please take notice.

R. A. Brinnall, Water Tax Collector.

Among The Steeples.

The celebration of the 21st birthday of the Epworth League at the Methodist church on Sunday evening was a pleasant affair and was well attended.

The Methodist Ladies' Aid Society will meet with Mrs. W. G. Portune Wednesday afternoon, May 25. Mrs. W. Hunsberger will be assistant hostess. All visitors welcome.

Come to the Presbyterian church strangers, next Sunday morning and evening. A hearty welcome to all at 10:30 and 7:30, Sunday School at 11:45, Junior C. E. at 3:15, Senior C. E. at 6:45.

Bible study class of the Presbyterian Sunday School meets next Tuesday evening at 8:00 at the home of Mrs. Fletcher Empey all who feel an interest in the Bible are cordially invited.

Christian Science services will be held in the Wilhelm block every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and Sunday School at 11:45 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Quarterly Meeting services at the Methodist church Sabbath morning, beginning with love-feast at 9:30. The pastor will preach at 10:30 and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The visit of District Supt. A. T. Ferguson to the Methodist church on Wednesday evening was the occasion of a most excellent sermon from him. The business session of the quarterly conference followed.

The evening choir of the Methodist church will give one of their old time Musicals, Sunday evening May 22nd. The Program will consist of choruses, solos, duets, quartettes, etc. A collection will be taken to purchase new music for the choir. Be sure to come—everybody welcome.

During the summer months there will be no services at the catholic church in the afternoon. During this time the instructions in Christian Doctrine will be immediately after highmass, and the usual devotions will be held at 7:30 p. m. Next Sunday (to-morrow) at 7:30 p. m. a number of young men and ladies will be received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Next Thursday, May 26, the feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated at the Bohemian Settlement in a most solemn manner. At 9:00 a. m. will be a solemn highmass. The Rev. Ladislaus Czech O. F. M. will be celebrant; he will be assisted by the Rev. Burchard Dietrich, pastor of East Jordan, and the Rev. F. Marcellus, the present pastor of the Settlement, as deacon and sub-deacon. The Rev. Pastor of East Jordan will deliver the sermon for the occasion. After the highmass will be solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the church; benediction will be given at the four different altars, which have been erected and beautifully decorated for the occasion. Everybody is invited.

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The architecture of Holland could be summed up in the one word honest. Pretense is altogether lacking.

The Dutch are a neat, thrifty people and their houses express to a marked degree many of their traits.

While Dutch house exteriors may not invariably please the eye, it must be remembered that the Hollanders have greatly atoned for their lack of artistic feeling here by a splendid sense of interior decorating.

They cannot, then, be called a wholly inartistic people. Their homes, on the contrary, are worthy of the closest study.

The Power of Politics.

Ellis H. Parker, detective of Burlington county, New Jersey, is a great gunner. He often goes shooting in Salem county, where he knows all the men in public life and likes them.

The sheriff of Salem county is a fine man," he said yesterday, "as fine a man as you will find anywhere. But once upon a time the sheriffs of Salem county were known to be mighty drinkers.

"Remember once," continued Parker, "that a farmer down in Salem county had a calf which he wanted to teach to drink. He tried to get the animal to drink, but all his efforts were unavailing.

"What do you think of this, Mandy?" he asked his wife. "This calf won't drink."

"Well, Jake," said Mandy, "that's too bad. But if you really want to learn that calf to drink, you better elect him sheriff of Salem county."

"Which says a lot for the good old days," added Parker.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

England's Village Theatre.

The village of Aldbourne, England, though it is seven miles from a railway station, has a theater of its own, which was opened recently with a performance of a three-act cottage drama, "The Village Wedding."

His Preference.

Dr. Wood, the popular head master of Harrow school, once told a capital story of a boy who missed a battalion drill, which is considered a somewhat serious offense at the famous school.

"Do you know, as the honorary colonel of the cadet corps I can have you shot, and as the head master I can have you birched?" Now, which sentence do you prefer?"

The humor of the situation overcame the culprit's nervousness, and with a smile he replied: "I prefer to be shot, sir, because then you'll be hung."

All the Rage.

Quoting from a young Japanese girl, "Navy blue is all the rage in Japan." It is not in the least surprising that the remote little island empire has fashions, although it is to be doubted if the casual observer would notice their change of style.

Wedding Rings in Mourning. "Make a note of this," said the jeweler. "Last Thursday a Russian living in a flat above this shop died. The next day his widow brought us her wedding ring and a piece of fine silky black crepe to cover it with.

Propose Marriage

True Lover Always Blurts Out His Love

By HELEN OLDFIELD

RARELY, indeed almost never, is it of any use for a man to ask advice as to how he shall manage a proposal of marriage to the woman of his choice.

It would be interesting, were it possible, to know how many, or rather how few of the men who have learned proposals by rote, who have rehearsed attitudes before a mirror, who carefully have prepared themselves in advance for the occasion, have carried out their preconceived plans.

An offer of marriage which would do to be phonographed would be too fine to be true. Avowals of love which slip glibly from the tongue suggest that the speaker is practiced in the art of courtship—in fact, that he "has been there before."

It has been said that as no two men eat alike so no two make love in precisely the same manner. Usually the man conforms to the disposition of the woman whom he loves.

The woman who loves will not need to be told how best to say "yes." The vacillating woman has no right to allow a man to propose to her and accept him temporarily because she cannot make up her mind to tell him the truth.

