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Each Registrant is Receiving Questionnaires For Immediate Use.

The Reporter is informed by Chas. S. Emerson, chairman of the Local Board No. 2 for the County of Hillsborough, under date of December seventeen, whose office is at Milford, that questionnaires are going out 100 a day in order of Order number and must be filled out and returned to this Board within seven days not counting Sundays and holidays; failure to return within the time specified subjects the men to severe penalties and will likely result in men losing their rights to deferred classification. Free assistance is provided in every town as per list herewith and every man should avail himself of the service as it is practically impossible for men by themselves to make out the paper correctly, and errors may prove extremely serious to the men.

As men now in service, save only the few sent to Ayer, Mass., by this Board must fill out and return questionnaires, their friends should therefore see to it the questionnaires are forwarded promptly to the men wherever they may be located.

Men for their own protection should add their telephone number at the upper right hand corner of page 1.

The President has appointed Ezra M. Smith of Peterborough, Herbert J. Taft of Greenville and Ralph G. Smith of Hillsborough as a Legal Advisory

Board for Division No. 2 Hillsborough County, State of New Hampshire, for the purpose of assisting Registrants in all the towns of Hillsborough County, in preparing the questionnaire, claims and other papers necessary to be used in the Selective Service Draft, free of expense.

The following named persons have consented to act as associate members of said board to assist said Registrants: H. D. Cheever, Wilton; Charles L. Luce, Milford; Rev. Orlando M. Lord, Greenfield; Henry W. Wilson, Bennington; Robert M. Gordon, Goffstown; Rev. W. J. B. Cannell, Antrim; Edson H. Patch, Franconia; Harry H. Atwood, Pelham; James M. George, Grasmere; Roy N. Putnam, Lyndeborough; John Haseltine, Merrimack; Charles F. Marden, New Boston; George W. Clyde, Hudson; Frank Tucker, No. Weare; F. E. Manning, Bedford; W. D. Fogg, Hancock; F. K. Sweetser, Hollis; Hugh McCanna, Greenfield.

Any person receiving a questionnaire to be filled out, should report at once to either of the members of the Legal Advisory Board at their place of business or to either of the Associate Members where it is most convenient for them to go to receive advice and assistance in filling out their papers free of expense. The Local Board of Milford cannot attend to this work.

"RED CROSS" CHRISTMAS

The Appeal for Members is an Earnest One at Present Time



Antrim has a goodly number of members now but there are many more who should join. Almost everybody knows of the good work of this organization and the help of every individual is needed.

Good progress is being made on the Christmas drive to secure new members to the Red Cross.

New Hampshire's quota is 70,000. The committee wish to urge every person, who possibly can, to join the Red Cross and thus help its grand work. Simply because one is not personally solicited for membership is no excuse for not joining this organization, which is authorized by the United States Government, is non-sectarian and whose accounts are audited by the U. S. War Dept.

The terrible disaster at Halifax brings home to us the great need of Red Cross work and the rapidity with which it renders aid and relieves suffering at such a time.

The work in Europe now being carried on by the Red Cross is on a stupendous scale and is made possible

only by the voluntary aid furnished by generous and sympathetic people in all countries. The wealthy give lavishly, but it is just as important that those in poorer circumstances should contribute their bit.

On Christmas Eve, it is desired to have each family hang one of the paper service flags in the window, with a cross upon it for each member of the household, belonging to the Red Cross. If you do not receive a flag, notify Mrs. Fred Shoults, Treasurer, or the chairman of special committee.

Join the Red Cross; your friends will respect you for it and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are assisting in caring for the ones who are called upon to take part in the world's greatest struggle for democracy and right.

C. H. Robinson,
Chairman special committee.

Women Give Out

Housework is hard enough when healthy. Every woman who is having backache, blue and nervous spells, dizzy headaches and kidney or bladder troubles, should be glad to heed this grateful woman's experience:

Mrs. H. C. Sheldon, Winter St., Peterboro, N. H., says: "I suffered from a very lame back. I could hardly get around the house and couldn't turn in bed or get out of my chair without help. I was unable to dress myself and for days could not do anything. I was in great pain all the time. I used plasters and several medicines, but got no relief. Finally, I took Doan's Kidney Pills and the first box did me so much good that I continued using them. A few boxes cured me of the attack."

Over Seven Years Later Mrs. Sheldon said: "I still use Doan's Kidney Pills whenever I feel any sign of kidney trouble and they always give me the best of results."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Sheldon has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv

Joseph A. Tarbell

Joseph Albert Tarbell passed away at the home of his son in Antrim on Dec. 12. He was born in Mason, N. H. Feb. 22, 1844, the son of Joel and Mary Mansfield Tarbell. At the age of four years he removed with his parents to Lyndeborough. His father passing away soon after and leaving a large family he was obliged to care for himself more or less from the time he was ten years of age. In early life he learned the carpenter trade and was employed in the erection of many buildings in and about Peterboro, among them the bank building. He conducted a wholesale extract and whip business for several years, disposing of it to his brother-in-law, Fred B. Richards, of Lyndeborough, and later for a time was proprietor of Tarbell's store at South Lyndeborough which has continuously borne that name for seventy-five years or more. Returning to Hancock in 1881 to care for the aged parents of his wife, he engaged quite extensively in farming for a period of about twenty five years, when failing health obliged him to seek a warmer climate and for the past ten years he spent more or less of his time in Crescent City, Florida, engaging successfully in the fruit raising business. Wishing to do something for the town which had been so closely identified with the Tarbell family for nearly a century, he built and presented in 1911 a library building to the town of Lyndeborough, to be known as the J. A. Tarbell Library, a gift which has been very much appreciated by the town and will remain a monument to his memory and also the Tarbell family.

He was an interested member of John Hancock Grange and charter member of The Hancock Historical Society and always took a great deal of interest in local matters and affairs of the day.

In 1867 he married Amaret, daughter of Joshua Stanley and Sarah Gilchrist Lakin of Hancock, a descendant of the first two permanent settlers of the town, William Lakin and Moses Morrison. She passed away Jan. 2, 1907.

The immediate family to mourn his loss are a son and daughter, Sanford M. of Antrim and Mrs. Henry E. Fiske of Dublin, and four grandchildren. Also a brother, Hiram M. of Manchester, N. H., and several nieces and nephews, an older brother, Alonzo, of Manchester having died within a few days.

The funeral took place in Hancock last Saturday. Rev. Henry A. Coolidge of Antrim and Rev. J. Donagan of Lyndeborough officiated. The bearers were F. Fiske, F. B. Richards, F. Tarbell and C. H. Tarbell. Burial was in Norway Plain Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the many friends who have shown us so much kindness in our recent bereavement in the passing away of our dear father.

Also to Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Donagan for their words of comfort and sympathy.
Mr. and Mrs. Sanford M. Tarbell and family
Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Fiske and family

OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE DRAFTED

To Work in Ranks at Home, and Do a Thing That is Necessary at This Time

This does not sound just consistent but really it is the exact fact in the case. The editor and the Reporter are volunteers in the ranks of every department in assisting the government in all ways possible in winning this world war; it may be only a little we can do, but we are going to do that little to the extent of our ability. And we hope every one of our readers feel the same. The war MAY be won if we are not ALL united in this ONE thought but it will take very much longer to do it.

Now to the point of being drafted! The editor was last week told that he had been selected as local chairman of the committee having in charge the sale of U. S. Government War-savings Stamps—(selective draft as you see)—and we "entrained" at once and will undertake the task. This is more than just a drive for a week and then something else, it is to last some time longer.

Hon. Allen Hollis, of Concord, is the state chairman, and James A. Wellman, Esq., of Manchester, is the district chairman, and together with the latter gentleman we have selected a portion of the committee for our town which when completed will be published. Everyone selected in this draft will serve and do their utmost in promoting the sale of these stamps and certificates.

With the beginning of the new year it is expected that the wheels of this department will have been set in motion, and it is earnestly believed and expected that every man, woman and child will buy at least one of these War-savings Certificates and as many more as possible. This is purely an investment of the safest kind with interest compounded quarterly.

Antrim people must buy nearly \$20,000 worth of these war savings certificates from now until the close of the year 1918 to meet its quota with the rest of the country. In order to do this it will require diligent work on the part of everyone to accomplish

the result required. At present these certificates can be bought of city and rural carriers and at the post office. It is expected that these certificates will also be sold by agents appointed by the postmaster, as soon as arrangements can be made.

The smallest unit in the war savings is the thrift stamp which can be purchased for 25 cents, and the largest is the war savings certificate at \$4.12, of which not more than 20 can be sold at one time to one purchaser and not more than \$1,000 in one year. The certificates are the highest bearing bonds issued, paying four percent compounded quarterly. Each certificate purchased in the months of December and January automatically raises itself one cent each month during the calendar year 1918. Thus a certificate purchased after that time increases one cent each month and becomes redeemable in five years at five dollars. The thrift stamps are sold at 25 cents apiece and are designed for children and those who are unable to purchase the certificates at one time. After purchasing 16 of the thrift stamps they can be redeemed at the post office by paying the small difference of 12 cents in December and January, 13 cents in February, 14 cents in March, and so on during the year.

