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MALABAR

By Frank H. Sweet

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"Do you think Malabar will run?"

The girl did not reply, but her lips began to tremble. The face of the man bending toward her grew dark, but it was the darkness of despair, not of purpose.

"Perhaps if he knew what you have told me," He hesitated. "Malabar is brave and strong and noble. He would not stoop to a small deed."

"I promised him with the new year that he should run for me at the green corn dance. I—I did not know then," looking piteously into the gloomy, delicate face above her. "Malabar would not stoop to a small deed—no. But this is not small. He has let it be known that he will run for me. He would not turn from his purpose a hair's breadth—not if he saw something in front that would crush him. And—and it is right for a great warrior, Ankona, but it is hard."

"We will fly, White Egret, into the deepest fastnesses of the Everglades!" he cried hoarsely. "There are places where even Malabar's relentless arms would be powerless."

But White Egret only looked at him with sorrowful eyes.

"We are Seminoles, Ankona," she rebuked gently. "You know our laws. You would be the last one to break them."

His arm fell back impotent. Yes; he would be the last one to break them.

"Perhaps Malabar will not be proof against the black drink this time," he suggested. "He has killed, and it will be made strong. Others have died. But, no, no! Malabar is a great chief and a better man for the tribe than I. He has tasted the black drink before and will not die."

"You say well, Ankona," broke in a stern, powerful voice, and a figure, dark, towering and implacable, stepped from the gathering shadows. "I shall not fall before the black draft. It would not be a fit ending for a warrior."

White Egret threw back her head and regarded him steadily. Ankona bowed his head.

"You heard all?" he questioned in a strained voice.

"All," calmly. "It was childish prattle. I shall run for the White Egret, for have I not said it, and has she not made her promise? It is only when we forget our promises that we become weak and childish. Ankona is young yet and should be humored. I will let him run the race with me and will give him one-third the distance start as due to his weakness. Now go!"

They went, with a single despairing glance toward each other. Ankona's face was bloodless and set—bloodless with pride crushed, set with foreknowledge of utter inability to cope with this man of iron will and strength. Better be crushed than allowed to exist by suffering.

Other forms were appearing from the forest—warriors in full headdress and leggings, carrying the guns they had purchased from white traders; squaws with camp equipage, medicine men stalking solemnly and mysteriously, with eyes bent upon the ground; children and dogs, some from the camp on White River bay, some from Okeecho-bee, some from the shifting camp among the keys—all coming for the great annual green corn dance, where tribal laws were to be made, marriages celebrated and criminals punished.

These criminals were now moving unwatched, unnoticed, in many cases unknown even among the others. Whatever crime they had committed during the year had gone unpunished at the time, but now tribal honor brought them here to expiate their misdeeds. On the morrow they would be placed in closely shut tents and almost suffocated with steam made by pouring water upon hot stones. After that they would drink of the black draft. If they died, they were guilty. On the other hand, if they were strong enough to survive, their innocence would be clearly established. Later the racing for wives would take place.

Malabar was known to every one—loved, feared, honored. All knew that he was to race for a wife and that before the race he was to drink the dreaded black draft. Ordinarily they would have scoffed at such absurdity. If a man drank and lived, it would be a notable proof of strength but to

drink and live and then race for a wife! As to his crime, it was only what any of them would have done if brave enough. He had killed a man! True, but he had been provoked. He must be punished, for that was the law, but they did not wish him harm.

And they all knew Ankona, the gentle one, the dreamer and story maker, and, though none of them revered or feared him, they all had a tender place for him in their hearts. If he could race with White Egret and win her, they would be glad. But Malabar came first, for White Egret herself had made it so.

Malabar was the first who presented himself for punishment. While he was in the closed tent the tribe stood about silent, with eyes furtively watching the point whence the condemned would walk forth innocent or be brought forth guilty.

At length the tent flap was raised, and he staggered out. For a moment he stood there in the sunlight, his hand to his head, swaying blindly. Then they saw him throw his shoulders back with a mighty effort, as one whose will was strong enough to cast off the weight of all things. Slowly he turned away from them and strode into the forest to be by himself. That, too, was Malabar's way.

Not until the maidens were brought forth did Malabar reappear.

"I will race for my squaw at once," he called in a voice that all could hear, "before the White Egret grows weak through waiting, and I shall give her one-half the distance start because she is a woman. Ankona will also enter the race with me, and I will give him one-third the distance because he is but half a man. Let them be placed."

The spectators stared and gasped. Ankona, his rival, to enter the race and to be given one-third the distance, and White Egret, the fleet footed, to be given one-half! No one could win a race thus handicapped. And yet was it not Malabar?

He swept them with his glance. "I shall win," he said confidently, "because I will have it so." Ankona had been watching him with baleful eyes. For an instant he drew back as though to spurn the concession. Then, as he saw White Egret being led forward to her place, he hurried to his own position.

And for a brief space after the signal was given and they were speeding on with straining muscles he had a wild, insane belief that he would win.

But only for a brief space. Then came that steady, accelerating, implacable rush behind, drawing nearer and nearer, then opposite, then passing. When three-fourths of the distance had been covered, Malabar was four march paces ahead. Suddenly he turned. White Egret was almost within his reach.

"Stop, Ankona!" Malabar called. "Have I not won?"

Ankona did not answer.

"Have I not won?" sternly.

"Yes, Malabar, you have won," Ankona answered, and his voice was full of a great despair.

"It is well. Now you may go on and catch the girl. Malabar will have no squaw who does not come to him willingly."

And he turned proudly from the race and strode back into the forest.

Some Remarkable Guns.

At the siege of Rhodes the Turks constructed mortars by hollowing out cavities in the solid rock at the proper angle, and in the arsenal at Malta is a trophy of the long and glorious defense of Valetta, in a Turkish gun, about a six pounder, composed of a copper tube coiled over with strong rope and "jacketed" with rawhide. In the same collection are some antique "quick fivers," breechloaders, with small bores and immensely long barrels, like punt guns. The Malay pirates put great trust in the long brass swivel guns called "lela," and in Borneo these lelas were used as a kind of currency, large sums being estimated in guns.

The Chinese cast excellent bronze guns (there is a fine specimen of them in Devonport dockyard), but so little did they understand gunnery that in the so called "opium war" the forts of the Bocca Tigris, defending the Canton river, had the guns built immovably into the walls. The Sikh gunners opposed to us in the two Punjab wars, though they loaded with amazing recklessness, shoveling in the powder from open boxes, stuck to their guns to the last. The blood of the first man killed was smeared on the gun, and the whole detachment died beside it sooner than retreat.—Chambers' Journal.

His Pet Superstition.

"Superstition seems to be connected in the minds of most people with wo-

men, ladders, rabbits' feet and horse-shoes," said the young girl at the piano. "As a matter of fact, however, I know that men are fully as superstitious as the women of my acquaintance, and sometimes more so. One young man of my acquaintance, for instance, who has literary yearnings and who feels sure he could astonish the public with his brilliant stories if he could only get some editor to accept them, spends his summers in the country gathering inspiration, local color and—four leaf clovers. When winter comes he returns to his hall-room in the city, writes stories by the wholesale and dispatches with each consignment to the editors a four leaf clover. Sometimes the articles are accepted, and then the writer ascribes his success to the talisman. More often, however, they are returned, with the mascot in a more or less crumpled condition, and he spends what leisure hours he has in trying to figure out why it is those clovers don't work every time. Never for a moment does he ascribe failure to any faults in his manuscripts. Isn't that the limit in the way of superstition?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Batch of Anecdotes.

Some interesting anecdotes and gossip, new and old, of the law courts are given in the English Illustrated Magazine. The writer of the article, Mr. A. J. Hughes, was once present in court when a juror who opened the ball by saying, "This case, my lord, really lies in a nutshell," received the reply, "You crack it then."

There have been times when clever witnesses have got the better of counsel in a skirmish of words. When the farmer was asked where he got his knowledge of the mare's age from, he said, "From the mare's own mouth, sir."

Irish lawyers are generally endowed with Dame Nature with quick wits. Among them all, perhaps, Curran held the palm for lightness and vivacity. When some one told him that no student should be called to the bar who did not possess a landed estate of his own, he retorted, "How many acres make a wiseman?" But it was a Scotsman, appropriately enough Lord Brougham, who seeing his horses take fright, yelled to the coachman, "Drive into something cheap!"

A Born Growler.

"How's all the folks?"

"All well, but—the measles is in the neighborhood."

"Well, you orter be thankful you're a-livin'."

"I reckon so, but—we've all got to die."—Atlanta Constitution.

The health department of New York has been telling the people of that city how to avoid the grip, which is more or less prevalent at this season of the year. They are advised not to get run down, to eat nourishing food and to take plenty of sleep. They must also avoid drafts and excesses, and above all they must shun alcohol. This sounds like pretty good advice for all the year around.