Even Buttermilk Is Now "Made" By PHILIP R. KELLAN

Perhaps you who live in the larger cities and who occasionally want a taste of something to remind you of the old home "down in the country" buy a quart of buttermilk from your milkman and think you are getting the genuine article.

When creameries make butter they do not bother with working the milk; they separate all of the cream by use of the modern separator and leave the skimmed residue out of the proceedings.

But buttermilk was too good a drink to lose, and it has always been considered healthful. So when modern creamery methods began to deplete the buttermilk stock efforts were made to do something.

Artificial buttermilk is sold at five cents per quart in quart bottles and 15 cents a gallon in cans, although in some of the larger cities the price goes up to 25 and 30 cents a gallon.

Chinese Sell Queues After Death By PAUL HAAS

Many American girls would not be so fond of the switches and rats with which they augment their own tresses if they knew that the bought articles have once been the long, flowing queue of a Chinaman.

A PARADOX.



Manager—That drinking song went very badly tonight. Stage Director—I know. The tenor had been drinking.

HIS HANDS CRACKED OPEN

"I am a man seventy years old. My hands were very sore and cracked open on the insides for over a year with large sores. They would crack open and bleed, itch, burn and ache so that I could not sleep and could do but little work.

Treatment for Lump Jaw.

Lump jaw is due to a fungus which is usually taken into the animal's system in feed consumed. Lump jaw is liable to affect the glands of the throat or the bones of the head, writes Doctor David Roberts in American Cultivator.

Something Stronger Than Wind.

Senator Depew, apropos of March winds, said, at a dinner in Washington: "An old-fashioned fellow, one year when Easter came in March, paid too many Easter calls and drank too many cups of eggnog, and, alas, was quite overcome.

As a Matter of Fact.

"Old fellow," suggested the candid friend, "you use the expression 'As a matter of fact' entirely too much. You have no idea how frequently you sprinkle it through your conversation."

MISCHIEF MAKER

An adult's food that can save a baby proves itself to be nourishing and easily digested and good for big and little folks. A Brooklyn man says: "When baby was about eleven months old he began to grow thin and pale. This was, at first, attributed to the heat and the fact that his teeth were coming, but, in reality, the poor little thing was starving, his mother's milk not being sufficient nourishment."

Read the Little Book

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Song The birds were singing, the skies were gay; I looked from the window on meadow and wood; On green, green grass that the sun made white; Beyond the river the mountain stood— Blue was the mountain, the river was bright; I looked on the land and it was not good, For my own dear Love she had flown away. —Richard Watson Gilder.

Proving the Answer

By CLAUDINE SISSON

Among his fellows, Ellsworth Ferry was accounted a strong man, unafraid, cool and daring. He had had to be all this in order to make the tremendous success which had been his since he had struggled up from nothing to eminence and wealth.

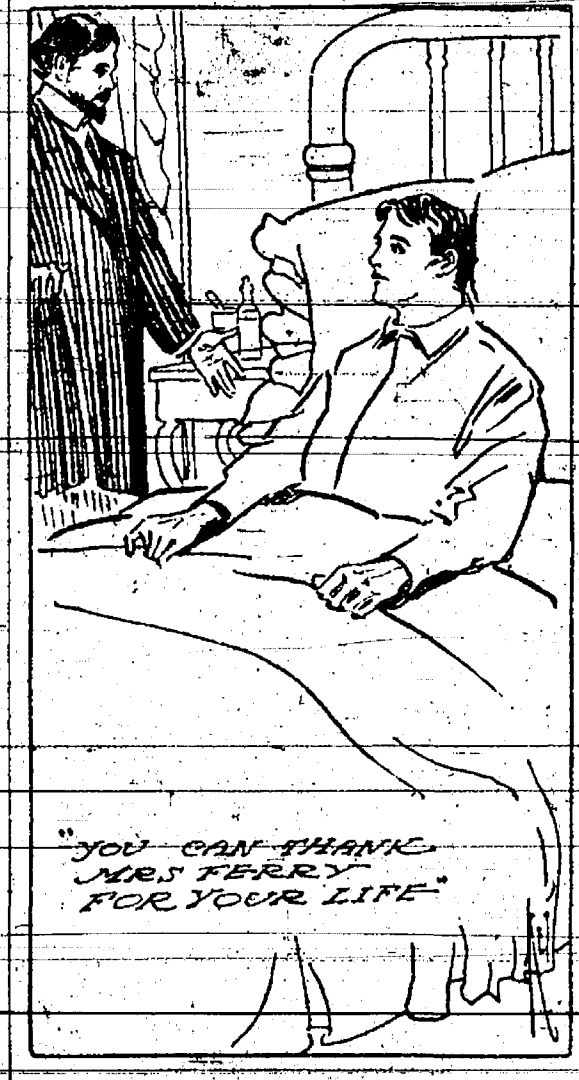
It did not seem possible that anyone could be in fear of Eunice; she was so fragile and appealing and beautiful. Yet these very qualities lay at the bottom of Ferry's cowardice. She had crossed his vision during one of his rare lulls from business, and he had been instantly entranced, deeply in love, and thereupon set about his wooing in his usual whirlwind way of doing things.

Always laughing, never serious, Eunice had accepted him, smilingly, calmly. His own great joy had been so overwhelming that he had not thought much about her matter-of-factness. Afterward, he had wished she had been a little tremulous, more thrilled by the occasion.

A casual word had started his whole trouble. On the club veranda he had stood by idly while two women he knew were talking. They were discussing a possible matrimonial alliance, and one of them, a stout woman of many bangles, had cried out in disgust at some comment of her friend.