This is a great opportunity for the person with small means to come to the rescue of our government and to do his share in bringing this war to a successful conclusion.

Thrift Stamps make good Christmas gifts.

Every postal employee in the United States has been instructed to take an active part in the campaign for the sale of war-savings stamps. In order to reach the desired sales mark of \$2,000,000,000 by January 1, 1919, it will be necessary to sell sufficient stamps to average \$16.50 for each man, woman and child in the country.

Furnished by Chairman C. S. Emerson

The following registrants have been ordered to report for mobilization Dec. 21, at 8.15 a. m., Friday, to be sent to Fort Williams, Portland, Maine:

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| Thomas Bertram Manning | Hancock |
| Lester Henry Lowe | Greenfield |
| Lawrence Rufus Duval | Milford |
| Clinton B. Wilson | Riverdale |
| Albert Addison Tallant | Pelham R.D. 1 |
| Llewellyn H. Hunteon Jr. | Hillsboro |
| Benjamin Fuller Greer Jr. | Grasmere |
| Pietro Galvitti | Milford |

NOTICE!

The Christmas vacation will be of four weeks. Schools will commence Jan. 14, '18.

School Board.

Pass a Good Thing Along

If you are not already a Red Cross member, save the committee trouble by beating it to your button, says the Herald-Journal. If you are a member, pay the baby's way in.



YOU'LL BE DOUBLY WELCOME

If you take along a box of our delicious chocolates or bon bons. A box of our candy means pleasure and gratification to the recipient be they young or old. Anyone who likes fine candies always finds his way to the

Antrim Fruit Company,

ORANGES, BANANAS, ALL KINDS OF NUTS,
MALAGA GRAPES, GRAPE FRUIT, TANGERINES,
GOOD LINE CAN GOODS, SUNSHINE BISCUITS,
PROCTOR'S HOME BAKERY, LOT CHRISTMAS GOODS,
CIGARS and TOBACCOS at Old Prices.

WE HAVE OUR USUAL

Large Assortment of

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Toilet Articles, Toys, Sleds, Stationery, Games, Dolls, Books, Leather Goods, Post Cards and Booklets.

Be Sure and Look Our Line Over and Get Our Prices Before Buying.

C. F. BUTLER,

HILLSBORO, N. H.

Cram's Store

NOW FOR CHRISTMAS!

This is the Year when Only Useful Gifts should Have a Place on Your List!

BLANKETS—What makes a more acceptable present than a Nice Wool Blanket? Our stock of these was purchased a year ago and are being sold at less than today's wholesale price.

SHIRT WAISTS—Voile, Organdie, Crepe de Chine, Georgette, Satin Striped Silk.

UNDERWEAR, UNDERMUSLINS, SILK CAMISOLES

APRONS—Lea Aprons, Organdie and Dotted Muslin with fine laces and embroideries, Red Cross Aprons, Bungalow Dress Aprons, Boudoir Caps.

BATH ROBES—Splendid Assortment of these goods at Very Reasonable Prices.

DOMESTIC HOUSE DRESSES, HANDKERCHIEFS, Silk Hosiery, Imported Japanese Quilted Silk Vests and Jackets, Neckwear, Gloves, Useful Leather Gifts, Traveling Bags, Shopping Bags, Suit Cases, Bill Books, Purses, Vanity Cases, Huck, Turkish, Damask Towels, Table Linen.

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W. E. CRAM

Odd Fellows Block Store,
ANTRIM, New Hamp.

Christmas Gifts

We will show a most complete line of Toys, Games and Books. Bring the children that they may enjoy seeing all the new things in toys.

Neckwear and Handkerchiefs, Bath Robes, New Cap and Scarf Sets.

A line of the Davis Quality cards that will convey just the right greeting to each friend.

Miss S. E. Lane & Co.,

TOWN HALL BLOCK

ANTRIM, N. H.

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At Prices Which Will Interest You.

Dressing Metal Polish Etc.

One Pair Second-hand Good Team Harness For Sale

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Buy Rubber Stamps at This Office
The Prices are Reasonable

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Rooms with private bath \$1.50 per day and up
Baths of two rooms and bath \$2.00 per day and up.

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Main Street, Antrim.

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Sundays and holidays by appointment only.

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All orders for cleaning chimneys by Driscoll, the chimney sweep, a man of experience, should be left at the Reporter office.

The Purpose of an Advertisement

is to serve your needs. It will help sell your goods—talk to the people you want to reach. An advertisement in this paper is a reference guide to those whose wants are worth supplying.

J. E. Perkins & Son
ANTRIM, N. H.

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Feed and Sale Stable
Good rigs for all occasions.

A FORD CAR
At A-F-F-O-R-D Prices
5-passenger BEO Auto at reasonable rates

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SCHOOL BOARD'S NOTICE

The School Board meets regularly in Town Clerk's Room, in Town hall block, the Last Saturday after noon in each month, at 2 o'clock, to transact School District business and to hear all parties regarding School matters.

H. B. DRAKE,
G. E. HASTINGS,
J. D. HUTCHINSON,
Antrim School Board.

SELECTMEN'S NOTICE

The Selectmen will meet at their Rooms, in Town hall block, the First Saturday in each month, from two till five o'clock in the afternoon to transact town business.

The Tax Collector will meet with the Selectmen.

C. F. BUTTERFIELD,
J. M. CUTTER,
F. P. ELLINWOOD,
Selectmen of Antrim.

ACCOMMODATION!

To and From Antrim
Railroad Station.

Trains leave Antrim Depot as follows:

| A. M. | P. M. |
|-------|-------|
| 7.05 | 7.40 |
| 10.29 | 11.52 |
| 1.53 | 3.42 |
| 4.18 | 6.45 |

Sunday: 6.33 a.m.; 4.14, 4.53, 8.49 p.m.

Stage leaves Express Office 15 minutes earlier than departure of train.

Stage will call for passengers if word is left at Express Office in Jameson Block.

Passengers for the early morning train should leave word at Express Office the night before.



The only way to get the genuine **New Home** Sewing Machine is to buy the machine with the name NEW HOME on the arm and in the legs. This machine is warranted for all time.

No other like it
No other as good
The New Home Sewing Machine Company,
ORANGE, MASS.
FOR SALE BY
C. W. THURSTON, BERNINGTON, N. H.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE NEWS

State Grange Resolutions
Concord.—The New Hampshire State Grange at its closing session adopted a resolution supporting the government in every undertaking and another urging longer school courses, being in favor of ten or even twelve year courses rather than the present courses of eight years. The work of the State College was endorsed and the loyal support of the grange was promised. Back country roads should be given more attention and granges were urged to take a more active part in the financial transactions in towns. The state body went on record as wanting a stringent enforcement of the prohibitory law, which takes effect May 1, 1918, and the master was authorized to appoint a legislative committee especially to look out for the interests of the grange and the New Hampshire farmers at the session of the constitutional convention next June.

Men of Draft Age Warned
Concord.—Gov. Keyes posted notices all over the state notifying young men of military age to see that their correct postoffice addresses are given to the government. The governor thinks there are a large number of men who have moved since June 5, and have neglected to register their new addresses with the draft boards. This action on the part of the state is not obligatory, but the authorities thought it would be advisable because it might save a number of young men from embarrassment and serious trouble. All registered men who cannot be reached by letter are advertised as deserters and many of them are not deserters but have simply moved from place to place without registering their new addresses.

Girls Run Successful Farm
Milford.—Misses Anna and Elizabeth Crockett are running one of the most successful farms in this section without any male help. A few years ago they bought an old farm on the Federal Hill road and with their mother they started to make it one of the show places of the town. Their father is a granite man in Milford, Mass., and the conduct of the forty-acre farm was left entirely to the girls. They at once made extensive alterations. The two girls did all the paperhanging, also the painting, inside and outside. Last summer they tilled about five acres and harvested their own crop. They have made a success of all their ventures, raising turkeys, poultry, prize cattle and hogs.

The Red Cross Drive
Concord.—The nation-wide Red Cross Christmas membership drive started Monday. The Merrimack county district, which includes all of the towns and cities in Merrimack county and a few towns nearby, is now organized and ready to do its part to get New Hampshire's quota of 25 percent of the population. The number of Red Cross members in the district at the present time is 6300, and its quota of 25 percent of its population will make it necessary for the district at least to double its Red Cross membership. An enthusiastic meeting of the chairmen from the thirty odd towns in the district was held at the headquarters of the Concord chapter.