A New York state woman who shot her husband, cut his body into small bits and then burned them says she acted in self defense. As a rule, a man who has been disciplined in that manner is not capable of doing much harm.

It is said that the coal strike commission has cost \$750,000 to date. Some people who have been suffering from lack of coal will derive comfort from the fact that the operators will have to pay \$500,000 of it.

As if the coal famine was not bad enough, the De Beers company has now advanced the price of diamonds 5 per cent.

Signor Mascagni is now a chevalier of the Order of Savoy. We wonder if that is anything he can put up as collateral.

A cable dispatch from Paris says that Sarah Bernhardt was almost overcome by stage fright on assuming a new role. The timid young thing!

The question, What shall we do with our ex-governors? is in a fair way of being settled. Fifteen of them are now in the United States senate.

Among the earliest signs of spring the reports of the Macdonald inspection give due warning that it is coming, sooner or later.

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Given at Nashua, in said County, this 14th day of February, A. D. 1907.

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The Making of National Songs.

While the proposition of the Rhode Island chapter of the Society of the Cincinnati to award a gold medal for the composition of American music for "America" is highly commendable, it is hardly probable that much will come of it. Great national and patriotic airs which thrill and inspire the popular heart are not produced that way. They are not made to order or written on contract. They are inspired by intense patriotic feeling and are born out of the travail of national stress.

Two of the most stirring national songs, "La Marseillaise" and "The Star Spangled Banner," were the productions not of competitors for a gold medal, but of patriots in a moment of enthusiasm begotten by the peril of their country. Rouget de Lisle and Francis Scott Key would possibly never have given to the world the songs that have since become world famous had they been dependent upon the inspiration of the prize competition. Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was the product of the most momentous struggle in the nation's history.

A great national anthem must be something more than technical exactness and the perfection of the composer's art. It must breathe the spirit of nationality, and that implies that the composer must feel what he writes if his work is to endure as an expression of the country's patriotism. There is therefore little likelihood that the Rhode Island competition will give us American music for "America" which will supplant in popular favor the air to which we sing "My country, 'tis of thee," even though that air be adapted from the English national anthem.

They Agreed.

To his valet no man is a hero. Even his caddie is apt to hold the highest in very low estimation. The latter discovery was made the other day by a certain legal luminary who already had quite a modest opinion of his own abilities, though he has been for many years an ornament of the bench and is himself the son of a judge. During his off days he usually divides his energies between golf and dairy farming. On the occasion in question it happened to be golf, and not being in his usual form he made a very bad fizzle.

He looked incredulously at the ground, looked inquiringly at his club and having apparently solved the difficult problem faced his caddie and exclaimed with emphasis, "Well, I am an ass!" The caddie, startled out of a dream of bliss, was too well trained to contradict his employer, so he solemnly replied, "Yes, sir!" The man of law had overlooked the other's existence, but this candid opinion recalled him to earth. He looked at the caddie and the caddie looked at him for a brief second. Then both burst into a shout of laughter. The humor of the situation had struck them simultaneously.—London Tatler.

Growing in England.

It is claimed that woman suffrage "is not making headway in England." The first petition for woman suffrage presented to parliament in 1867 was signed by only 1,499 women. The petition of 1873 was signed by 11,000 women. The petition presented to the members of the recent parliament was signed by 257,000 women.

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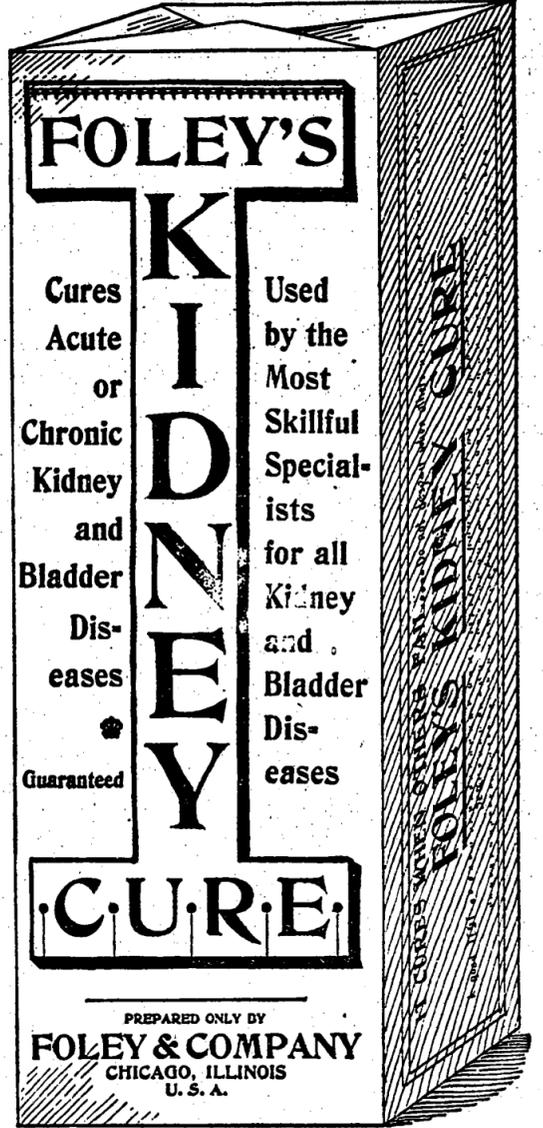
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This Company also owns patents on the best Steel Box Freight Car ever invented and the first car built is contracted for by a prominent Boston and New York Railway Co. The United States Car & Vehicle Co. also own 8 valuable patents pertaining to Railway equipment. Altogether, forming a safe and solid foundation for your investment. Send for our Book entitled "The Whole Story." Address all communications to

The U. S. Car & Vehicle Co.

Room 942, Tremont Bldg., Boston.

The Company will soon establish a Car Plant; we want good capable men and mechanics to fill the various positions.

PROVERBS

"When the butter won't come put a penny in the churn," is an old time dairy proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever told why.

When mothers are worried because the children do not gain strength and flesh we say give them Scott's Emulsion.

It is like the penny in the milk because it works and because there is something astonishing about it.

Scott's Emulsion is simply a milk of pure cod liver oil with some hypophosphites especially prepared for delicate stomachs.

Children take to it naturally because they like the taste and the remedy takes just as naturally to the children because it is so perfectly adapted to their wants.

For all weak and pale and thin children Scott's Emulsion is the most satisfactory treatment.



We will send you the penny, i. e., a sample free.

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

SCOTT & BOWNE,
Chemists,
409 Pearl St., N. Y.
50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Coughs

"My wife had a deep-seated cough for three years. I purchased two bottles of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, large size, and it cured her completely."

J. H. Burge, Macon, Col.

Probably you know of cough medicines that relieve little coughs, all coughs, except deep ones!

The medicine that has been curing the worst of deep coughs for sixty years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Three sizes: 25c., 50c., \$1. All druggists.

Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing.

J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

FREE!

To Readers of the Antrim Reporter:—

To the first forty-two adult people who will cut out this advertisement and bring it to our store, we will give a regular 25c. bottle of

SPILLER'S GOLDEN COUGH BALSAM.

To show their faith in its curative properties, the proprietors of this remedy want anyone suffering from a cough and cold to give it a trial free of charge.

Remember, we have only 42 bottles to give away, and the first 42 adults who bring this advertisement will get them. These are not small samples, but the regular 25c. size.

WM. F. DICKEY,
Pharmacist. Antrim, N. H.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

News From Our Neighbors.

FRANCESTOWN.

Frank G. Foote of North Chelmsford, Mass., visited at his father's, T. F. Foote, a few days last week.

G. O. Joslin of Bennington was in town last week.

Mrs. William Bassett and son, Willie, returned from Boston last week, where they have been visiting relatives.

At the parsonage Tuesday, March 10, Rev. H. A. Coolidge will sell at public auction some household articles, also wagons, sleigh, etc.

The high winds of Saturday blew a tree onto J. H. Whitefield's mill, breaking the whistle, beside doing damage to other parts.

John Morse visited in Concord and Groton last week.

Miss Ethel Bates, asst. teacher in the Academy, will spend her vacation at her home in South Royalston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bixby visited her sister, Mrs. Thompson, in Manchester last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Morse of Boston visited his aunt, Mrs. Addie Bixby, the past week.

Mrs. Buxton is quite ill at present writing.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at Dickey's drug store. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25c per box.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Wm. F. Dickey.

GREENFIELD.

Miss Mary Pettee of Frankestown was in town last week.

A former pastor, Rev. P. R. Crowell of Peterham, Mass., assisted Rev. J. W. Savage at the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Russell-Barrett.

The Pomona Grange held a very interesting and well attended meeting here Tuesday of last week.

Several attended the Fireman's ball in Bennington.

John Holt of Charlestown, Mass., was a recent guest of relatives here.

The funeral services of Henry E. Wheeler were held at the church Wednesday at 12 o'clock. The Rev. J. W. Savage officiating. Waverley Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Antrim attended in a body and took charge of the services. Burial was in Boston.