"Marry him?" she repeated. "Of course she'll marry him! What if he is old enough to be her father and a terrible crank? He's got money, my dear, heaps of it. Any girl would marry him!"

The words repeated themselves disagreeably in Ferry's ears all the rest of the day. He knew not when he had begun to apply them personally. The question was, had Eunice married him for his money? Would she have said



yes had been in merely ordinary circumstances?

It poisoned his life. When Eunice touched his head lightly in passing and smiled down into his uplifted eyes he wondered. When she sang to herself happily he pondered over whether she would be so charming, care-free and contented if he were a poor man and she his wife.

He remembered all kinds of things as he went about brooding these days. He remembered that Eunice had come from a home of rigid poverty. The cousin she was visiting when he had met her had mentioned, carelessly, that she always liked to give Eunice a treat once a year, that the girl was too beautiful to live and die in that hole of a town and marry some man as poor as her father had been.

"It was not many days before he forgot all about being nursed, and has since lived almost exclusively on Grape-Nuts. Today the boy is strong and robust, and as cute a mischief-maker as a thirteen months old baby is expected to be.

"We have put before him other foods, but he will have none of them, evidently preferring to stick to that which did him so much good—his old friend Grape-Nuts.

His fever and hurt gave him an odd reluctance to intrude on her. He shut

himself up more in his library, leaving her free and he was queerly hurt that she still greeted him smilingly and made no comment. Well, if relieving her of his presence did not make her unhappy, it should be a conclusive answer to his unspoken question.

Yet Ellsworth Ferry fought the conviction, clung to the remnant of his old happy faith in her affection. Not that by word or deed had Eunice given him grounds to question her love for him, but that only added fuel to his rankling suspicion. Once, brushing his hair, he stopped, appalled, at the silver sheen of his temples, the stern lines in his face. He was middle-aged, growing old. She was just a girl. Why should she have cared for him? She certainly could not have cared for him!

There was a tragedy in his face as he turned about, and Eunice saw it. "What is it, Ellsworth?" she had asked, fearfully.

He had taken her by the shoulders and looked deep into her eyes and then turned away, the question unspoken. Strangely enough, feeling assured as he did that she had done so, he still felt he could not insult her by heaving her to put in words the bald fact that she had married him for his money. He found her surfeiting him thoughtfully, quietly, after that, and she did not laugh so much. She seemed always to be slipping out of sight, unobtrusive when he was about.

Things had changed in the Ferry household in the two years since their marriage; the old light heartedness had gone and the mistress of the big place was paler and quieter, though still smiling, while the man who owned the pile of granite and marble was sterner, more absorbed in his business, always courteous, but much to himself. The lover into which Ellsworth Ferry had bloomed so suddenly, so completely, had vanished, forever, he told himself, grimly.

Nearly every disaster, has its redeeming lights. When his automobile chose to blow up while Ellsworth Ferry was traveling at a reckless speed to see some new properties and he was picked up as dead at first, it seemed a solution of all his problems and worries.

But he was not dead, and when he began dimly to float back to earth he noticed someone beside his hospital bed. Always when he opened his eyes she was there. He did not try to think who she was. She never stirred except at times to move the fan above him or to lay a cool hand on his hot head. He grew to expect to see her there and the vision never faded him.

On one of the days when he kept receding from everything on horrible waves of suffocation he heard her cry out once a low, despairing cry, a cry wrenched from the depths. Someone had at once taken the despairing voice and carried it away, though he tried to come back and stop them. Then when again he opened his eyes, sadly, he saw her there, back in the same chair. It was Eunice, he observed, quite without emotion. That did not seem to be any emotion within him any more than there was strength.

But the days crept on and slowly Ellsworth Ferry came back to living and recovery. Her tenderness was very lovely, yet there was something lacking within him: It was as if he were looking at a lovely picture that did not belong to him. She was his wife, and of course her place was there. Eunice, he remembered, always did the right thing.

The day before he was to be sent home the house physician sat beside him, Eunice being absent. The doctor was a young man, but he had met and faced life in various phases, and moreover, he had a quick perception. "Mr. Ferry," he said, as he arose, "I want to tell you that the reason you are going home to-morrow, that you are here to go home at all, is that your wife wouldn't let you die! None of us, no power on earth, could have saved you if she had not held on to you with set teeth and unwavering will and—and loved you back to life! All the science in the world stops there—we can't explain it, we don't try to, but I've seen it before—a woman simply defying death to snatch the man she cares for absolutely! You can thank Mrs. Ferry for your life."

Ellsworth Ferry, left alone, thought many things. Down in his heart he knew the doctor spoke the truth and he cringed with shame that he had ever doubted her. When she returned to his bedside and he saw with his newly opened eyes how careworn was her face, how thin the hands, how exhausted she was with her long vigil, and, above all, when he saw the brood ing light in her eyes as she bent above him, he realized that the question never would bother him again. He knew.

And she laid it to the vagaries of sickness when he clutched her hands and repeated, hoarsely: "Eunice! Eunice! You do love me!"

THE LAST VOYAGE OF THE DONNA ISABEL

BY RANDALL PARRISH
AUTHOR OF "BOB HAMPTON OF FLORIDA," ETC.

SYNOPSIS.