Wilder's Student Preacher
Wilder.—"Anton Carvell, Dartmouth '18, is a second 'Village Improvement Society' to this town. Carvell, whose home is in Somerville, Mass., is a student on weeks days and a preacher on Sundays. Every Sunday he is engaged in exhorting the village folk from the pulpit of the little church. A regular Sunday school also is in full swing, due to Carvell's efforts. Dartmouth students act as teachers in this section of the church. Carvell has also organized a Boy Scout troop, with the help of two Dartmouth men who instruct the boys every Thursday night.

Sheep Raising in Keene
Keene.—Another lot of sheep for the Renout Russell farm here has been received and it is planned to winter about 500 sheep on this farm. Russell has associated several men with himself in this sheep raising project, with a view of supplying sheep to fill any local demand in the spring among farmers, and otherwise utilizing suitable pastures in the country to keep them and their progeny during the summer.

Duval Made Chief Inspector
Concord.—Joseph N. Duval of Manchester, inspector for the board of health, has been chosen to succeed W. F. Furrington, resigned, as chief inspector of the New Hampshire state board of health. Furrington has been called into the service of the government as sanitary inspector of army cantonments.

Volunteers March Away
Concord.—Fifty-three men enlisted in the army through the local army recruiting station, most of whom were from Concord, were given a farewell demonstration when they left for Manchester, whence they will go to Fort Slocum, N. Y., and Portsmouth. Those enlisted for the regular army will go to the New York fort and the coast artillery enlistments will be sent to the New Hampshire report. Gov. Keyes marched at the head of the parade after Mayor Hobbs gave a farewell talk.

Shy on Electric Power
Keene.—The Connecticut River Power company, which furnishes a large proportion of the electric current for power and lighting purposes in a wide area of New England, including Keene and much of Cheshire county, is up against a serious power shortage due to low water in the streams and the impossibility to obtain coal to generate steam. The company is dividing its customers into groups, and asking each group to reduce its consumption of electricity about 50 percent on certain days.

Woman Takes Place of Husband
Manchester.—Mrs. Arthur N. Greenwood is taking her husband's place at the linotype machine in a local newspaper office. Greenwood, whose two children would exempt him from the early draft, desired to do his share in the war and received his wife's consent to join the army. He left last Thursday for Fort Slocum, N. Y. Mrs. Greenwood, before her marriage, was a linotype operator, and will operate the machine left vacant by her husband, two substitutes waiving their claim to the position.

Rescues Her Children in Fire
Greenland.—Returning from a neighbor's house Mrs. Leon Evans found her house afire with five small children inside. Nearly blinded by the smoke, she rushed into the building to hunt for her young ones. On opening the door she caused a draft and the flames surrounded her, but she bravely made her way to the inside, where she found the children nearly overcome and carried them safely out.

Apples Pass as Legal Tender
Exeter.—New Hampshire apples are passing as legal tender, like the New England rum of colonial days, which was given to Indians in payment for land. A deed was brought to the Rockingham county registry here, stating that for \$1 and other considerations, including three barrels of Baldwin apples each year, Henry Copp of Derry conveyed to Talbot Buttrick of Londonderry land and buildings.

Bradford Trial Opens Dec. 31
Laconia.—The date for the opening of the trial of Maurice P. Bradford, who has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to an indictment charging first degree murder, was set for Dec. 31, in superior court here. Bradford, who was employed at the New Hampshire School for Feeble Minded, is accused of the murder of Miss Alice B. Richards, head teacher at the school.

Gymnasium Work For Freshmen
Hanover.—Continuing during the winter, the Dartmouth freshman battalion will take up gymnasium work as a part of its regular schedule. This work will be under direction of Dr. John W. Bowler, college director of physical training, and will be held on the gymnasium floor of the alumni gymnasium, capable of accommodating 300 men working at the same time.

Rahney Made Head Coach
Hanover.—Dr. A. J. Rahney, who was captain of the Dartmouth college baseball nine in 1890, has been selected as baseball coach at Dartmouth for next spring. He will be assisted by Fletcher Low, a former Dartmouth player and now instructor of chemistry at the college, and F. M. Walker, the present basketball coach.

Portsmouth Re-elects Ladd
Portsmouth.—Samuel T. Ladd, a Democrat, was elected mayor for a third term in the city election here. He defeated his opponent, Albert H. Hislop, Republican, by a majority of 211 votes. The Democrats retain control of the city government, 5 to 4.

Clever Boxer in Depot Brigade
Manchester.—"Pete" McQueeney of this city is one of the cleverest boxers in his company of the Depot Brigade at Camp Devens, according to his bunkies. Pete is also a fast runner, though he never combines the sports.

Asked to Float \$300,000 Loan
Nashua.—The aldermen considered the largest single appropriation in the history of the city when a resolution was introduced authorizing \$300,000 serial bonds at not over 5 percent interest for the new high school.

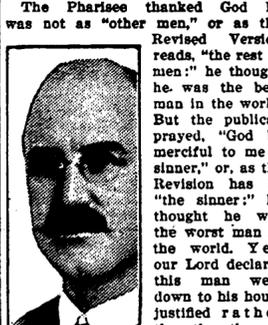
Marlboro Poultry Show
Marlboro.—The third annual three-day show of the Marlboro Poultry and Pet Stock association occurred in Town Hall with 300 birds entered. Nearly fifty silver cups, bronze medals and cash prizes were awarded.

Rogers Master of State Grange
Concord.—Fred A. Rogers of Plainfield was elected master of the New Hampshire State Grange, defeating the incumbent, Wesley Adams of Derry, on the second ballot, 172 to 167.

Hadn't Heard of Great War
Meredith.—Miss Jessie Ide, while canvassing for funds for the Y. W. C. A. war work, asked for a contribution from an elderly woman living here. The woman asked the purpose of raising the money and when informed that it was to help our country in prosecuting the war she confessed she did not know we were engaged in a conflict and knew nothing of the European war. She explained she never read the newspapers, had few callers, and none of them ever mentioned the war.

The Publican
By REV. L. W. GOSNELL
Assistant Dean, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago

TEXT—And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.—Luke 18:13, 14.



The Pharisee thanked God he was not as "other men," or as the Revised Version reads, "the rest of men;" he thought he was the best man in the world. But the publican prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner," or as the Revision has it, "the sinner;" he thought he was the worst man in the world. Yet, our Lord declares this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.

Certainly, our Lord was not blind to the sins of the publican any more than he was to the excellencies of the Pharisee. The publicans were a hard lot, unjust, rapacious, cruel. A story is told of a publican who restored a necklace to a merchant from whom he had taken it by fraud. A Rabbi, commenting on the incident, said we might now expect wolves to drop from their mouths the lambs taken from the flock; yet, the man in the parable took such an attitude toward God that, spite of his sin, he was justified.

The prayer he prayed has probably crossed more lips of dying men than any other prayer. It is so direct, so brief, that it has been called "a holy telegram."

The story of a man belonging to such a class, feeling his own sinfulness and praying such a prayer, will always be of interest to saints and sinners. How it illustrates the beauty of penitence! True, a man's repentance does not commend him to God. Even the publican seemed to feel that, "God be merciful," means, literally, "God be propitiated." The publican felt he needed a sacrifice of blood even though his heart was broken and his eyes tear stained. This is always the case.

Again, the appropriateness of deep feeling on a sinner's part is illustrated in the publican's cry, "God be merciful to me the sinner." The very fact that some who have heard the Gospel many times are still unmoved should lead them to feel deeply. Heathen people, have been moved to cry with the publican for mercy, the very first time the message of the cross has been presented to them.

Conversion of a Cannibal.
The son of John G. Paton, the famous missionary to the New Hebrides, tells a story which illustrates this point. He came unexpectedly one night upon a group of cannibals. His fellow missionaries advised that he retire, for their lives were in imminent danger. But Mr. Paton argued that the missionary should tell the story of chemistry at the college, and F. M. Walker, the present basketball coach.

We need not say that a penitent heart is ready to accept a Saviour. As already pointed out, the publican prayed, "God be propitiated to me." (See R. V.) The doctrine of Christ as a substitute is distasteful to many in this age, but is radiant with glory to those who feel their need of a Saviour. They require no proof of it but accept it with the eagerness of a famished man to whom water is given. Spurgeon in one of his sermons, pictures the messenger of mercy journeying in search of a resting place. He hastened by many a hostelry and tarried not till at length he came to a little inn which bore the sign of The Broken Heart. "Here," said mercy's messenger, "I would fain tarry, for I know by experience I shall be welcome here."

Justification Versus Pardon.
Finally, this parable illustrates the blessedness of justification. Many Christians are content to believe their sins are pardoned, for man can conceive of nothing higher than pardon for the guilty. In human courts only the innocent are justified. But in the court of heaven, the ungodly are justified and sent away as if they had never sinned! Through the cross, God is able to be just and yet the justifier of the believer in Jesus. How marvelous! Surely, there should be no need to urge men to accept such a blessing. Rather let us take our places at once with the publican, crying, "God be merciful to me the sinner."