Mr. Wheeler Got Rid of His Rheumatism.

"During the winter of 1898 I was so lame in my joints, in fact all over my body, that I could hardly hobble around, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. From the first application I began to get well, and was cured and have worked steadily all the year.—R. Wheeler, Northwood, N. Y.

For sale by W. F. Dickey.

The Easy Pill.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers do not gripe nor weaken the system. They cure biliousness, jaundice, constipation and inactive livers, by arousing the secretions, moving the bowels gently, yet effectually, and giving such tone and strength to the glands of the stomach, liver and bowels that the cause of the trouble is removed entirely. These famous little pills exert a decided tonic effect upon organs involved, and if their use is continued for a few days there will be no return of the trouble.

W. F. Dickey, Antrim, Eaton's, Hancock, G. O. Joslin, Bennington.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "Digests what you eat."

HANCOCK.

Miss Elsie Ware is home from Thornton's Ferry where she has been teaching school.

Richard Cram has purchased a farm in Lyndebois.

H. B. Marshall was home from Manchester a few days recently.

The winter term of school has closed and Miss Spencer has returned to her home in Jamaica Plains.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung disease by W. F. Dickey, Druggist. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles free.

"The Land of Manatee."

Three beautiful booklets descriptive of an interesting and delightful region on the West Coast of Florida, below the frost line. For copies, free, call on agents of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, or address C. B. Ryan, General Passenger Agt., Portsmouth, Va.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure "Digests what you eat."

WEST DEERING.

Mrs. John Goodnow is working in the hosiery mill at the "Bridge."

Miss M. Sullivan is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Chester McAllister was shopping in Nashua last week.

Mrs. J. R. Bagley is in poor health.

Mrs. Frank Appleton is not as well as usual.

Mrs. L. Holton has gone to her Boston home for the remainder of the winter.

DOWN IN DIXIE

Amid the Singing Pines Away From Frost and Cold.

Just now a number of our readers are planning where they will go for the winter and no doubt the majority of them will do as they have done in the past, buy round-trip excursion tickets, good for six months, to Southern Pines, N. C., and those who want to make side-trips of a few weeks to Florida, Louisiana or Texas, can get round-trip tickets from Southern Pines to the points they desire to visit at the most favorable rates and thus save unnecessary expenses. Southern Pines is the Headquarters for Northern Tourist. It is located in the high sand hills among the Long Leaf Pines on the Seaboard Air Line Railway, which is the most direct route between New York, Washington and Jacksonville, Florida.

We advise our readers who are expecting to make a Southern trip to write to Mr. John T. Patrick, Pinebluff, N. C., and he will send them, free of charge, printed matter that will be of much interest.

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\$60.00 a month and expenses. Can commence immediately. A permanent position with chance of advancement. We can give you this county as a starting point if desired, and outline new territory as fast as required. Look up our standing at your local bank and satisfy yourself that we are O. K. financially, and then write us at once if you mean business. No triflers need apply, as we want workers who expect to earn a good income.

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ROCHESTER, N. H.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.

When you wake up with a bad taste in your mouth, go at once to Dickey's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. One or two doses will make you well. They also cure biliousness, sick headache and constipation.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

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George W. Hunt,
ANTRIM, N. H.

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Many newspapers have lately given currency to reports by irresponsible parties to the effect that

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WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4, 1903.

Entered at the Post-office at Antrim as second-class matter.

A Deserved Improvement.

MR. EDITOR: I am very much pleased to see that our selectmen have put an article in the warrant for the next town meeting, calling for an appropriation for the care of the various town cemeteries. I think that this is a move in the right direction, and a work that ought to be attended to at once.

To my mind there is nothing that speaks so well for a town as a well kept, final home for our dead. And in this progressive age, when we are demanding so many bright and beautiful things for ourselves in our homes, shall we neglect the last resting place of our loved ones? This is an age of investigation as to our ancestry, and in many cases all that is left to tell the tale of former days, is the burial place of those whose history the world knew.

Many during the summer find their way to the old cemetery on Church hill, at the East, and at Branch, to seek out the last resting place of loved ones gone before.

For a small sum these irregular and fallen stones can be put in place and in order. The grass can be kept out and these now far too often gloomy spots can be made a beautiful vision of loveliness and care.

It is to be hoped that our citizens will carefully consider this matter and vote the sum asked for this purpose.

ORLANDO M. LORD

Vermont Grown Seed Peas.

Nott's Excelsior 24 cts., and Bliss Everbearing 16 cts., quart, delivered free of express or freight charges anywhere in the towns of Antrim, France-town, Greenfield or Hancock; we also furnish all kinds of field, garden and flower seed. All seed warranted fresh and true to name.

H. J. BURR,

Bennington,
Agt. for Hopkins Vermont Grown Seed

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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

Republican Caucus.

The Republican caucus was held at the Town hall on Monday evening and the following nominations were made:

Town Clerk—John A. Balch
Town Treasurer—George P. Little
Selectmen—Morton Paige, George H. Hutchinson, Charles W. Farmer
Overseer of the Poor—Morton Paige
Library Trustee—George E. Hastings
Road Agents—James A. Elliott, Charles O. Woods
Auditors—F. F. Roach, H. W. Eldredge

DR. E. M. BOWERS,
Dentist.

Office over Alexander's Jewelry Store, open regularly each month from the 9th to 15th and 24th to 30th inclusive.

All dental operations carefully performed.

Special attention given to Crown and Bridge work.

Ether, gas or local anaesthetic, for painless extraction of teeth.

Cases requiring much time can address, for appointment, Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

CLINTON VILLAGE.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brownell are entertaining a brother and sister of Mr. Brownell. The first meeting for twenty five years.

Mrs. J. M. W. Hills who has been sick several weeks, does not gain as fast as her friends wish.

Mrs. Clara Abbott has so far recovered as to ride out a short distance.

Mrs. Morris Hills visited with her mother at Bennington one day last week.

George Brown remains about the same.

F. D. Ellsworth is quite sick with pneumonia.

Democratic Caucus.

The Democratic caucus met at the Town hall last Friday evening. Milton Tenney was chosen chairman and D. W. Cooley clerk. The following nominations were made:

Town Clerk—John A. Balch
Town Treasurer—George P. Little
Selectmen—George F. Perry, Milton Tenney, George M. Lovren
Overseer of Poor—George F. Perry
Road Agents—Charles A. Whittemore, Charles O. Woods
Library Trustee—J. Leon Brownell
Auditors—F. F. Roach, H. W. Eldredge.

Valley Pine Farm Notes.

George Craige got from 97 hens last week 35 dozen and 9 eggs; largest number laid in one day 74 eggs.

George Craige has a hen that has been setting a term of six weeks. The first three weeks she hatched 10 chickens from 11 eggs; the last three weeks 9 chickens from 10 eggs. Who has a hen that can beat this?

Mrs. Eva Hudson visited over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. George Craige.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O., We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WALDING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Potatoes For Sale.

100 bushels extra quality potatoes for sale for \$1.00 per bushel cash, delivered.

ANDREW WHITE,
Antrim, N. H.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
"Digests what you eat."



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., as thousands do.

No other medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles. Refuse to buy any substitute.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness.
Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Men's White Laundered Shirts.	50 and 75c
Men's White Unlaundered Shirts.	50c
Boy's White Laundered Shirts	45c
Men's 4 ply 2100 Linen Collars.	13c each
Men's Paper Collars	25c per box
Men's Linen Cuffs,	25c per pair
Men's Paper Cuffs.	25c per box

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The Single Comb Brown Leghorns have taken their place among the general utility fowls, because they produce more eggs of larger size than the Asiatics and most other breeds and because they begin laying sooner, do not consume so much time in setting, are hardy, easily raised, do a lot of hustling and consequently can be raised at much less expense.

No one desiring eggs will make a mistake in breeding Brown Leghorns. If they fail to come up to your expectations in egg production, be sure there is something wrong in the management.

It is claimed by many breeders that, no variety of domestic fowls among the improved breeds at present will produce during the year a larger number of eggs with the same feed and care than Brown Leghorns.

The laying of eggs seems to be their great forte, and so regular and uniform is this quality that it is a rare occurrence to find a poor layer in the flock.

They are a proud, sprightly and handsome variety of fowls and commend themselves to all lovers of fancy poultry.

From the thoroughbred single comb Brown Leghorns, Howell's strain of Elmira, N. Y.

This is the best laying strain that can be found. They lay large eggs and lots of them.

If packed for shipping, price for 13 eggs, \$1.00. If got at the farm, 50 cents.

Geo. P. Craige,

Manager and Proprietor Valley Pine Poultry Farm,

ANTRIM, N. H.

For Sale Cheap.

One 200 Egg Prairie State Incubator, been set only three times. One 50 Egg Wooden Hen, one 50 Chick Brooder, all in good condition. Reason for selling is because I have no time to use them.