The story opens with the introduction of John Stephens, an adventurous Massachusetts man marooned by authorities at Valparaiso, Chile. Being interested in mining operations in Bolivia, he was denounced by Chile as an insurrectionist and as a consequence was hiding. At his hotel his attention was attracted by an Englishman and a young woman. Stephens rescued the young woman from a drunken officer. He was thanked by her, Admiral of the Peruvian navy, confounded Stephens, told him that he had been declared between Chile and Peru and had him the office of captain. He decided that that night the Esmeralda, a Chilean vessel, should be captured. Stephens accepted the commission. Stephens met a motley crew, to which he was assigned. He gave them final instructions. They boarded the vessel, they successfully captured the vessel supposed to be the Esmeralda, through strategy. Capt. Stephens gave directions for the departure of the craft. It entered the cabin and discovered the English woman and her maid. Stephens quickly learned the wrong vessel had been captured. It was Lord Darlington's private yacht. The lord's wife and maid being aboard. He explained the situation to her ladyship. Then First Mate Tuttle and her third plot, saying that the Sea Queen had been taken in order to go to the Antarctic circle. Tuttle explained that on a former voyage he had learned that the Donna Isabel was lost in 1753. He had found it frozen in a huge case of ice on an island and contained much gold. Stephens consented to be the captain of the expedition. He told Lady Darlington. She was greatly alarmed, but expressed confidence in him. The Sea Queen encountered a vessel in the fog. Stephens attempted to communicate. This caused a fierce struggle and he was overcome. Tuttle finally squaring the situation. Then the Sea Queen headed south again. Under Tuttle's guidance the vessel made progress toward its goal. The nova, the mate told Stephens that he believed Tuttle, now acting as skipper, insane because of his queer actions. Stephens was awakened by crashing of glass. He saw Tuttle in the grip of a spasm of religious mania and overcame him. The sailor upon regaining his senses was taken ill. Tuttle committed suicide by shooting. In the middle of the crew Stephens assumed the leadership and the men decided to continue the treasure hunt. The islands being supposed to be only 200 miles distant. Tuttle was buried in the sea. Lady Darlington pronouncing the service. Stephens awaking from sleep saw the ghost, supposed to have formed the basis for Tuttle's religious mania.

CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

"By heaven, for her sake, if for no other reason, I would play the man! Ay, and I comprehended exactly what such resolve would cost—realized fully that that mongrel crew would say up to the moment their ghostly terrors fled, and they knew I had given up search for the treasure. I should have to command by brute force, by threat and blow. There would be mutiny aboard for every league until we made port. I knew the nature of that sea-scurvy forward—how they would whine and curse, how they would hate me for failing to hold them to their course in face of death! Well, let them hate; my love was worth by far the more, and the life and honor of Lady Darlington outweighed all else on board—ay, and the treasure of the Donna Isabel!" "Implicitly"—I saw her eyes again as she said it, and sprang to the deck, stumbling in the darkness for the latch of my door.

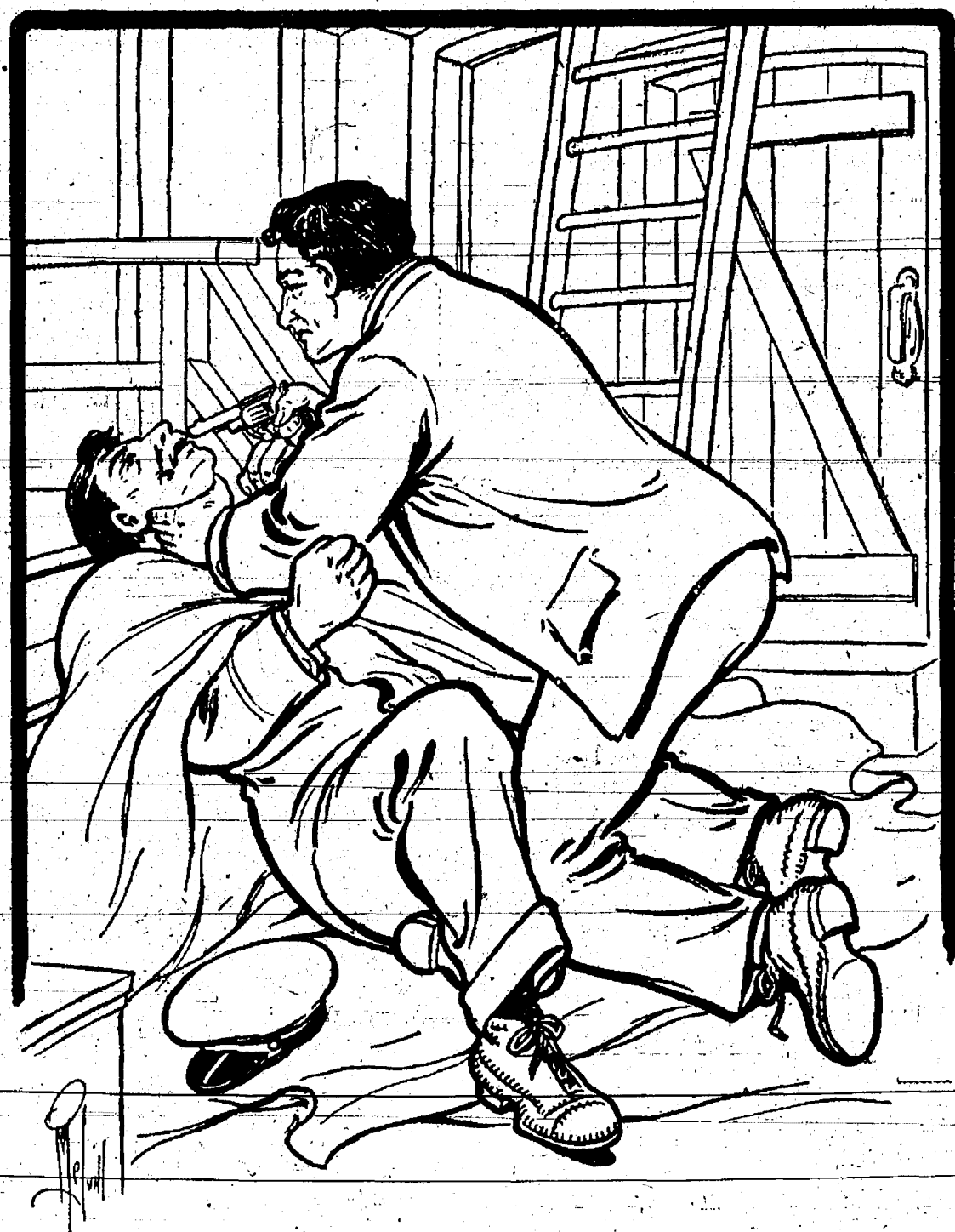
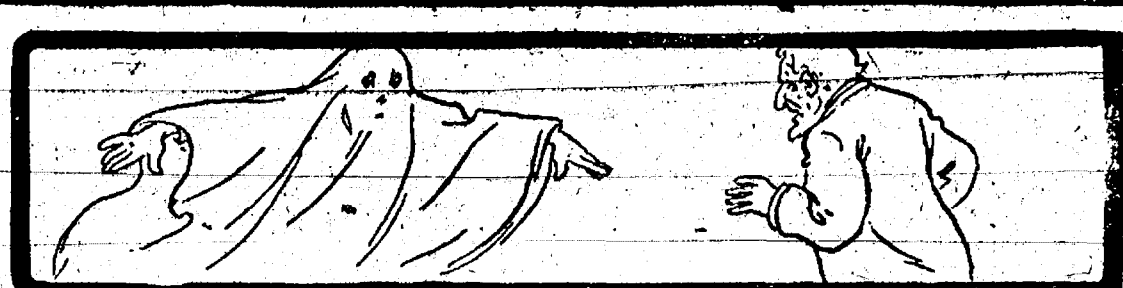
The main cabin was dimly lighted and chill, the fire in the stove low. I paused to rattle it, and add a few lumps of coal from the scuttle standing near by. In spite of surrounding comforts what a grim, inhospitable place this was for any woman like her! The very snugness of the cabin served only to emphasize the gloom and peril without, the frightful polar mystery which surrounded us, which drives men mad amid its awful distances, its shrouded silence.