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Uncle John's Christmas Box

Ellen E. DeGraff
In The Rural New Yorker



MYRTLE stopped playing on the organ, and whirled about, addressing the family gathered around the evening lamp.

"I've got a conundrum for you," she announced.

"One of those that has no answer, I'll bet," said Tim, who was popping corn over a bed of glowing coals. "I don't get caught twice the same way."

"All right, smarty! Count you out then. You'd only give some fool answer anyway. You're never serious."

"Come on with your conundrum," yawned Edith. "I need something to wake me up. This old algebra makes me sleepy."

"Well, here it is: How are we going to give any Christmas presents, with no crops, no money, no nothing?"

"Told you there wouldn't be any answer," chuckled Tim.

"I'm afraid Tim is right, Myrtle," and mother looked up from laying the child's coat pattern upon the ripped-up overcoat on the table.

"What do you want to bother about Christmas presents for? Everybody knows we haven't got any money to buy presents," and father looked up from the market reports. "Every blamed thing raised on a farm is high except hay, and that's the only thing I've got. If we get through the winter ourselves we'll do well, without trying to make Christmas presents."

"I don't care! I'm going to do something for Uncle John, anyway," declared Myrtle. "He sent me this organ, and I'm going to just remind him that I've not forgotten if nothing more."

Myrtle had a firm chin. The dimple might distract the attention of the casual observer, but the fact remained. Myrtle had a firm chin. It had first begun to make itself felt in the family about fifteen years before, when Myrtle was a year old.

Being a reasonable and well-balanced creature, her rule was not only tolerated, but her plans, always practicable and often brilliant, sooner or later received the co-operation of the family, no matter how much they may have been opposed at first. Her heart's desire was to have a fine musical education, but she knew that it was far too expensive to be thought of. She had sensibly concluded to do as well as she could the duties nearest at hand.

"I'm going to take command," she said now, "and together we are going to do something."

"You're welcome to, as far as I am concerned," grumbled Tim. "Excuse me from sending 25-cent presents to a rich uncle."

"Never you mind," said Myrtle, mysteriously. Thereafter there were "doings" in the household. Her enthusiasm was contagious, and soon even Tim got interested.

"I'm going to send Uncle John a home-cooked Christmas dinner," Myrtle declared.

"We ain't got a turkey," said ma.

"I've got the duck pa promised me for taking care of the rest of them, and it is as fat as butter. You roast and stuff it and then we will all take a hand at the trimmings."

Myrtle's mother was an excellent cook, and her clear, firm jellies and perfect canned fruit were the envy of her less skillful neighbors.

Myrtle ransacked the shelves and selected three glasses of jelly, one of an amber color, another of ruby red, the third and most beautiful, being one of a pale translucent green. She stood each in a square of crepe paper, brought up the sides and corners, and tied them tightly, and then pulled out the top all around until it looked like a flower. Each color corresponded to the color of the jelly in the glass. Then she lined and covered a box with paper, and set in the ruby, the amber, and the pale green flowers. She covered the box, and tied it with Christmas ribbon attached to which was a card on which was written:

"With that duck you're going to eat,
You'll need something tart, but sweet,
That's us."

with crepe paper, twisted tightly, and the ends fringed. It then resembled the old-fashioned motto candies. That the motto or couplet might not be lacking, the following lines were written and inserted:

"Those Jell girls may be tart and sweet,
But I've heard that they lack spice.
If of me you'll deign to eat
I am sure you'll vote me nice."

Grandma made a wonderful fruit cake—the kind that lasts a year, and improves with age. This was surrounded with white parchment paper, and covered with a white paper dolly, and fancy edges. This was laid carefully over the waxed paper, which covered the frosting, studded thickly with whole hickory and butternut meats. The whole was packed into a round box, made by Myrtle's skillful fingers. To make it she cut two disks of cardboard of the required size, and two long strips of the same cardboard, one the height of the cake, the other narrower, for the cover. She bound the edges together with gummed tape, and covered their junction with narrow strips of gold paper. Then she neatly covered top and sides with Christmas paper, all holly and mistletoe. Lastly, she tied two bright scarlet ribbons about the box, one each way. She made plump bows, and, gathering the ends of the ribbons, sewed tiny sleigh bells on them, so that the box, when moved, gave forth a sweet musical sound.

Myrtle surveyed the box with satisfaction, her head on one side.

"You ought to please," she said. "You appeal to the eye, the ear, and the palate."

The box certainly did present an imposing appearance. On the inside of the cover appeared the lines:

"Of course this cake was made by mother;
She says if it don't suit, she'll make you another."

A great generous ball of cottage cheese was wrapped in paper and packed in a square box, with plenty of tissue paper in the corners. Accompanying it was the legend:

"If Esau had known of the cheese called 'cottage,'
He'd have traded for that, instead of the portage."

There were two generous loaves of bread, one of "salt rising," the other yeast raised. On a card were the lines:

"Grandma says, when you were a boy,
And eating 'salt rising,' you never could stop;
But in case you tire of the old-fashioned kind,
Here's another loaf, raised with the hop."

Packed about the loaves, and neatly wrapped, each by itself, in parchment paper, were a dozen little individual butter pats, molded in the form of a rose. Myrtle wrote:

"We wonder if, when you eat, you'll mutter:
'Aha! That tastes like Old Home butter!'"

The mince pie was concocted with immense care, from the careful choosing and mixing of the ingredients, to the construction of the faultless, flaky crust, just touched with the faintest hint of golden brown. This was carefully packed between two wooden plates, tied firmly together. On the top plate was written:

"When is it true that a man's a mince pie?
Cannot you take the hint?
Why, a man's a Mint Spy of course, you know,
When he acts as a spy in the mine."

The duck was, of course, the chef d'oeuvre of the whole undertaking. When it was ready, lying on its back, with its fat legs composed at its plump sides, it surely did look appetizing. The "Poet Lariat," as Tim called her, wrote the following:

"Not a porcine suckling, but a nice fat duckling
You draw for your Christmas dinner,
You never saw a duck
That was nicer to pluck:
We hope you will vote him a winner."

Some beautiful red Brother Jonathan apples were tucked in the corners, and a glass of elderberry jelly. These were grandma's contribution, and she wrote in a somewhat trembling hand, the following note:

"Dear Johnny:
"These apples came off from the tree where you fell and broke your leg that time. Do you remember? I wouldn't let them out it down when they cut the others. The elderberry jelly was made from the elderberries that grow on the bushes by the old swimming hole."

"MOTHER."

When everything was finished and the box about ready to go, there still remained two things to be done. One was to put in the old-fashioned daguerreotype of grandma, with Aunt Myrtle (taken at sixteen) standing on one side of her, and Uncle John on the other. This had been taken many years before, for a relative, and had been sent away, and its existence forgotten. Myrtle had been named for her aunt, and she looked very much as the latter had done at her age. Aunt Myrtle had died at eighteen, so Myrtle never saw her. The other thing to be included was the annual photograph of grandma and the present Myrtle. She had posed in imitation of the pose in the early picture, with her arm around grandma's neck. The resemblance between her picture and that of Aunt Myrtle was almost startling.

When grandma looked at the two pictures together she shook her head:

"Do I really look as old at that?" she sighed. "I hate to send that to Johnny. I'm afraid it will

shock him. I didn't look like that when he was me last."

But the picture went in, along with those which Tim (a genius at the work) had taken of each member of the family while engaged in preparing the box. Grandma was seen in spectacles and big apron, concocting the cake. Edith was taken dressing the duck, mother stuffing it, Myrtle packing it, and Tim screwing the lid of the box, which was on hinges.

At last the box was ready, and it made a brave appearance indeed, for it had been paluted a rich cardinal color, and in the corners Myrtle had transferred pictures of holly and mistletoe bunches.

It was Christmas eve.

Uncle John sat in his bachelor home, his feet stretched out before a comfortable grate fire, his good old pipe in his mouth. When Uncle John was in a reminiscent mood he always smoked a pipe.

The housekeeper knocked softly at the door. "The expressman is here. He has brought a most remarkable looking box, and he says to sign right here."

The box was brought in. "Please bring a screw driver," he said.

The screw driver in his hand, he waited until the housekeeper had left the room.

He had not kept much track of his home folks back on the farm. After Sister Myrtle died he hated to ever think of going back. Myrtle—the good fellow, the charming companion—was good as any boy—never took a dare—even kept him on the quill vive to keep up with her (she was two years older). "Ah," sighed he. "There never was another girl like Myrtle."

As his niece was named for Myrtle, who had always loved music, he had given her an organ, but that was years ago, and he had almost forgotten her existence.

Here then was a box from the old home. His conscience gave a twinge. How he had neglected them!