MALCOLM FRENCH.

Just Look

at my prices on flour and grain and then think twice before buying.

Best Pastry,	\$4.25
Best All Round,	4.50
Gold Medal,	4.75
Niagara,	5.00

Every Bbl. Warranted.

Meal and Cracked Corn, \$1.15

All other grain at prices to correspond.

I also carry in stock

Baled Hay, Oyster Shells, Sugar, Salt, Etc.

G. M. LOVEREN,

Coolidge Mill,

HANCOCK, N. H.

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THE WHOLE system feels the effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla—stomach, liver, kidneys, heart, nerves are strengthened and **SUSTAINED.**

Now You See It,

And now you don't. That's the way with some eyes. Things come and go. One moment objects are clear and distinct, the next blurred and waning. There is something wrong. What? Do you know? Do you want to know? Perhaps proper glasses will stop it now. Maybe they won't if you wait too long.

I would like to tell you what is good for your eyes and what is bad for them.

Come in for an eye talk.

Eyes tested free.

DELMONT E. GORDON,

Jeweler and Optician,

The White Front, Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

Village and Town News.

Story, the Main Street Optician and Jeweler, Hillsboro.

Dr. Colgate is in Concord.

G. P. Craige has an adv. in this issue.

Miss Sadie Duncklee has been quite ill of late.

Lewis Hatch has been on the sick list of late.

Ed. Sevarance was in Hinesburg, Vt., recently.

Competitive speaking in the Town hall to-night.

Walter Mordo of Lyndeboro was in town Monday.

George Miner was home from Sandown over Sunday.

Hon. G. S. Peavey of Greenfield was here Thursday.

Miss Anna E. White was at her home here over Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza N. Barrett of Stoddard visited at O. H. Robb's Monday.

Hon. J. Frank Scavey of Dover was in town Friday and Saturday.

Miss Kate Galvin is entertaining her brother and sister from Boston.

W. F. Dickey and family spent Sunday with relatives in Peterboro.

The W. R. C. will give a dinner in G. A. R. hall Town meeting day.

Miss Isabel Jameson has returned from a five weeks absence in New York City.

Robt. Munhall has left the cutlery shop and last week visited in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Clara Putney entertained a few of her friends at her home last Friday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Weston and Mrs. Arthur Ingram of Greenfield were here Monday.

D. F. Hunt is in Newport, called there by the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Dura Richards.

Will Gangloff of Lyndeboro has been the recent guest of his sister here, Miss Edna Gangloff.

Dr. Prouty of Keene was in town Monday and performed an operation on Miss Emma Merrill, who broke her leg some six weeks ago.

Frank Amidon of Richmond was in town last week. He has purchased of G. P. Craige a lot of standing timber west of Gregg pond.

Mrs. Starr B. Center of Wilton, Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly, is expected to visit the lodge here next week Wednesday evening.

The village teachers of the public schools and several others by invitation spent a very enjoyable evening with Mrs. G. W. Hunt last Wednesday.

Miss Florence Rogers, assistant in the High School, was confined to her room last week by illness, Mrs. James A. Elliott, a former teacher in our schools, substituted.

The out district schools closed on Friday afternoon last; the village schools close this week Friday with the exception of the 9th grade and High School which will close March 20.

Miss Susan M. Murdock has returned to her home in Spencer, Mass., after having taught most successfully at the Centre school. She made many friends while in town and there is general regret that she is not to return here.

A reception was tendered Miss Eva B. Annidown on Thursday evening at the pleasant home of E. W. Baker. The company was composed of members of the class of '02, A. H. S., and invited guests. The evening passed in a pleasant and happy manner.

Itching Skin

Distress by day and night—

That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. They can't.

The source of the trouble is in the blood—make that pure and this scaling, burning, itching skin disease will disappear.

"I was taken with an itching on my arms which proved very disagreeable. I concluded it was salt rheum and bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. In two days after I began taking it I felt better and it was not long before I was cured. Have never had any skin disease since." Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

rid the blood of all impurities and cure all eruptions.

Returned to Antrim.

G. N. Hulett, who has been spending the winter in California, has returned to his home here, and wishes to inform his patrons that they may bring in their wagons to be painted and orders for work will be promptly attended to.

Mrs. Lydia A. Davis.

Mrs. Lydia A. Davis, whose death was noticed in our last issue, died at the home of Mrs. C. F. Davis on Highland avenue, Tuesday evening of last week at the advanced age of 78 years and 3 months. She was born in Hancock and married Preston R. Davis, they lived for a time here and then removed to Peterboro. For the past five years, she had made her home with the family of her son, the late C. F. Davis, by whom she was tenderly cared for. She is survived by a son, E. G. Davis of Roxbury, Mass., one brother, Sylvester Tenney of Peterboro, and two sisters, one residing in Hancock, the other in Everett, Mass.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church in Peterboro on Thursday at 12.30 p. m., Rev. Dr. W. R. Cochrane of Antrim officiating assisted by Rev. Mr. Hainer.

A Card.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

W. F. DICKEY, Antrim,
G. O. JOSLIN, Bennington,
EATON STORE, Hancock.

Mrs. Kate Hudson.

Mrs. Kate (Bishop) Hudson, widow of the late John G. Hudson of this town, died at the home of her son, James Hudson, in Hillsboro Bridge last Friday afternoon.

She was born in Keene and was at the time of her death 63 years of age, and for some time had been in failing health. Mrs. Hudson was formerly a resident of Antrim, residing on what is known as the "Holmes Farm" in the west part of the town. She is survived by two sons, J. Ed., of this place and James, of Hillsboro. Funeral services were held at her late home in Hillsboro on Monday afternoon and the remains were brought here and interred in the family lot in Maplewood cemetery.

For Sale.

One Mason & Hamlin Organ, in good condition, will sell at a reasonable price. Apply to Miss MARIA SWEETSER.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c at W. F. Dickey, druggist.

Independent.

Nomination papers have been filed with the town clerk and the ticket reads thus:

Town Clerk—John A. Balch
Town Treasurer—George P. Little
Selectmen—George F. Perry, Morton Paige, Milton Tenney
Overseer of Poor—Morton Paige
Library Trustee—
Road Agents—Charles A. Whittemore, Charles O. Woods
Auditors—F. F. Roach, H. W. Eldredge.

Rev. and Mrs. Montgomery entertained the members of the Epworth League and invited guests at the Methodist Parsonage on Friday evening of last week. A goodly number were present, refreshments were served and the evening was a most enjoyable one. The host and hostess were untiring in their efforts to make the gathering a success.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy
CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

Deacon's--Antrim Store--Deacon's Antrim's Busiest Store.

What a Grand Business We are Doing at Wilton!

It proves to us again and again that we have **JUST THE GOODS THE PEOPLE WANT.**

We did more business last week at Wilton than at our opening week at Hillsboro.

Again taking **ALL OUR WINTER GOODS** from **ANTRIM and HILLSBORO** keeps our stock in the most perfect condition. When we see stores in other towns, it makes us think that

OUR STORE AND GOODS AVERAGE WITH BEST OF THEM.

And we shall continue to keep our stock so clean that the most particular person can't find any fault with them.

THIS WEEK we shall show a most Beautiful Line of **GINGHAMS, NEW SUITS, NEW SEPARATE SUITS, NEW PRINTS, NEW PERCALES NEW COTTON UNDERWEAR.**

Point de Paris and Torchon LACES.
15c and 19c Laces
For 10c.

New Stock Men's

\$1.00 Waistings

Rubber Boots.

For 69c.

HARRY DEACON.

EAST ANTRIM.

Mr. Frank Wilson is confined to the house. His friends hope to see him out soon.

Mr. Geist, who has been stopping at the Mountain View House, returned home last week.

Samuel Thomson has been entertaining the gripe.

E. W. Coburn is at the Wilson farm for a season.

Mrs. James Ayer and daughter of Massachusetts, have been spending a season at Butternut Lodge, G. F. Trask's.

Mrs. Bessie Goodwin is entertaining her sister from Peterboro.

A. D. White is improving the sledding.

Mr. Perry's people gave a party in honor of Miss Grace Gaynor of Boston, who has been a guest of the Mountain View House for several seasons, on Feb. 23. A grand success is reported.



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DR. DAVID KENNEDY'S Favorite Remedy
The one sure cure for the Kidneys, Liver and Blood

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Desirable Two-story Two-bement House, on Pleasant St., in Antrim, will be sold Very Low on Easy Monthly Payments, if desired. Would accept (\$100) one hundred dollars down and the balance as rent \$8.00 per month.

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I have secured the agency for "Honest Fertilizer," the best manufactured, being the goods of the American Agricultural Chemical Co. Before buying give me a call and get prices.

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Something That Will Do You.