Suddenly, directly opposite where I stood, I saw it again—that same shapeless, white, gliding figure. An instant only I stood rooted to the spot, my blood like ice, my eyes full of horror. Then the swift reaction came, the reserve courage of a man ashamed of such weakness, and I leaped straight toward the misty object, grappling at it with my hands. I touched nothing but air, falling headlong with a violence jarring the entire cabin, and overthrowing a chair, crashing to the deck. Dazed, confused, I staggered to my knees, staring about into the dim shadows. A white-draped figure was at my very elbow, and I sprang to my feet, only to take a quick step backward, grasping at the table, as I recognized Lady Darlington.

"Good God! was that you?" I gasped, the horror still possessing me.

"This certainly is," she answered, swiftly. "But what do you mean? What has occurred?"

"I hardly know," and I looked about me, and then into her face, breathing heavily. "I seem unable to separate the real from the unreal. I am not afraid I am losing my mind. Lady Darlington, it is not only the crew forward who are seeing ghosts on board. I believed it a mere illusion that could never occur again. In that spirit I told you about seeing a white, misty figure in this cabin the night after Tuttle died. It vanished like a wreath of smoke, and daylight made me believe the vision was born of a tired brain. But I have seen it again now—yonder, as plainly as I can see you. It was no dream, no imagination; yet



"Damn You, McKnight, Lie Still!" I Panicked.

when I sought to grasp the thing, my fingers encountered nothing but air." "I saw her hands tremble, her white face turned whither I pointed; but she had not beheld what I had, and her mind remained clear.

"What was it you saw?" "A shapeless white, figure, misty, vanishing like a bubble."

"Yonder, you say? just where you saw it before?" "I had not thought of that, yet it was true—here, beside Tuttle's door. An instant she stood motionless, her eyes searching the dim corners of the cabin, as though tracing some suspicion awakened within her mind. Suddenly she clasped my arm.

"We do not believe in ghosts, Mr. Stephens, you and I," her voice growing firmer with conviction. "Our education and training make such a conception impossible. There is a natural cause for this, a reason, an actual presence back of the shadow. There must be, and we must find it. Where did you stand when you saw this apparition?"

"I stepped back to the spot beside the stove, realizing that she still clung tightly to me."

"Here, and I lifted my eyes like this."

"She leaned eagerly forward, her breath on my cheek, her fingers clutching my arm."

"Why—why that is a mirror you are looking into! See! What is it reflected there? Turn up the light until I locate the spot. Oh, I see now—the open pantry door. Mr. Stephens, there is where your ghost stood—it was the shadow of a man reflected in that mirror."

"Our eyes met, all my former terror fled, shame and anger dominating me."

"Dade?" "It might be—certainly some one who sought in that way to terrorize officers and crew, and thus compel them to turn back. Whoever it was, he killed Mr. Tuttle, and now seeks to accomplish the same end with you. What are you going to do?"

"Trace him down. The last time the fellow went directly from here to the fore-castle. There must be a passageway from stem to stern."

"She caught me as I turned, her gray eyes wide with apprehension."