The box was empty. The contents had been carefully placed on the broad mahogany table. Uncle John sat before the fire, motionless. In one hand was the old picture. In the other he held the photograph. The wavering handwriting of his mother, and the sight of her wrinkled face and white hair in the photograph—such a contrast to that in the old picture—these touched him.

Then the sight of Myrtle, with her fresh young face, her head bound around with heavy braids, just as his sister had worn hers—the coral beads, even, without which he never saw his sister—all these things had seized him and transported him back over the thirty years that had passed since he had seen his home. Seizing the receiver at his elbow he called up the telegraph office and dictated the following message:

"Will be home New Years. Greetings. Box received.
UNCLE JOHN."

Then he again took up the pictures and studied them.

Grandma and—Myrtle. His beloved Myrtle—regretted to him from the dead! He no longer unwepted at that wonderful box.

"Such girls can accomplish anything if they get a chance!" he said. Suddenly he straightened up and pounded the arm of his chair with his fist. "And, by George! I'll see that she gets a chance!"

FOR THE BOY
IN CAMP

What shall I send that boy in military camp? Many mothers and others are asking that question. In reply, Dr. James N. Smith, professor of physical education in the University of Kansas, says: "Send him candy and to-be-here, a good book and, if his company has a talking machine, a record of light music or something funny. But don't send him old letters or lightweights."

Doctor N. Smith speaks from 30 years' experience in training university and college youths and from four months on the border as chairman of the First Kansas Infantry. He is the inventor of basket ball and has trained hundreds of athletes and kept thousands of students physically fit.

"Soft letters and nightgowns were the first thing I sent and useless things the boys on the border received from home," said Doctor N. Smith. "Write that boy once or twice a week. Send him the home paper. He may not seem to care about writing home, but never forget he has a reasonable appetite for home letters and the home paper. His appetite for sweets, too, is very keen. The army ration, wholesome and nourishing, hasn't many trimmings, so candy always is warmly welcomed by the boys. Home-made fudge or caramel candy, something that doesn't melt so easily, should be sent."

"There is no need to send clothing or necessities. Uncle Sam will look out for that. But small musical instruments are valuable in keeping a camp cheerful. Banjos, mandolins, even ukuleles, are good. Baseballs, bats, gloves and masks always are welcome. Anything that encourages helpful play is good to send."

"I am very much in earnest when I ask that no soft letters be sent the boys. Also, if you know of some boy who has no one to write him or to send him candy, remember him. I saw boys who felt it quite a little that there was no one to remember them. They're all just big kiddies, you know, and they need appreciation."

Without Premeditation

By Susan Claggett

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"Are the islands forts?" John English answered the question absently, without turning his head. "They are masked batteries, I believe."

"All of them?" "Something in the tone of voice caught his attention. He looked at the woman standing beside the rail, past her to the bay and the many islands dotting its surface.

"Boston is well protected," he remarked casually. "Of course," Rachel Baruch moved so as to face him. "I am a good American," she said dryly.

"Yes?" "Your tone implies reservation and an implication."

For an instant annoyance dominated John English. Then he laughed. "The times call for reserve. As for implication, I never imply a thing."

"Then why?" she waved her hand outwardly. "Ignorance. I have never before been in Boston harbor."

She looked at him doubtfully. "My explanation is not satisfactory?"

"Your pardon. There is something familiar, yet I am sure I have never seen you before. A chance likeness, a similarity in tone."

"I am fortunate if I resemble one who is a friend; it argues favorably for me," he answered idly.

"A friend! No. I disliked the man. In fact, I am running away from him." His eyes twinkled. "The obvious reason?"

She did not reply. The swell, that makes the trip to Yarmouth something to be dreaded, was rolling the steamer in a most unpleasant way and had cleared the deck of all but themselves.

"Isn't it very rough?" she asked, glancing about helplessly.

"I have been told this trip is worse than an ocean voyage." Then he glimpsed her face and was all concern.

"It is nothing," Rachel said hastily; "a little dizziness that will pass, but I think I will go in."

"The air is best for you, and you will miss the sunset." But she shook her head and left him.

They did not meet again until a week later. Loitering upon the piazza of the Queen's hotel, Halifax, he saw her pass. His first thought was to join her. His second, to wonder why he should desire to do so. Such an inclination belonged to youth, not to a man who had long left sentiment behind and found his most congenial companionship among his own kind.

His means permitted him to live as he pleased in the house built by some forgotten ancestor. This he had changed a little. The principal alteration had been in the attic, which he had transformed into a billiard room, the pleasantest place in the house, and this room visualized itself with some amazing additions to the furniture as he watched Rachel Baruch's retreating figure. A baby grand stood beside one window. Now, he could not tell the difference between Dixie and the sextet from Lucia, and he realized the incongruity of a piano in his den, but the oddity of its appearance disappeared in a greater astonishment as he noticed upon the hearth two pairs of slippers. This in itself was not unusual, but when he glimpsed one of the pair he wondered what had happened to him. Close beside his worn-out and comfortable number mines was a woman's shoe, dainty and small.

A blast from a steamer at the pier roused him, and he looked at his watch as a porter approached with his grip and rug, and with an unconscious sigh he came back to the business of the moment.

That a man should have dreams is not surprising. The surprising thing was that this condition of mind was brought about, not by a young woman, but by one quite thirty-five or more years of age. She could not even lay claim to beauty, but in Rachel's face was force and sweetness; a note in her voice that appealed to him. Analyzing his condition of mind later on, he reached the conclusion he was in a state bordering upon the idliery of extreme youth; for the first time in his life he could not constrain his feelings to respond to his will.

He wondered why he had been so short-sighted not to join her, to accept the chance offered by the gods, and as he lashed himself mentally over his failure to do so, something in the attitude of a woman upon whom his eyes had rested unseeing for some time brought a sudden realization that, after all, fate was kind.

He made no move to join her. He was content to wait, hoping she would recognize him when she turned. He was disappointed. Once her eyes swept over him casually, as casually as they passed over others standing near.

Still he hoped for recognition. "Like a fatuous youngster," he told himself. Instead, she moved to the other side of the steamer.

That evening when he went on deck he found her in the chair next to his. "I knew you at once," she told him,

but I have traveled so little it is difficult to accept the freemasonry of ship-board life. I am very glad you remembered me," she ended simply.

That trip to St. Johns always stood out in John English's memory as the one perfect time in a hitherto pleasant life. A man of literary tastes, he found in Rachel one who had read largely and had the courage of her rather positive ideas. But it was the personal in which he was interested. Especially was he concerned in the identity of the man from whom she was running away, and he asked one evening if she still noticed a resemblance.

"Occasionally," she replied, and would have changed the subject, but he persisted. It seemed to him he must know what part the man had played in her life.

"I am interested in my double, Miss Baruch, and I have been wondering if you would tell me more about him."

She replied readily. "There is little to tell, and to that you are welcome. My father was under obligations to him. Mr. Hardwick helped him when he was in financial straits, and then—then he said he did not want the money; he only wanted—he wanted to marry me. I could not bring myself to do as they wished, but I thought if I went away possibly my perspective might change sufficiently to include him when I returned."

"Not if I can help it," said John English. Then he stopped, amused at what he had said.

"You have nothing to do with it." "I have everything to do with it," he returned shortly. He left his chair and walked to the rail, appalled by his unpremeditated words. Marriage at no time had occurred to him. He had enjoyed Rachel's society, but a nearer intimacy he had not considered. Then, as she stood looking out across the moonlit sea, he again visualized his den and the extraordinary changes in its arrangements; the dainty shoes beside his shabby slippers, and across from his comfortable armchair, the smaller chair occupied by the woman now seated in the corner of the deck.

The cultivator of high priced farm lands has a big handicap to overcome in computing his profits on a \$200 an acre farm as compared with the agriculturist reaping as great, if not greater return from \$25 an acre land.

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Made for Her. "Oh, I wish the Lord had made me a man!" "He did; I'm the man."

Too Probable. "Who is going to score the new opera you are going to produce?" "I am afraid it is going to be the critics."

She Looked at Him Doubtfully. behind him. Suddenly that room as he now saw it became desirable above everything on earth, and he turned again to her.

"I have everything to do with it," he repeated. "I want to marry you myself."

"Have you taken leave of your senses?" "It would seem that I have come to a sense of what is necessary to my happiness."

"But to have it happen like this. It is absurd."

"I would have said the same thing a week ago. Today there is but one explanation."

"And that?" "It had to be. Just charge the whole thing to fate, and marry me when we reach St. John's. I know the consul and his wife. They will be delighted to act as host and hostess. What say you?"

She left him and walked to the end of the deck. He waited long for her to return to him, and then followed.

"What I have said may seem premature," he told her, "but I am thoroughly in earnest. If you cannot answer me now, I will ask again, when you know me better."