We know of no way in which we can be of more service to our readers than to tell them of something that will be of real good to them. For this reason we want to acquaint them with what we consider one of the very best remedies on the market for coughs, colds and that alarming complaint, croup. We refer to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it with such good results in our family so long that it has become a household necessity. By its prompt use we haven't any doubt but that it has time and again prevented croup. The testimony is given upon our own experience, and we suggest that our readers, especially those who have small children, always keep it in their homes as a safeguard against croup.—Camden (S. C.) Messenger.
For sale by W. F. Dickey.

MARK-DOWN!

—AT—

Miss Whitney's.

Lot Dressed Dolls
That were 75c, 87c, \$1.00, \$1.25.
Choice 50c.

Trimmed Hats,
Fancy Feathers and All
Fancy Trimmings,
All Marked Down!

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy
CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure
Digests what you eat.

BENNINGTON

The annual school meeting was held Tuesday afternoon and the following business was transacted. Many women were present and voted.

1—To choose a moderator for the coming year.

Charles H. Kimball was chosen.

2—To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

Morris M. Cheney was reelected.

3—To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

Morris M. Cheney was chosen but declined; Mrs. Martha E. Knight was chosen.

4—To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

Charles H. Kimball was chosen.

5—To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The auditors report was read and accepted.

6—To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

M. M. George and F. A. Kimball were chosen auditors.

7—To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

\$200 in addition to the amount required by law was appropriated.

8—To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing two years.

Charles F. Burnham was elected.

9—To see if the district will authorize the School Board to unite with one or more districts to form a supervisory district and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose as provided for in Sec. 8, Chap. 75, Session Laws of 1899.

This article was dismissed.

10—To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate to pay the tuition of High School scholars.

Under this article \$456 was appropriated.

The Firemen cleared over \$75 by their concert and ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bass of West Medford, Mass., have been guests in town the past week.

Many will attend the competitive speaking in Antrim to-night.

On Monday evening March 16 a Haddock Bazaar will be held in the Town hall for the benefit of the Congregational church.

Walter Smith is in Lawrence, Mass.

Frank Clark and Pat. Cashion are in Boston.

Nathan Whitney was in Keene the first of the week.

Harvey Balch who is ill in Nashua with diphtheria is reported to be much better.

Mrs. George Holt was in Keene Monday.

Miss Nina Cheney of Hudson was in town last week.

Ed Prescott of Frankestown was here Tuesday.

Valley Grange of Hillsboro visited Bennington Grange on Friday evening about forty coming from the visiting grange, who presented a fine program. Supper was furnished by the home grange and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

E. A. Holt of Hudson was in town recently.

Mrs. George Dodge returned from Boston Tuesday accompanied by her son Lewis.

A Case of Interpretation.

"What shall we do with the prisoner?" demanded the spokesman of the mob. "Do thou, O royal chamberlain, haste to the presence of his majesty and learn his wish."

The royal chamberlain hurried to the presence and bowed himself thrice to the floor; then he asked the monarch's pleasure regarding the desperate outlaw.

"Away with him!" said the king in a loud, harsh voice.

But the chamberlain was something of a humorist, and when he returned to the mob he laughingly announced that in regard to the misdoings with the prisoner the king had said only that it was "a way with him."

Whereupon the mob reluctantly released their quarry.

But in trying to explain the joke to the obtuse king the royal chamberlain became confused and completely lost his head.—Baltimore American.

Color of Judas' Hair.

In very early times all pictures of Judas were shown with great shocks of red hair falling down well on the shoulders. This and the fact that the Judas in the "Miracle Plays" was provided with a red hirsute worked the superstitious people of the middle ages up to such a degree that it was actually unsafe for a red haired person to appear in company. Seeing that things were coming to a serious pass, writers of all classes began to rebuke and denounce "the senseless prejudice against those of lively colored hair." Cyrano de Bergerac in his "States and Empires of the Sun" boldly praised and glorified the despised color in the following words: "A brave head covered with red hair is nothing else but the sun in the midst of his rays, yet many speak ill of it because few have the honor to be so."

Some Examples of "Nerve."

In a recent big libel case the foreman of the jury received a letter from a publican, apparently otherwise sane, asking him to insure that the jury should find for the defendant because he had a heavy bet on the result, and this astonishing epistle was read in court. It is interesting to note that the writer lost his bet anyhow. Equally bland was the request once made to Mr. Balfour during his premiership to have dismissed from the commission of the peace a justice who had very properly sentenced the author of the request, a notorious ruffian, to a stiff term of imprisonment for sending begging letters.—London Answers.

Cautions.

A lawyer happened to be acquainted with a juror in a petty civil case, and he met him during a recess of the court. The lawyer was just "lighting up," and under ordinary circumstances he would have offered the other a cigar unhesitatingly; but it occurred to him that it might not look right.

"I suppose," he said guardedly, "that a cigar would not influence your verdict?"

The juror was equally cautious. "A good one wouldn't," he replied, "but a poor one might prejudice me." He got a good cigar.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Poor Mamma.

The Dear Child—Oh, Mrs. Bloom, when did you get back?
Mrs. Bloom—Bless you, dear, I was not away anywhere. What made you think so?

The Dear Child—I thought you were. I heard my mamma say that you were at loggerheads with your husband for over a week.

Absolutely Past Hope.

"She is the most inconsistent woman I ever knew."

"Never does what she ought to or what you expect, eh?"
"That is just it. Sometimes she does. She is inconsistently inconsistent."

Beware of the man who offers you advice at the expense of a mutual friend.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and piles. 25c, at W. F. Dickey, druggist.

HILLSBORO LOWER VILLAGE.

The entertainment last Friday evening was a very pleasant affair; it was the largest party of the season. The gentlemen had charge of the whole business.

Mrs. George Hastings is very ill; the rest of the sick people are improving.

S. P. White has lost his hound.

The Ladies' Circle met with Mrs. Clara Baker Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Pollard has returned from her visit in Suncook and Miss Hardy came with her.

Miss Bertha Jackman returned from the Bridge last Friday.

Mrs. Nellie Clapp was in the village visiting her sister, Mrs. Ordway, last Thursday.

Mrs. Will Procter of the Bridge is a guest of Mrs. Fred Gibson.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.

The only positive cure for blind and protruding piles, cuts, burus, boils, bruises, eczema and all abrasions of the skin. DeWitt's is the only Witch Hazel Salve that is made from the pure unadulterated witch hazel—all others are counterfeits. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is made to cure—the counterfeits to sell.

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"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup, I have ever used in my family. I have no words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich.
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Weak Stomach

causes a weak body and invites disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures and strengthens the stomach, and wards off and overcomes disease. J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Christman, Tex., says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and run down in weight. All that money could do was done, but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol, I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefited me, and after taking four bottles I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health."

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Trustworthy, either sex, by Wholesale Merchandise Company of solid financial standing, to manage Local Representatives who will organize clubs among consumers. 40 per cent saved for our customers. Business no experiment but a proven success. Salary \$18 00 a week, expenses advanced. Experience unnecessary. Address D. B. CLARKSON, MGR., 334 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

One Minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute, because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucus membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of Coughs, Colds and Croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old.

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Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

BARBER'S BIG DEPT STORE,

MILFORD, N. H.

Although the Store is Full of Special Values and items of interest on all its four floors, the space in this paper allows us to mention only a few of them. We strive to inform our readers of as many of them as possible, giving new information now and then regarding seasonable merchandise, special sales, mark-downs, etc. This week we want to tell you of some Special Offerings in our

FURNITURE DEPART

Chiffonieres

A few all Solid Oak 5-Drawer Chiffonieres that were \$6, are offered this week for **\$4.98**

Hall Racks

Several all Solid Oak Hall Racks with Mirror and heavy brass hooks, former price \$4, Sale Price **\$2.79**

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Two Oak Book Cases, 4 shelves, marked from \$3.10 to **\$1.98**
Three Book Cases, that were \$2.10, now **98c**

Lamp Stands

An assortment of Oak Lamp Stands, with Quartered Oak Tops, are shown, at only **47c each**

10,000 Yds. Odd Wall Paper Borders

Six, Nine and Eighteen Inch Widths, the result of a tremendous Wall Paper business. These borders must be closed out at once, and to do so we do them up in bunches of from 16 to 100 yds, at **5c a bundle**

We have secured the exclusive agency for Milford and vicinity for the Celebrated OSTERMOOR Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses, and are prepared to show you their superior points or what is better, Place One in Your Home For a Thirty Days Trial. Better and Cheaper than the best curled hair mattress ever made. Let us show them.

H. H. Barber, Milford.

A LETTER FROM

Rev. Charles H. Hickok,
Department Chaplain, Massachusetts, G. A. R.