"You will take me with you?" "That will be impossible, Lady Darlington. I know nothing regarding this passage amidships, but it must surely lead through the coal bunkers and the engine room."

"But—but I cannot let you go alone," utterly forgetting to conceal her agitation. "Truly, I could not bear to do it. Whoever this man may be he will become desperate when cornered. Your very life will be in danger."

"And you really care?" my hand clasping hers, my eyes eagerly searching the gray depths.

"Yes, I care," making no effort to free herself; "why should I not? Think what our condition would be if you were not on board. Yet that is not all; I care because I value your life, your friendship. Little as I can do, let me, at least, be near you. You are near me," and I, utterly

forgetful of circumstances in the sudden rush of passion, "always near me, because my thoughts are with you, my sole purpose in life to serve you."

The gray eyes fell instantly; the clasping hand was withdrawn and pressed to her forehead.

"I will try to do as you wish," she faltered, "but are you armed?"

"Not now, but I will get a revolver from my stateroom. First, let me help you to your cabin."

She permitted my guidance without a word of protest, only glancing once up into my face as she put a question. "You will return here? you will let me know at once what you discover? Promise me this."

"I promise; and more, I will pledge myself to be cautious, so do not worry."

I procured my revolver, turned the light low once more in the main cabin, and then stole silently into the narrow passageway leading forward. There was no light in the pantry, but the faint reflection from the cabin enabled me to distinguish the more prominent outlines. A form lay outstretched on a locker, and I bent over it silently. It was Dade, curled up on his side and sound asleep. There was no doubt about the reality of his slumber; the fellow was not shamming, and I drew back, leaving him undisturbed. The alleyway leading forward was extremely narrow, yet of a height sufficient to afford comparatively easy passage had it only been lighted. Suddenly a faint glow appeared ahead, and a moment later I slipped cautiously through a small bulkhead door standing ajar, into a low, square room, containing six bunks arranged in tiers of two. A slush lamp swung from a blackened beam, and various articles of wearing apparel dangled from hooks. I peered into the bunks, discovering three occupied, the unconscious sleepers being Cooky, the smooth-faced Chilean, and the gunner, a Swede named Gustafson. None awoke under my scrutiny, although the Chilean was talking in his sleep and thrashing his arms about as if in nightmare. I bent down, looking at him more closely, attracted by something oddly familiar in the upturned features. By all the gods, the fellow was Lieut. Juan Sanchez, his long mustaches shaven, and looking ten years younger! It was so odd a thing, this sudden renewal of a controversy originating thousands of leagues away, that I nearly laughed outright, forgetting for the instant the serious purpose bringing me there.

"Yet this surprising discovery of Sanchez aboard seemed of comparatively little importance, and was as quickly dismissed. The narrow bulkhead door leading forward was tightly closed, and in that dim light I had to hunt for it, so perfectly was it fitted into place. When discovered, however, it proved to be unfastened, and I stepped forth into an emptied coal bunker, whence I could look straight forward along the glowing boilers into the engine room. I advanced carefully along the slight open space until I came upon the squad of firemen and big Bill Anderson. The latter shaded his eyes, staring at me as though he

mistook me for another ghost, but I took the initiative.

"I have been investigating the arrangement of things below, Anderson," I said, in explanation; "rather odd way in which the yacht is cut up. Did you know there was a passage leading all the way aft?"

The boatswain shook his head, too surely naturally to answer.

"Well, possibly you know whether or not a similar passage leads forward into the fore-castle?"

"There's a bulkhead door over there," he returned, indicating by a gesture a spot concealed by the donkey pump, "but I don't know where it goes, only it's dark as hell."

"It comes out under the fore-castle, sir," broke in a coal heaver named Davis. "Leastwise there's a trap in the deck there, with a ladder leadin' down."

"I'll finish the trip through, then, for I like to know what is under my feet when I command a vessel. Where is the engineer, Anderson?"

He waved his big hairy hand in the direction of the boilers.

"Went to his bunk to lie down for an hour," he was about to say.

"Are you capable of standing watch alone in an engine room?"

The fellow grinned, his bulldog jaw protruding.

"Well, I've had to do it on this trip whether I'm capable or not. That fellow can't stand it in here night and day without no rest. I know how to start an' stop her, an' watch the water gauge. If anything else goes wrong he's easy enough called."

So it was McKnight who was playing the antics of a ghost on board; McKnight who had discovered that unusual passageway through the bulkheads; McKnight who had conceived the idea that in this manner he could frighten us into turning back. Well, truly, I did not altogether blame the man, and now that my own fear of the supernatural was allayed, did not feel any desire to punish him severely. Still, his masquerade must stop before he thoroughly demoralized the crew, frightening them beyond all my power of control.

I discovered the door concealed behind the donkey engine, left it slightly ajar behind me, and stepped forward into the black passage. I had groped along to the very foot of the ladder, feeling nothing but bare walls, and hearing no sound except the slush of bilge water, when suddenly an inarticulate cry sounded almost directly above; something, a hatch cover possibly, seemed to settle into place, and the ladder shook under my hand. I drew back a step, permitting the fellow to come down until he reached the floor. My eyes, accustomed to the gloom, enabled me to dimly perceive his shape. It was no more than a formless smudge he made, but I struck straight for what seemed to be the head, and landed with a force that dropped him like a log. In an instant I was on top, clasping the canvas sheet he wore tightly about his arms, and throttling him against the deck.

He fought like a wild bull for a moment, thoroughly frightened, and whimpering, dazed by the suddenness of attack, yet following the animal instinct of a struggle for life.