She faced him as she spoke. "That will be unnecessary. I was merely thinking fate had been most kind."

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Mrs. Will Kidder was in Keene this week.

Lyman Tenney's horse died this week Tuesday morning.

DON'T BE CAUGHT NAPPING! Get your FORD car now of Frank J. Boyd.

Mrs. D. W. Cooley entertained her nephew, Mr. Smith, from Boston, over Sunday.

A number of men have been working on the electric line the past week and are still at it.

WANTED--By Goodell Co., Antrim, a quantity of pine, also white birch logs. Apply to C. F. Butterfield.

Two more successful deer hunters: Harold Miner brought down a large doe and Robert Miner an eight point buck.

TO RENT--Tenement in lower part of house, corner Summer and Main St. recently occupied by Mr. Frazier. Apply F. L. Proctor or R. W. Jameson.

Don Paige has received the appointment of rural carrier on Route No. 2, and like the preceding appointee has declined to act. In time it is probable another appointment will be made.

A. Wallace George and Cranston D. Eldredge were at their homes here for the week end from Fort Foster, Kittery, Maine. They returned on the Sunday afternoon train, to Boston and then to Portsmouth and Kittery.

Mrs. Arthur Willis, of Concord, came with Miss Beggs, and was present at the demonstration at selectmen's room on Monday. The former spoke on the conservation of wheat and sugar and the latter on the uses of corn meal.

The Woman's Missionary Alliance will meet with Mrs. George W. Hodges, on Main Street, on Friday, Dec. 21, at 2:45 o'clock. Roll call--What the churches of America have done for public education, relief of suffering, and social welfare.

A Christmas tree, with appropriate exercises, will be held at the Baptist Church on the evening of Dec. 24, at 7 o'clock. In addition to the usual exercises the children will be entertained by the presentation of a little play entitled "A Hoover Supper and a Happy Christmas." Come and bring the children.

Antrim's contribution to the Halifax relief fund amounted to \$161, which was forwarded to the proper authorities. One contribution which deserves special mention was the one from the Intermediate school in the village; the Christmas exercises were given up and that money was donated for this cause.

The Methodist society held all their services on Sunday in the vestry of their church, thereby using only one furnace and thus conserving practically fifty percent of their fuel. This is the first church society in town to lead off in this matter and it seemed to have fitted in well with the people, for there was a good attendance at both morning service and Sunday School, and at the evening service there was a much larger attendance than usual. While in many ways this plan may not be quite so pleasing or convenient, yet all will be glad to do it as a help in the conservation of fuel for a most worthy cause.

Moving Pictures
Town Hall, Antrim

Tuesday Eve., December 25--
The Old Homestead
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Antrim Locals

Fred C. Parmenter is employed at Cram's store during the holiday season.

Miss Wilma Allen is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cleveland, in Newport, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Boyd have returned from a hunting trip to Stoddard.

Rev. S. P. Brownell is spending this week in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and vicinity.

Antrim will play Independents December 24, at town hall; dancing after the game.

Miss Julia Proctor, from Northfield, is spending her Christmas vacation here with relatives.

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Miss Alice Paige is enjoying the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Paige.

Miss Mildred Cram is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cram.

Charles Harold Clough, enlisted as gunner in the Aviation corps; now at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and expects to go to Texas.

PIGS FOR SALE--8 weeks old; \$6 each if taken this week. Apply to S. L. White, Antrim, N. H., R. F. D. No. 2.

News from Roy S. Downes at the State hospital, in Concord, states that he has been very ill, but is improving at this writing.

Louis Mallett, of this town, enlisted in Boston last week and is stationed at Fort Andrews, Boston, in the 23d Co., Coast Artillery.

Two handsome Hereford bulls arrived in town the past week for Jameson and White, who have large herds of Hereford cattle which recently came from Texas.

The Senior play will be given at town hall on the evening of December 28; buy your tickets early. Read the more extended notice on another page in this issue.

The schools have closed for a month's vacation; this holiday recess is a little longer than usual but is thought by the School Board to be the best arrangement that can be made.

The Antrim Grange has decided to postpone indefinitely the entertainment and dance they had advertised for Friday evening of this week. Due notice of its production will be given.

NOT SO FAST--Think! FORD car prices have not increased, but an advance in price in the very near future would not surprise us. Play safe and place your order now. Talk it over with F. J. Boyd.

The Reporter has received a telegram from Carroll N. Gibney stating that he hopes the annual basket ball game between the Antrim High and the Alumni will be arranged for the evening of December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jameson and three daughters are taking a two weeks' trip to Orlando, Florida, to spend the holiday season with Mr. Jameson's former business partner. Their many friends wish for them a most pleasant trip.

David H. Hodges, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hodges, has been in the service of his country for a time. The youngest son, James M. Hodges, has now gone west to enlist. Later we will give the branches of service and where they are located.

All Volunteers Fill Out Questionnaires

All men of draft age in the service, either army or navy and whether now in this country or in France, save only the 52 men sent into service by this Local Board, must fill out and return the questionnaires.

Friends of the man in service will forward to the men the questionnaire and in case the men are such distance (especially men in France) will, at the time of forwarding, and not before, notify this Board of such forwarding, with estimate of time required for reply. There should be no delay either in forwarding, or of notice to this Board.

C. S. Emerson, Chairman.

Speaking of fuel conservation, The Boston Sunday Globe said: "Perhaps it isn't necessary to suggest that young people who turn out the electric light in the parlor will be saving coal."

Important Notice to Non-Resident Tax Payers

All non resident taxes must be paid by December 25; after which date all such unpaid taxes will be advertised for sale.

Lewis R. Gove, Collector.
Antrim, N. H., Dec. 8, 1917

Aw, cheer up! says the Indian; o's News. Maybe the Weather Bureau is getting all that below-zero stuff out of its system at once.

CLIMBED STAIRS ON HER HANDS

Too Ill to Walk Upright. Operation Advised. Saved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

This woman now raises chickens and does manual labor. Read her story: Richmond, Ind.--"For two years I was so sick and weak with troubles from my age that when going up stairs I had to go very slowly with my hands on the steps, then sit down at the top to rest. The doctor said he thought I should have an operation, and my friends thought I would not live to move into our new house. My daughter asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she had taken it with good results. I did so, my weakness disappeared, I gained in strength, moved into our new home, did all kinds of garden work, shoveled dirt, did building and cement work, and raised hundreds of chickens and ducks. I cannot say enough in praise of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and if these facts are useful you may publish them for the benefit of other women."



—Mrs. M. O. JOHNSON, Route D, Box 190, Richmond, Ind.

TRUCKING

If you have any trucking you want to get done in the proper way just call us up and let us give you our prices. We do piano and furniture moving, or anything in the line of trucking. Parties carried out at reasonable rates. Try us and be satisfied.

H. W. ELLIOTT & SONS,
Tel. 18-2 Antrim, N. H.

Please call and inspect the quality of **GROCERIES** we handle and acquaint yourself with our prices.

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The Store That Tries to Please You

Clinton Store, Antrim

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The prices on Chasses, Touring Cars and Runabouts have not advanced--but how long the present prices continue we cannot say.

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Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.



THE REPORTER'S HONOR ROLL

A List of Antrim's Boys and Girls Who Are at Present Serving Their Country

The Reporter's Roll of Honor we have changed a bit since last week, so that now are included the volunteer nurses and the volunteers rejected upon examination.

In our endeavor to get a complete list of the Antrim volunteers we have been successful in part but think there may be a few names that we have been unable to get. If any of our readers can help us out we shall greatly appreciate the favor:

"Somewhere in France"

Howard E. Paige, Supply Sergeant
Raymond Butterfield, Sergeant
Leo E. Mulhall, Horseshoer
John W. Bryer, 1st class Private
Winfield S. Hilton, Private
William A. Myers, Private
Henry E. Newhall, Private
John Newhall, Private

These are all members of Company B, Machine Gun Battalion, 103d Reg., 52d Brigade.

Charles Myers, in the Quartermaster's Corps of the Regular Army, is "Somewhere in France."

Frank Bemis is a Private in the Infantry "Somewhere in France"

Cranston D. Eldredge and A. Wallace George are members of Dover Co. 8, Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Foster, at Kittery Point, Maine.

Henry B. Eldredge is a member of the Medical Dept., connected with the Base Hospital at Camp McClellan, in Alabama.

Charles N. Robertson is a member of the Cavalry, stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina.

William Hurlin is 2d lieutenant in the Infantry, at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Harold Clough has enlisted in the Aviation Corps; goes to Fort Slocum.

Paul F. Paige has enlisted in the Naval Reserves as first class yeoman in the Paymaster's Dept., and is now stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Will Congreave is an enlisted man

in the Navy, now employed in conveying transports probably.

Miss Margaret Redmond, Registered Nurse, at the Base Hospital, at Camp Harry J. Jones, in Douglas, Arizona.