Wakefield, Mass., Dec 25, 1902. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass.
Gentlemen: I commenced taking the tablets Dec. 12th and since then I have only had two slight attacks and those of slight duration. For more than thirty (30) years I have suffered from the torments of Dyspepsia, involving sour stomach, water brash, heart burn, etc., etc., with scarcely 24 hours intervening to be freed from it, and I can assure you it has been a great relief to get some rest. The old fits of vomiting have not as yet returned, and pray that they may not. I have taken the (Andrews) Only Dyspepsia Cure tablets so far at the close of each meal, sour stomach or no sour stomach. I expect a complete cure and will surely follow your directions. May the Lord help. Nothing thus far has ever given me permanent cure.
Trusting to hear from you soon,
I remain,
Very truly yours,
C. H. HICKOK.

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HIT of THE EVENING

By Richard Barker Shelton

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Despite the fact that he stood 6 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet and that the great muscles of his arms and chest were the envy of every man in the shop, Tommy Sanders had a heart as tender as any woman's. Even the dogs knew this, and many a homeless cur stilled, whining, up to him as he strode homeward at nightfall.

Tommy's back yard was generally the temporary quarters of a half dozen or more homeless mongrels. If the neighbors complained of the unearthly howlings, he would smile patiently and say: "Well, what's to be done? Would not have me turn 'em out to starve, now, would you?" And something in the round, frank face and the deep, cheery voice always made the neighbors say, "No; oh, no!" most apologetically.

Tommy was a draftsman in the big molding mills on the outskirts of the town. The little home provided by his wages was presided over by his mother, a frail little woman, to whom Tommy was at once an idol to be worshipped.

"That soft heart of his will be his death," she often remarked. "Why, only last month he gave his coat to a dirty beggar and caught a fearful cold coming home without it."

The family physician, to whom she confided this bit of news, smiled immoderately.

"I'll tell you, Mrs. Sanders, I'd be willing to have a good many colds if I had a heart like Tommy's."

"And that last stray pup he brought home the other night got up from the cellar and chewed up Tommy's speech," she went on.

"The office at the mill has a dinner next week, you know, and Tommy is to be one of the speakers. And it was a real good speech he wrote too. He had all but the last of it by heart, and of course that was the very part the pup chewed up. Land! I've been all day trying to copy it over."

The doctor grinned. "What did he do to the pup?" he asked.

"He?" said Mrs. Sanders. "Oh, just 'Poor old doggie, trying to steal my thunder, weren't you?'"

Tommy laughed heartily that night at his mother's account of her attempt to copy the damaged speech. The part which was chewed into illegibility he set about to rewrite with the "middle-some pup wriggling about in his lap, and when he had finished his writing and committed the whole to memory he and the pup had a frolic which left the manuscript of the speech in sad tatters.

No one but Tommy knew just how much he counted on sitting at the long table with the officials of the mill and the invited guests. On his part he was determined to do his best. To this end he went over the lines again and again until he felt sure he could start in the middle and go either way. And on the evening of the eventful day, arrayed in his dress clothes, he placed the pup on a chair and, standing before him, exhibited the heavy dignity of the oration.

Tommy left the house with a light heart and his mother's injunction to "button his overcoat way up" ringing in his ears. His mind refused to stray from his speech. As he turned the corner he was mumbling to himself, "It is with some hesitation I rise to respond," when he was suddenly aware of a little group on the sidewalk gazing upward. Something on the spire of the old Wesley church attracted their attention.

"What is it?" he inquired of one of the men.

"Kitten," was the response.

Tommy strained his eyes, and in the fast dying light he could make out a tiny speck well up on the spire. In a moment speech and dinner were forgotten.

"Where's the sexton?" he asked, with sudden energy.

"In the house there next the church," some one answered him. A moment later Tommy was tugging at the door-bell.

"You the sexton?" he asked, and, as the man nodded, "Kitten on the spire there."

The sexton made some profane observations concerning trespassing felons.

"Get a lantern and come on," said Tommy. The sexton looked his disgust and then emphatically dismissed it.

Tommy fumbled in his pocket and thrust a bill into the sexton's hand. That changed the complexion of things. The sexton got a lantern, and together they climbed the rickety stairs of the tower. At last they reached the top. Above them was a small trapdoor.

"Roof of the bell deck, eh?" said Tommy.

"Yep," said the sexton, raising the

lantern. Tommy had shed his coat and overcoat and was fumbling with the hasp.

"Ain't going out there?" the sexton questioned incredulously. "Sure," said Tommy. He flung the door open and crawled out. The keen air made him shiver. He grasped the lightning rod and stood up. Below him—far below him—were twinkling street lamps, and momentarily he was dizzy. He looked up. The lightning rod ran straight up the spire, and beside it, clinging tight and mewling faintly, was the kitten. That decided him. From the group below came a faint cheer. Grasping the lightning rod, he began to climb steadily upward.

It seemed an interminable climb. His breath came hard. His temples seemed bursting, but always he worked slowly upward until he was abreast of the kitten. "Kitty, kitty!" he called softly, and, cautiously reaching out one hand, he drew in the trembling little wretch and thrust it in his trousers pocket. Then he let himself slowly downward until he reached the trapdoor, crawled through and sat down on the rickety steps to regain his breath.

Presently he donned his coats, and, with the kitten in his big pocket, he made his way to the street. Arrived once more on the ground, Tommy remembered the dinner, and even as the onlookers pressed forward to congratulate him he broke away and sped down the street to the hall.

When he reached the hall, the dinner was well under way. A glance at his dirty hands and the iron rust on his clothes made his heart sink within him, but with the help of some of the waiters he made himself fairly presentable. Still carrying the kitten beneath his coat, he made his way to his seat just as the toastmaster arose for the first toast, the one to which Tommy was to respond.

When the toastmaster had finished speaking, Tommy sat like a graven image until the man in the next seat gave him a rather pronounced kick under the table. Then he got unsteadily to his feet.

"It is with some hesitation I rise to respond," he began, "because—er—because—er"—he gulped and glanced wildly about him—"because—er—hang it!" he went on. "I've forgotten every word of my speech. I—you see—I—er—had occasion on the way down here—to—er—go up the lightning rod on the spire of old Wesley, and—er— that knocked it clean out of me, you know, and so—er"—He paused and abstractedly fished the kitten from beneath his coat. It solemnly surveyed the assemblage and then gave vent to a long drawn "Me-ow!" as it settled comfortably in Tommy's big hands. A roar of laughter came from the tables, and, confused and blushing, Tommy sat down.

Soap in Shaving.

In spite of the fact that those who use the razor frequently cut themselves, yet it is rarely that anything more serious than a cut follows, the slight wound generally healing quickly, and the risk of septicaemia arising in this way would seem to be almost nil. In the majority of cases, therefore, it is clear that the razor blade must be bacteriologically clean—i. e., free from the septic matter—which may be attributed to the fact that probably it is dipped into hot sterilized water before use or else that the soap lather is antiseptic. The latter explanation seems the more probable of the two. The amount of soap rubbed on the skin is considerable, the shaving is to be in any degree comfortable, and soap has considerable antiseptic power, a 6 per cent solution being sufficient to destroy the typhoid bacillus. There can be little doubt, therefore, that the skin is rendered sterile by the liberal application of soap, and this fact is in favor of any cut that may be made remaining healthy and without any serious consequence.

In a word, soap in the operation of shaving not only facilitates the process, but plays the same valuable role when the shaver is unlucky enough to cut himself as does the antiseptic in surgery.—Lancet.

Lost Arts of Childhood.

"We hear a good deal these days about the lost arts. I wonder if the world realizes that some of the most precious arts of childhood are in danger of becoming extinct. How many boys today can make a kite properly hung and with a tail sufficient to balance it? How many boys can make a bow with the ends nicely bent and worked down with a bit of broken glass?"

"I interviewed my young nephew the other day and was thunderstruck to discover that he knew nothing about it. Could he make a water wheel, a windmill, an elder popgun, a jack o' lantern, a buzz wheel, an air gun from a goose quill with a sliced potato for ammunition, a willow whistle, a squirt gun? No; he knew nothing about them."

"But surely," I said, almost pathetically, "you can make a cornstalk fiddle."

"Do you mean a violin, uncle?"

"Then I gave it up. I don't believe the youth of today know enough to stick feathers in a corncob and throw it into the air. I am going to write a book

some day upon the arts of childhood to save them from utter annihilation."—Detroit Free Press.

Wanted All Three Wishes.

An Irish legend has it that a good fairy once visited an old couple and promised them that any three wishes they would make would be granted. After racking their brains for some time in an endeavor to discover what they desired most the couple decided to visit the county fair to see if something there would suggest what they wanted. They did so, and after rambling around all day and not seeing anything that exactly suited them toward evening they found themselves before a display of kitchen utensils. Among them was a soup ladle, cheap, but likely to appeal to a woman, so the old woman in an absent moment said, "Oh, I wish I had one of those," and immediately she had it. The old man was so enraged because his wife had thoughtlessly thrown away one valuable wish that he retorted, "I wish that was stuck down your throat," and immediately this was done. Thereupon he was at once sorry at what he wished, and the only thing left to do was to wish the ladle out again. So all three wishes went for naught.