"Damn you, McKnight, lie still!" I panted. "I've got you, and you might just as well take your medicine, my man. Yes, that's a gun you feel, and I know how to use it. So you're the ghost of the Sea Queen, are you? I guess you know what this means if I turn you over to those fellows, don't you?"

He groaned, and I ventured to release my grip on his throat, flinging back the canvas from his head.

"Sit up. Well, I'll tell you, McKnight—you would probably go overboard to feed the fishes. Do you recognize me?"

"Yes, sir," managing to find his voice for the first time. "You're Mr. Stephens."

"Right you are, and you can bless your lucky stars that I am the one who caught you. What started you at this trick?"

"It was the Chilean, sir, Sanchez; he said we could scare the whole outfit."

"Did he do any of the ghost playing?"

"No, sir; he didn't have the nerve, but—but he rigged me up, and found out about these passageways."

"What was I to do with the man? In truth there was little I dared to do under the circumstances."

"Now see here, McKnight," I said, soberly, "you quit this thing for good and all; if there is any more ghost walking done on the Sea Queen I'll turn you and Sanchez over to the men. Besides, there's no use resorting again to that sort of trick, for we're about at the end of our cruise."

"You mean we're going to turn north?"

"Yes. Now if I let you go will you behave yourself?"

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CAT'S STRENUOUS MEOWS SAVE LIFE OF A WOMAN

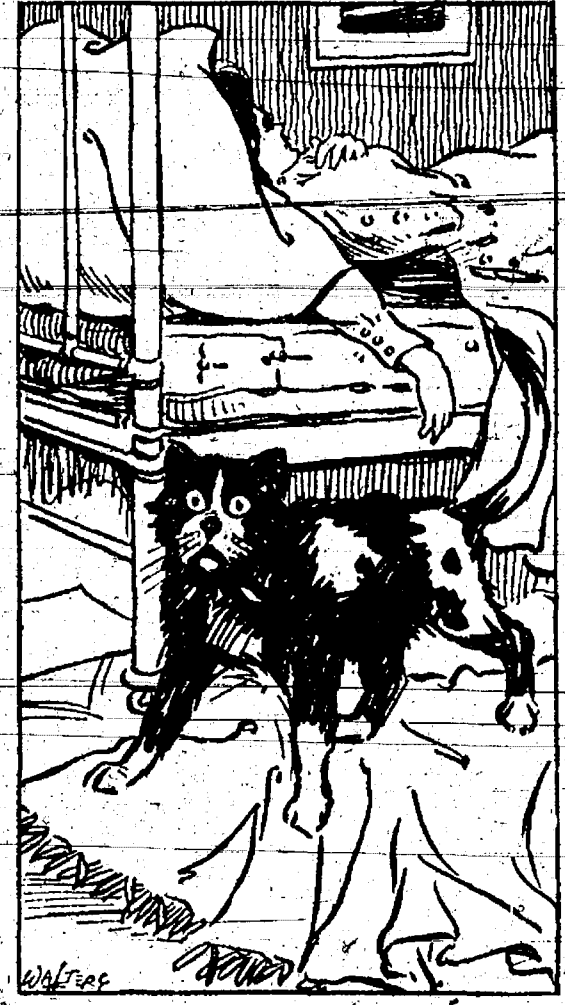
FELINES YOWLING BRINGS AID WHEN HIS MISTRESS IS OVERCOME BY GAS.

New York.—Pedro, a gray tomcat belonging to Mrs. Henrietta Banker, a widow of 198 Brook avenue, the Bronx, is entitled to all the cream in the neighborhood. His strenuous meows saved Mrs. Banker from asphyxiation.

Gas began to escape from a kitchen pipe of the Banker flat soon after the widow had cooked her breakfast. Mrs. Banker, being in poor health, was overcome quickly and fell unconscious on a bed.

Pedro at once made as much noise as he possibly could. His yowling and scratching were heard by Miss Isabel Breen, a nurse, who was visiting Mrs. Axelsen in the flat next to Mrs. Banker's.

Miss Breen found the door of the Banker flat locked. Smelling gas, she realized she must act quickly. Run-



Pedro Made as Much Noise as He Possibly Could.

ning down stairs, she jumped out on the fire escape with her mother, who helped her climb to a window of the Banker flat. Miss Breen smashed the glass. She was almost overcome by the rush of gas from the room, but got inside and checked the leak. Then she turned her attention to Mrs. Banker and restored her respiration. After giving the alarm the tomcat felt the effects of the gas to such an extent that he toppled over in the hall, his feet sticking straight up. But the resourceful Miss Breen spied him there and soon had him breathing as normally as ever.

The Quaker Analogy.

When the "Jew Bill" was arousing the attention of Englishmen in the '50s, the London Punch expressed the fears of the opponents of the bill by giving a picture of the house of commons, all the members of which had "figure six" noses, and had triple hats upon their brows, as was customary with the dealers in old clothes at the time.

With 14 Jewish members of parliament in the new house of commons and three Jewish members of the ministry, of whom two are in the cabinet, it would almost seem as if Punch's prophecy was in a fair way toward fulfillment. But the analogy of the Quakers is sufficient to prove the fallaciousness of this kind of reasoning. At one time there were no less than five men in the British cabinet who were either Quakers of the old school, like John Bright, or Reform Quakers, like W. E. Forster, or men of Quaker descent. It looked as if England was going to be ruled in a Quaker spirit, but nothing came of it.

Such freaks of statistics are bound to occur for, as Aristotle says, it is part of the probable that the improbable should happen.—American Hebrew.