Miss Helen Stowell, Registered Nurse, with Dr. Hugh Cabot's Harvard Unit, somewhere in France.

Miss Fannie Burnham, Registered Nurse, connected with Base Hospital, Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Richard Brooks was a member of the Peterboro Cavalry. N. H. N. G., contracted malaria on Mexican border and was unable to pass examination.

As a matter of record, The Reporter desires to keep a list of all those who would have enlisted but were rejected for one cause or another.

Dalmar Newhall
Norman Thompson
Paul R. Colby
D. Wallace Cooley

Those who have been examined or draft call and successfully passed the physical examination to enter the new army are:

Byron G. Butterfield
Carlton L. Brooks
Leo George Lowell
John Shea Whitney
Robert H. Cleaves
Howard C. Gokey

The first two in this list have been at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., since early in October; they each have been made Sergeants.

Arthur Fluri is in the Hospital Corps, at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Frank E. Cutter is in Company B, 49th Infantry, Engineer Piers, West 56th street, North River, New York City.

"THE COLONEL'S MAID"

Will be Given December 28th, Benefit Senior Class, A. H. S.

The arrangements for the annual play by the senior class of the Antrim High School are now in rapid progress of completion. The holiday vacation is on, but the pupils who are in the east and all who are helping in any way are busy with rehearsals and getting all the details ready for presentation on Friday evening, Dec. 28, "The Colonel's Maid." This is a very clever production and is being staged by Miss Hoitt, who has consented to stay and help put the play on for the seniors.

Tickets are now on sale and the class hope for a large patronage. The cast appears herewith and we are told that every member is doing finely:

Colonel Robert Rudd, a widower of North Carolina—Ralph Proctor.

Colonel Richard Byrd, a widower of South Carolina—Hollis Drake.

Marjorie Byrd and Rob Rudd, not so antagonistic as their respective fathers—Arline and Ellerton Edwards.

Mrs. J. John Carroll, a widow and Colonel Rudd's sister-in-law—Clementine Maso.

Julia Carroll, her daughter—Ruth Temple.

Ned Graydon, a young gentleman of exceedingly faulty memory—Richard Brooks.

Ching-ah-ling, the Chinese cook, a bit impertinent but by far the most important individual in the cast—Sheldon Burnham.

Mr. James Baskom, Colonel Rudd's lawyer—Prentiss Weston.

REPORTER OBSERVES THIRTY-FIFTH

Few Remarks in Closing One Volume and Starting Out for One More Mile Stone

The Reporter goes forward to its readers today entering upon its thirty-fifth volume of usefulness. If it were our desire to name over a few of the changes during the past year, we would hardly know where to begin and we might say there would be no end; it has been a year of unusual and sudden changes, affecting every one of us. Hardly dare we look into the future, for little do any of us know what a year may bring forth. We all have our ideas of what we would wish, and if only all nations were civilized as they were supposed to have been what a great blessing it would be to every other nation; however, conditions are not to our liking and we hesitate to constantly bring this matter to the attention of our readers for they have it with them continually and from almost every source.

In our immediate locality there have been changes, some affecting us in one way and some in another; yet everyone is doing his best under the circumstances which he finds himself placed, and those not of his own making.

While The Reporter never before experienced anything like what it has during the last few months, it is not like us to complain, and we are making the best of things as they are thrust upon us and doing our duty to the people whom we serve to the best

of our ability. It is our purpose to continue to do this, as we always have, and feel sure our efforts are appreciated. The Reporter has fond hopes that before a great while existing conditions will change for the better—we wish at this moment the prospects were brighter—but we have faith to believe however, that in time right will conquer and reconstruction will be the order. Then will be another testing time, and in that emergency our people will also be proved equal to the occasion.

Our annual salutatory is unlike anything ever given in these columns before and we earnestly hope never again to have occasion to give anything near it. Impossible as it is to "do business as usual," let us all come as near to it as possible and in making the best of conditions and the most of our opportunities, we shall be doing much that will prove beneficial to ourselves and everyone with whom we come in contact. Things will be greatly improved some day in the not far distant future and then we will again be a happy and contented people. The sterling manhood and womanhood around us is equal to the emergency; it has never failed in the past, will keep us steady and do for us just what we need in the present trying times, and in the period just ahead of us will lead us in the right direction.

FUEL CONSERVATION

Will Have the Sanction of all Our Church People

As was intimated in these columns last week, the churches have been asked to conserve all the fuel that they possibly can, and suggested union services as the best means of so doing. Committees from the three village churches have the matter now in hand; they held a meeting last Saturday night and adjourned to Saturday evening of this week, when it is expected some definite action will be taken.

The principle idea in the minds of the local Public Safety Committee being the conservation of fuel, nothing else would seem to be necessary of consideration in this connection, and if any way is found which will conserve more fuel than the one suggested, it will suit the purpose much better, we feel very sure. Whatever the committee considers must be with the main thought in mind. Everybody is interested in conserving fuel, some because they have to and others because they feel it their patriotic duty, and we are certain whatever action is taken by the churches will be such as will tend to save the greatest amount of coal and wood which seems to be the prime object just at present. Other things might well be brought into the matter at any other time but just now conservation of fuel is the object.

A Card

We desire to thank our friends, relatives and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our mother, Mrs. Ellen Shea.

Miss Margaret Shea
Miss Nellie Shea

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New Artesian Wells

Another wonderful artesian well has just been completed for Mr. Henry F. Hale on his property at the Balsams, Dixville Notch, N. H.

The well was drilled by the Bay State Artesian Well Co. of Concord, N. H., on the hill at a point about 200 feet higher than the Balsams Hotel, 8 inches diameter, entirely in ledge except a few feet of top ground. The water stands up in the well within 2 ft. 6 inches of the top so that by starting at a point about 150 ft. down the hill toward the hotel and digging a horizontal trench back, a 2 inch pipe will be entered into the well about 20 ft. below the natural water level, and then by extending the 2 inch water pipe down about 20 ft. into the well (which will give a draft of about 37 ft. of water below the natural top level) a continuous flow of many thousands of gallons of pure, cold water will run down the hill and up through all the pipe system of the hotel to the very top, and out of a waste pipe into the trout pond, without the use of any pump whatever.

The well was pumped continuously for 4 hours at the rate of about 100 gallons a minute, which ended the contract pump test, and then a little more steam was let into the engine and the pump threw 135 gallons a minute until the engine was shut down—in all the pumping the water in the well was lowered only about 17 feet from its original top level.

The water was tested, 43 degrees cold, and was clear and sparkling.

The Bay State Artesian Well Co. have just completed a splendid artesian well for Senator Jacob H. Gallinger on his summer estate at Salisbury, N. H. The Senator is very much pleased with the well, as his estate there has been short of good drinking water for years.

ANTRIM HIGH SCHOOL.

We have been notified that the holiday vacation, ending January 2, will be extended at least two weeks.

The A. H. S. Basket Ball team will play the Hancock team at the Antrim town hall Friday evening, Dec. 21.

On account of the storm and uncertainty of trains the Basket Ball game with Wilton last Friday night was postponed.

The Senior Class of Antrim High School will present their play entitled "The Colonel's Maid" Dec. 28, 1917. Everybody come and help the class.

With the Churches

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. R. S. Barker, Pastor

Thursday, Dec. 20. Prayer service. Come and bring your Christmas Prayer.

Sunday, Dec. 23. Christmas sermon in the morning.

Evening service: Subject to be announced.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. J. B. Cannell, Pastor
Sunday morning service: Sermon topic: "God's Christmas Gift to Man, and Man's Christmas Gift to God." There will be special music as follows: Anthem, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," Carol, "The First Nowell," and Solo, "The Holy City" by Miss Tandy.

Sunday Evening. Carols by the Choir and a special sermon by the Pastor.

Monday Evening. Christmas Social with Tree, at 7 o'clock.

A New Ruling

District and local draft boards, according to new rules issued by the President, will receive an increase in compensation beginning Dec. 15. Under the new rules the district board receive \$1.25 an hour for each hour spent at the office of the board engaged in their duties, and also for each hour they are actually traveling. Ten dollars for any single day or \$200 for any single month is the maximum. Members of local boards may be paid \$1 an hour for each hour at the office of the board while on duty; \$7.50 for any single day, or \$150 for any single month is the maximum.

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City Water Supply

The Bay State Artesian Well Co. of Concord, N. H., have just started to drill Artesian Wells for Water Supply in the town of Derby, Vt., which is to be annexed to Newport, Vt., as a city.

The Reporter Press

Our best advertisement is the large number of pleased customers which we have served. Ask any one who has had their Job Printing done at this office what they think of our line of work. Our Job Department has steadily increased with the years and this is the result of Re-orders from pleased customers. This means good work at the right prices.

Anybody can make low prices but it takes good workmen, good material, and a thorough knowledge of the business, to do first-class work. We have these requirements and are ready to prove our statement. A Trial Order Will Convince You.