NAPOLEON'S AWFUL HAND.

One Theory of the Great Man's Failure at Waterloo.

Napoleon, according to Alexander Dumas, lost such battles as he did lose because he wrote such a fiendish hand. His generals could not read his notes and letters, typewriting had not been invented, and the trembling marshals, afraid of disobeying and striving to interpret the indecipherable commands, loitered, wandered and did not come up to the scratch, or not to the right scratch. Thus Waterloo was lost. Cannot you fancy Grouchy handing round Napoleon's notes on that sanguinary Sunday? "I say," cries the marshal to his aid-de-camp, "is that word Gembloux or Wavre? Is this Blucher or Blou?" So probably Grouchy tossed up for it, and the real words may have been none of these at which he offered his conjectures. Meanwhile on the left and center D'Erlon and Jerome and Ney were equally puzzled and kept on sending cavalry to places where it was very uncomfortable (though our men seldom managed to hit any of the cavaliers, firing too high) and did no sort of good. Napoleon may never have been apprised of these circumstances. His old writing master was not on the scene of action. Nobody dared to say, "Sire, what does this figure of a centipede mean, and how are we to construe these two thick strokes flanked by blots?" The imperial temper was peppy; the great man would have torn off his interrogator's epaulets and danced upon them. Did he not once draw his pistol to shoot a little dog that barked at his horse? And when the pistol missed fire the great soldier threw it at the dog and did not hit him. The little dog retreated with the honors of war.

Such was the temper of Napoleon, and we know what Marlborough thought of the value of an equitable temper. Nobody could ask Bonaparte to write a legible hand, so his generals lived a life of conjecture as to his meaning, and Waterloo was not a success, and the emperor never knew why. Of all his seven or eight theories of his failure at Waterloo, his handwriting was not one. Yet if this explanation had occurred to him Napoleon would certainly have blamed his pens, ink and paper. Those of Nelson at Copenhagen were very bad. "If your guns are no better than your pens," said a Danish officer who came in under a flag of truce before the fight and was asked to put a message into writing, "you had better retire."—Andrew Lang in Longman's Magazine.

"Too Many Voters."

It is often urged as an objection to equal suffrage that "we have too many voters already."

This only means that we have too many voters of the wrong kind. If to increase the number of voters were an evil in itself, every woman who becomes the mother of half a dozen sons would have done harm to her country. But if all six grow up to be good voters she has conferred a benefit on her country. Or if five of them become good voters and only one a bad voter, the net result is for good. Woman suffrage would bring in at least five good voters to one bad one.

Initials.

Enrolling Officer—What is your name? Recruit—Owen Espy Casey.

Enrolling Officer (with evident irritation)—Shoot a few of those initials! O. N. S. P. K. C. what?—Chicago Tribune.

Sure Thing.

"Name the world's greatest composer," said the musical instructor.

"Chloroform," promptly replied the young man who had studied medicine.

If society took better care of its poor out of jail there would be less need of jails or jailers.—Boston Transcript.

OWEN MEREDITH.

A Dinner Speech of His That Elicited Howls of Derision.

I once sat at a banquet given in London by Wilson Barrett to Lawrence Barrett, says a writer in an English magazine. Earl Lytton presided, a curled, oiled, effeminate, supercilious fop. He had a Roman tragedy to sell to Wilson Barrett. That was why he came.

He eulogized Wilson Barrett in a speech. "I believe," he said, "that Mr. Barrett won some success with a piece called (consulting his notes) 'The Lights of London.' I suppose it was the work of some dramatic hack." George Sims sat facing him and never said a word.

Then his lordship went drawing on: "I next find on the list of Mr. Barrett's successes something called 'The Silver King.' Here again I know nothing of the authorship. The names of those dramatic carpenters do not interest me." At which Henry Arthur Jones glared and a flush came into the face of poor blind Henry Herman.

"Finally," said Lord Lytton, "Mr. Wilson Barrett has placed on his boards what he humorously calls a Roman tragedy. I refer to 'Claudian,' attributed to one W. G. Wills, of whom I have never heard." This was too much for the banqueters. All of them were personally acquainted with Irving's pet poet, the modest Wills. So they howled derisively.

And Earl Lytton's tragedy, produced a month later, was a dismal failure.

Superstition About Cats.

In the Montferriato it is believed that all the cats who wander about upon the roofs during the month of February are really witches, whom it is lawful and even necessary to shoot. A German superstition has it that if a black cat sits upon the bed of a sick man it is a presage of his death, while if after his decease it is seen upon his grave it is enough to arouse doubts as to the locality to which his soul has departed. In Hungary it is thought that cats generally become witches between the ages of seven and twelve years. A French belief concerning the cat is that if the animal be carried in a cart and the wind blow from it to the horses they immediately fall tired. If any part of the horseman's clothing be made of cat's skin, the horse will feel as though it carried a double burden. In other countries, however, superstition is favorable rather than adverse to the cat. A variant of the famous story of the Kilkeny cats is found in Piedmont, the cats being, however, replaced by wolves.

Life Saving Devices.

Mimicry among butterflies, moths and other insects would be comic were it not a matter of life or death. Not a few moths have at the hinder ends of their wings a black mark and two or more tails resembling the horns of their own heads. A veteran in warfare not seldom has these portions missing, a proof of the value in having saved his life. Thus the lizard's brittle tail, which, first attracting the enemy, comes off at his touch, lets his would be prey escape. When at bay, crabs distract the enemy by throwing off their claws, and lobsters do the trick more neatly by seizing the enemy with a claw and then throwing off limb and enemy. Thus the bushy tail of the squirrel is accounted for. There is a chance of escaping the enemy minus only a mouthful of fur.

The Missionary Apple Tree.

In the rectory garden of Pysford, near Woking, England, there stands what is familiarly known as the missionary apple tree. The tree is a large one and of a good age and has been so named for the reason that for many years past it has been the custom of the rector of the parish to collect the fruit, sell it in the best market and devote the proceeds to the missionary societies of the Church of England. Quite a large sum of money has been raised in this way, and the apples, which are of the Blenheim orange variety, always find a ready sale at excellent prices among the gentry and farmers of the district.

African Natives and Salt.

To obtain salt the Bakalula and other African natives burn banana leaves and certain grasses and, collecting the ashes, place them in a large funnel ingeniously made from large banana leaves. Through this they percolate water and then evaporate the filtered water by boiling, obtaining a fairly white salt composed of a very small amount of chloride of sodium and a very large amount of chlorate of potash and other salts. Prior to the advent of the traders and the missionaries this was the only salt they had to satisfy the natural craving of a vegetable eating people.

Inseparable Words.

"Say," asked the red faced man in the hotel writing room, "How do you spell 'unmitigated'?"

"Why," replied the stranger next to him, "it's u-n-m-i-t-a-t-e-d, my friend, I wouldn't advise you to call a man a liar of any sort in a letter. You'll get yourself in trouble."—Philadelphia Press.

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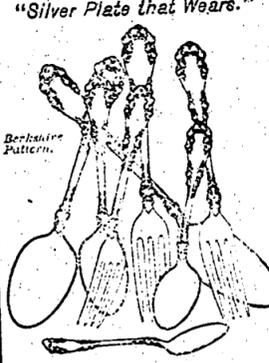
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SOME QUIANT ENGLISH.

Portuguese Idea of the Language in a Book of "Learning."

A book as amusing as it is rare is in the library of a Wissahickon student. The work is called "O Nova Guia da Conversacao." It is supposed to instruct the Portuguese in English conversation, and the following, a dialogue headed "For to Ride a Horse," is the kind of English conversation it supplies:

"Here is a horse who have a bad looks. Give mi another; I will not that. He not tall know to march, he is pury, he is foundered. Don't you are ashamed to give me a jade as like? He is undshoed, he is with nails up; it want to lead to the farrier."

An anecdote in the book is: "A day came a man to consult this philosopher for to know at o'clock it was one to eat. 'If thou art rich, told him eat when you shall wish; if you are poor, when you may do.'"

In the preface the most elegant paragraph is the following:

"We expect then, who the little book (for the care what we wrote him, and for her typographical correction) that may be worth the acceptance of the studious persons, and especially of the youth, at which we dedicate him particularly."

The authors of this strange volume are Jose da Fonseca and Pedro Carolina. It would be interesting to know where Pedro and Jose "learned" English.—Philadelphia Record.

Verdi Was Right.

When Verdi was putting the last touches to "Il Trovatore," he was visited in his study by a privileged friend, who was one of the ablest living musicians and critics. He was permitted to examine the score and run over the "Anvil Chorus" on the pianoforte. "What do you think of that?" asked Verdi. "Trash," responded the connoisseur. Verdi rubbed his hands and chuckled. "Now look at this," he said. "Rubbish!" said the other, rolling a cigarette. The composer rose and embraced him with a burst of joy. "What do you mean?" asked the critic. "My dear friend," cried Verdi, "I have been making a popular opera. In it I resolved to please everybody except the purists, the great judges, the classicists like you. Had I pleased you I should have pleased no one else. What you say assures me of success. In three months 'Il Trovatore' will be sung and roared and whistled and barrel organed all over Italy." And so it proved.