Home Bibles.

"Now that you are married," said the experienced minister to the young curate, "you will have to stop using the church Bible for home study. Oh, yes, I know how it is. You get attached to a certain Bible and can study better and preach better with that right under your nose and would willingly pack it back and forth for the inspiration it affords. I've been through it. Used to do that very thing myself, but after half a dozen yeils and a pair of gloves and some little lace things that I won't attempt to specify floated down from the pulpit on Sunday mornings in view of an astonished and amused congregation, I accustomed myself to two Bibles. The women folk will put things in the Bible to press. It is a habit you can't break them of and the first thing you know those knick-knacks go sailing away to humiliate you."

That night the curate turned the pages of his Bible carefully. A veil and a scrap of lace fell out. The next day he began to cultivate an affection for a second Bible.

Bachelors Take Warning.

Hoggs—Allenists say that single men are much more liable to insanity than married.

Dobbs—Sure they are! Single men are always in danger of going crazy over some woman.—Boston Transcript.

VERY CARELESS!



Mrs. Subbubs—Now, look out how you get on and off the cars. You're so awfully careless about the trains, you know.

Subbubs—That's a fact. I lost two yesterday—one going to the city and one coming home.

Pity the Poor Cowboy!

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous food expert, said at a dinner in Washington, apropos of the meat boycott and the cold storage discussion:

"The trend of modern life seems on the surface to be toward preserved instead of fresh foods; but there is no such trend, save among certain dealers."

"Who," said Dr. Wiley, "would like to be in the boots of the cowboy in the barren sagebrush country who used to send in a week after week, the same order to the storekeeper:

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Orchard Cover Crops

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Impoverished and starved conditions of the soil, naturally deficient in humus. Therefore, our policy has been not to rob the soil, but to build it up by adding to its strength whenever possible and by preventing any loss—always having catch crops ready to take up food not required by the trees. Capt. J. H. Seawhan, the grand old man of Payette, Idaho, the products of whose orchards attracted attention and blue ribbons at the Council Bluffs Apple Show, and also at the Spokane Apple Show, believes in cover crops, and the adding of humus to the soil. He says when he takes his wondrous crops of fruit from the trees he feels duty bound to give something in return, so in addition to cover crops he makes a generous application of barnyard manure.

We believe cover crops the most economical way to supply humus to the soil, especially in orchards. Commercial fertilizers, however, may be used where there is not time enough to build up the land before planting an orchard.

In planting a later addition of 15,000 one-year trees to the Rolla orchards, we applied to the surface soil around each tree several pounds of commercial "5-8-3", and bone meal (the 5 refers to 5 percent nitrogen, the 8 to 8 percent phosphate, and the 3 to 3 percent potash). Every tree lived and made vigorous growth. Planters of western orchards on land deficient in humus have supplied the deficiency by this method rather than lose a year's time in the cultivation of some crop. We suggest that each tree at the time of planting be given several pounds of ground sheep or other manure, or some commercial brand of fertilizer as may be convenient. (Don't put bulky manure in the tree hole around the roots when planting, as it dries out readily). Abundant humus may then be supplied by the cover crops to follow. This method is also suggested for old land lacking in fertility. The money and time spent in applying the stimulant will prove a profitable investment.

Nitrate of soda is sometimes beneficial in starting growth when backward in the spring; while it stimulates growth, it adds nothing in the way of humus, and it is easily washed from the soil by rain.

Cover crops are necessary for the permanent maintenance of fertility. If we practice clean cultivation, and expect to gather good crops of fruit, we must supply the soil with humus. The cheapest method and one best adapted to orchard cultivation, is to sow cover crops after cultivating the orchard the first part of the summer and in this way not only maintain the fertility of the land, but actually improve it.

In opening up a new country the virgin land is exploited, the soil is robbed of its fertility and nothing is returned to it. Some of the American farmers have taken less than a generation to "crop their land to death." They had rich farms in the beginning but with year each yields grow less. Compare this with the land in the old countries of Europe and Asia, some of which were farmed before the birth of Christ. It is a fact that their yield per acre is usually double or more than that of this country. Our supply of new land is nearly exhausted and if we want crops in the future like we have had in the past we can have them only by adding humus to the land—by using green manures—cover crops.

County Normal Notes.

Mr. J. H. Milford, county commissioner, and Mr. W. H. Bashaw, county treasurer officer, called at the normal Tuesday, May 10.

Miss Kathryn La Peer, class of '09, visited at the normal room Wednesday, May 11.

The editors for this week are Louise Christensen and Margaret Durance. The house keepers are Blanche Nowland and Mary Berg.

The class was very much interested in a luna moth which was brought to the normal room by Miss Mellie Harting, class of '05, Monday, May 16. Miss Lulu Crites, class of '07, was in town Saturday and called on Miss Himes and Miss Reed. Miss Crites went over to the normal room and was much interested in the manual training work of the class.

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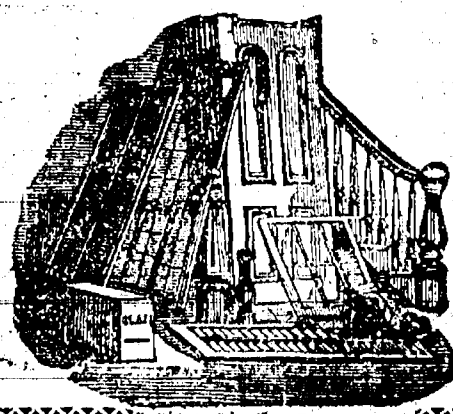
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