A Safe Proceeding.

Lord Lyons, English minister at Washington during the civil war and afterward ambassador to France, was a diplomatist to the core. He was exceedingly tactful in action and had the rare art of keeping his own counsel.

When Sir Edward Blount called upon him one day at the embassy in Paris he found that a well known journalist had preceded him. The visitor was laying down the law in a loud tone, and when, after his departure, Sir Edward was received, he took the liberty of saying:

"May I be allowed to ask if it is quite wise to discuss state secrets in such a loud tone? I heard every word that was said, my lord, as I sat in the ante-room."

"All?" said Lord Lyons. "But even then you could not hear what I said, for I said nothing."—Youth's Companion.

The Cherokee and Polytheism.

The Cherokee Indian was originally a polytheist. To him the spirit world was only a shadowy counterpart of this one. He had no great spirit, no happy hunting ground, no heaven, no hell—all of which ideas were first introduced to the American aborigines by Christian missionaries. Consequently death had for him no terrors, and he awaited the inevitable end with no anxiety as to the future. All his prayers were for temporal and tangible blessings—for health, for long life, for success in the chase, in fishing, in war and in love, for good crops, for protection and for revenge.

Dreams Explained.

"Dreams," says an eminent lecturer on theosophy, "consist of recollections of the combined impressions received and workings of the physical and astral bodies. The soul and subconsciousness are independently active, and it is the confusion arising from the confounding of the thoughts of the soul with the exaggerated interpretation of impressions received by subconsciousness which makes it so often impossible to remember dreams."

Softer.

"I have no doubt you have heard some stories to my discredit," he said. "I don't like to put it in that way," she quietly replied.

"How then?" he hopefully asked. "I have never heard any stories to your credit," said she.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Preocious Youth.

Walter (aged five)—Papa, when I grow up may I get married? Papa—My son, I regret to see you anticipate trouble so early in life.

A RAZOR'S EDGE.

Minute Teeth, Like Those of a Saw. Make Its Keeness.

The edge of a razor consists of innumerable points or "teeth," which if the razor is of good material follow each other throughout its whole length with great order and clearness. The unbroken regularity of these minute "teeth" goes to make up the blade's excessive keenness. The edge acts upon the beard not so much by the direct application of weight or force as it does by a slight "saw" movement, which causes the successive "teeth" to act rapidly on one certain part of the hairy growth. The best razors, according to the microscopists, have the teeth of their edges set as regularly as those of a perfectly set saw.

This explains the magic effect of hot water on the razor's blade—the act of dipping it thoroughly cleansing the teeth of any greasy or dirty substance with which they may have been clogged. Barbers often claim that razors "get tired" of shaving and that they will be all right after awhile if permitted to take a rest. When in this "tired" condition a microscopic examination of the edge shows that constant stropping by the same person has caused the teeth or fibers of the edge to all arrange themselves in one direction. A mouth of disuse causes these fine particles to rearrange themselves so that they again present the heterogeneous saw toothed edge. After this little recreation each particle of the fine edge is up and ready to support his fellow, and it again takes some time to spoil the grain of the blade.

"Disappearing Paper."

The uses to which the new "disappearing paper" lately produced in Paris may be put, provided the destruction can be accurately timed, are innumerable. By a new process not yet fully explained it is stated that writing paper may be so treated by chemicals that it will perish within a certain time, leaving behind no trace of its existence.

Written upon such paper the tenderest expressions may be lavished without fear either of breach of promise suits or the indiscretion of literary executors. Checkbooks composed of disappearing paper should be popular both with willing debtors and overcertifying banks. Stock watering, furthermore, will attain an unheard of refinement when a certain proportion of the certificates are engraved upon this new material. Political strategy would gain a sensational maneuver if the clerks at the polls could apply the destructive fluid to all the ballots of a party. Obviously telegraph blanks on disappearing paper of the most rapid brand would be a great convenience to officers of the Standard Oil company in their communications with United States senators.

Some of the bituminous operators are said to be very much displeased over the agreement entered into at Indianapolis recently, under the terms of which the miners are to receive an average increase of 12½ per cent in their pay. The operators ought not to find fault. Through their representatives they were parties to the compromise, which evidently averted a long and expensive strike, and, besides, at the prices for which they are now selling soft coal they can well afford to pay the advance.

It is stated that the American ambassador to Russia wears a uniform which throws those affected by the other diplomats at St. Petersburg way in the shade. Perhaps some day our ambassadors may succeed in making themselves almost as impressive as the colonels on a state governor's staff.

Hawaii has asked congress for \$5,000,000 for public works this year. In their efforts to butt into the United States treasury the Hawaiians demonstrate that they are fast assimilating American ideas.

Publicity should be avoided in the matter of swearing off personal taxes. Just think of the damage to young Mr. Rockefeller's credit in having his poverty exposed!

So far as can be observed, this country is prepared to accept a general European war over the Balkans with calm and even cheerful fortitude.

Now that the protocols have been signed, Venezuela steps from the center of the stage and Macedonia comes into the radius of the limelight.

The "Sick Man of Europe" is probably not sufficiently sick to prevent a broad grin over that threatened Italian naval demonstration.

Santos-Dumont is now figuring in a divorce case. Possibly the lady thought he was too fly.

An Easy Road to Temperance.

The new British temperance organization of which Lord Roberts is the president and which has been denominated the Roberts league is certainly something unique in the way of a reformatory movement. The essential obligation imposed upon the members is that they shall drink no spirituous liquors, ale, wine or beer between meals.

At first glance this would appear to be something of a hardship, limiting the new temperance Englishman's tipping to three times a day with about six hours between times, but when it is remembered that the average Englishman has from four to six regular meals a day and as many more irregular meals as he can attend to the amount of temperance in the new pledge gets into quite neighborly relations with the ordinary, mellow all day "jag."

Dr. Robert Hutchinson, one of the chief promoters of the movement, has explained that alcohol in some cases is a good thing as a beverage; it often aids digestion, and he prescribes that for the ordinary person the daily healthful supply of alcohol may be imbibed in a glass of spirits, two glasses of porter and one tumbler of claret or one pint of ale. With this as a working basis, the popularity of the Roberts league may readily be understood.

It may be inferred that in aiding digestion a member of the league will be governed in his drinking by the amount of his eating. The more food the more need of the highly recommended digestive agent. If the member has a good appetite—and few Englishmen are hampered by a poor one—he need not worry about the pledge depriving him of many of his customary oblations. With six, eight or ten meals a day there would appear to be no good reason why an Englishman should not be able to get himself into a comfortably mellow condition without affecting his good and regular standing in the temperance league. If he desires to hasten the process and make more certain the results, he could mix his drinks, which, as we understand, the rules of the society do not prohibit.

With so easy and congenial a road to sobriety we shall soon expect to hear that our English cousins have been completely emancipated from their cups—between meals.

The New Cabinet Portfolio.

The new department of commerce and labor, which came into being by recent act of congress and executive approval, establishes about a dozen bureaus in which affairs pertaining to its duties as indicated in the title are distributed. These bureaus include the lighthouse establishments, the natural bureau of standards, the coast and geodetic surveys, the bureau of immigration, the bureau of statistics, the steamboat inspection service, the bureau of navigation, the census office, the fish commission, the bureau of foreign commerce and matters relating to labor.

One of the most important provisions of the bill creating the portfolio of commerce and labor is the "publicity" clause, introduced as an antitrust amendment after the original measure was well advanced in its legislative career. This amendment established an additional bureau, the bureau of corporations, the chief of which is to have power to make "diligent investigation into the organization, conduct and management of the business of any corporation . . . engaged in commerce among the several states and with foreign nations." The information sought is for the purpose of furnishing data to the president to enable him to "make recommendations to congress for the regulation of such commerce," and in order to obtain it the commissioner of corporations is to have the "right to subpoena and compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence and to administer oaths."

Pat Balanced It.

An Irish soldier attending school, which is compulsory when starting till after an examination has taken place, had great difficulty in bringing a sum to the correct answer.

"You are a shilling out, Magee," said the inspector, "therefore you have failed again."

"Och," said Pat, taking a shilling from his pocket, "take this, and it'll make the sum right. Hurroo! Succeeded at last!"—Spare Moments.

Weather a Dangerous Topic.

Newitt—Well, there's one thing about the weather—it's always a safe topic of conversation.

Borroughs—I thought it was today when I met Lendham, but when I started to speak of it he said, "Yes, it's unsettled, and that reminds me of that note of yours."—Philadelphia Press.

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