The Reporter Press

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Papers, Rags, Antiques, Rubbers, Metals and Automobiles.
Drop me a postal.

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It is to be our especial contribution of War Service. To Farm successfully, abundant Water is needed. We have drilled many successful wells in and about Antrim, as well as in other parts of New Hampshire, and can point to a long list of satisfied customers. Several of our machines are now at work in New Hampshire. Calls for advice on Individual or Community Artesian Wells will receive prompt attention.

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From One to Two Hundred Thousand Feet Good OAK LUMBER

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SOUVENIR POST CARDS!

I have a nice lot of Souvenir Post Cards, all local subjects, genuine photographs, which I am making a specialty on just at this time. Have a large quantity and all fresh and good ones. Will sell them at one cent each.
W. E. CRAM.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HILLSBOROUGH SS. Court of Probate
To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of Hezekiah J. Best, late of Antrim, in said County, deceased, testate:
Whereas Henry A. Hurlin, trustee under the will of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County the account of his trusteeship of certain estate held by him, Viola E. Benson, executrix.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Nashua, in said County, on the 27th day of December next, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
Said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Antrim Reporter, a newspaper printed at Antrim, in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.
Given at Nashua, in said County, this 26th day of November A. D., 1917.
By order of the Court,
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C. H. ROBINSON, Agent, Antrim, N. H.

Notice

Henry A. Coolidge wishes to build between the two roads to the north of his garage. Inasmuch as the interests of the town, the interests of the adjoining landholders and the traveling public as well as Mr. Coolidge's title are involved, a public discussion will be conducted by the Board of Trade in the Selectmen's room on Friday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. The legal right and the advisability of Mr. Coolidge's building on that site will be discussed. The meeting is sure to be interesting and everyone is urged to be present and take part. Some valuable information is sure to be given.
R. H. Roberts, Secretary.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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Wind the clock—turn the Perfection Oil Heater out—and don't forget the cat!

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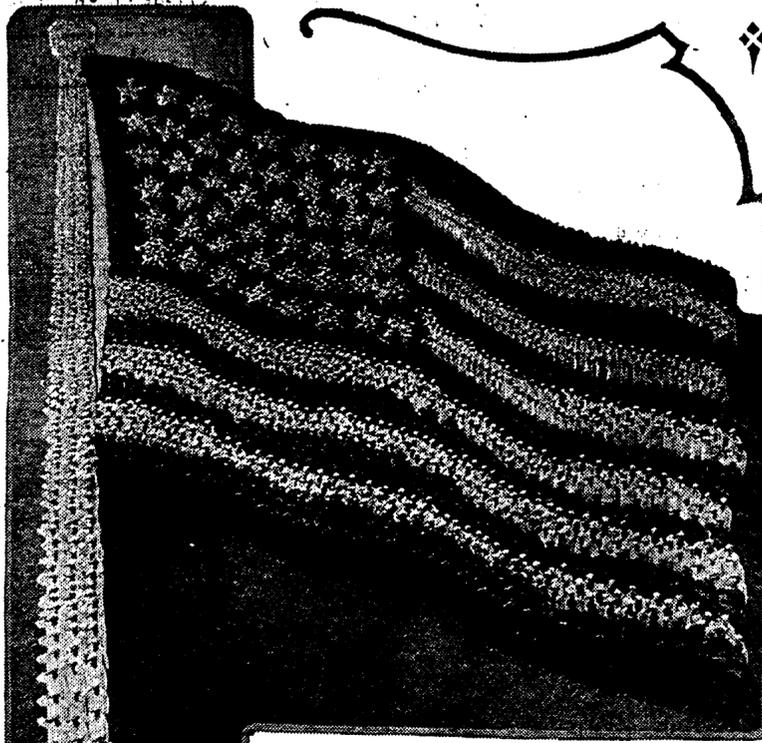
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This immense living flag, complete in every detail, was formed by 10,000 bluejackets at the naval station at Great Lakes, Ill., a few days ago. It was laid out with consideration of the law of perspective so that when photographed it stood out in proper proportions. There were 290 men in the ball and 560 men in the pole. The flag itself measured 293 feet in length at the top and 72 feet at the bottom. Grouped in the stars were men from nearly every state in the Union.

AMERICAN TROOPS WHO ARE NOW FIGHTING IN FRANCE



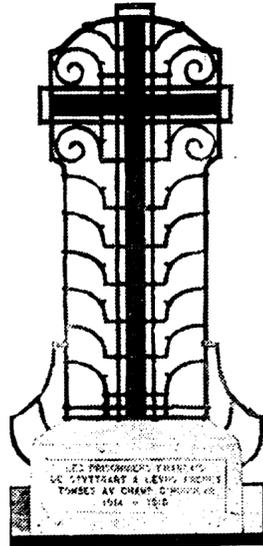
Marching along at a double-quick, with their super-abundant vitality expressed in their easy marching stride, a detachment of our soldiers is marching through a French village on the way to the front. Our soldiers are bringing to their work in France a vigorous vitality that is helping our allies as much as their work in the trenches.

GEN. MANN AND HIS CHIEF OF STAFF



General Mann, commander of the Forty-second or "Rainbow" division, the body of National Guard troops selected from 39 different states, who is now in France at the head of his troops, is shown at the left of the photograph. With him is Col. Douglas McArthur, chief of staff of the "Rainbow" division. Both the departure from this side and the arrival in France of the Guardsmen was kept a closely guarded secret.

MADE BY FRENCH PRISONERS



This unique monument was made by French prisoners of war in the camp at Stuttgart, Germany, as a tribute to their comrades who have died in battle for their beloved country.

O CHRIST THE CHILD!



You little children in whose eyes
The undimmed light of heaven
glows,
Whose dreams are bright of paradise,
Whose thoughts are whiter than the snows,
From holy lips and undefiled
Breathe your soft prayers like Christ the Child.
And you whose thinning locks are spent
With unreturning autumn's rime,
Whose forms, like wind worn trees,
are bent
Beneath the heavy storms of time.
Take Christ the Child to be your guide
Past the dim shad where shadows bide.
Oh, saving hands; oh, thou that hearest
An earthly mother's lullabies,
Who sharpest all our doubts and fears,
Whose bosom trembles to our sighs,
Teach us thy gospel pure and mild!
Make us like thee, O Christ the Child!
—New York Tribune.

A Christmas Carol for Children

Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing
To us this day a child is given
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will himself our Saviour be,
From sin and sorrow set us free.

To us that blessedness he brings,
Which from the Father's bounty springs;
That in the heavenly realm we may
With him enjoy eternal day.

All hail, thou noble guest, this morn'
Whose love did not the sinner scorn!
In my distress thou cam'st to me;
What thanks shall I return to thee!

Were earth a thousand times as fat
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for thee.

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child!
Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for thee.

Praise God upon his heavenly throne
Who gave to us his only Son;
For this his hosts, on joyful wing,
A blest New Year of mercy bring.
—Martin Luther.

Date of the Birth of Christ.
"In looking through a reference book I find the birth of Jesus Christ took place in the year 4 B. C. How could it possibly be?" asked a correspondent of the Philadelphia Press.
To which the reply was made:
"The attempt to date things forward and backward from the birth of Christ was first made in 533 A. D. by a Roman abbot, Dionysius Exiguus. He regarded Christ's birth as taking place in the year 754 after the founding of Rome. Early Christians had put it in the year of Rome 750.
"The abbot's belated attempt to date things from Christ's birth was probably inaccurate, and the proper definition of the Christian era is that it begins with January 1 in the fourth year of the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad and the seven hundred and fifty-third from the founding of Rome.
"According to the latest computation, Christ was born in the year 6 B. C. or the year 7 B. C."

What of the Night?
Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,
See that glory beaming star!
Watchman, doth its beauteous ray
Aught of hope or joy foretell?
Traveler, yes! It brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth, its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, none are its own,
And it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease,
His thee to thy quiet home,
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace—
Lo, the Son of God is come.
JOHN BOWRING.

A Christmas Prayer

By
Bryr Rev. Michael J. Larrile

SAVIOR of the world, humbly and lovingly we greet thee, this Christmas morning, thanking thee for all the blessings brought by thy coming, and asking the grace that we and all mankind may appreciate them better and make them more truly our own with every year that passes by. Make us faithful, noble, industrious, temperate, sincere. Send forth thy spirit that we may be recreated and the face of the earth may be renewed. Make us able to sing with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."—New York World.

The Season Of Peace

THE whole air at the first Christmaside was tremulous with joy. It was a time for holy song, for inspired psalm, for seraphic song. Let joy come still to our homes and hearts. Christ gives a brightness and beauty, gladness and glory, to the whole circle of life and duty. Come, Lord Jesus! There shall be room for three in our homes. Once there was none in the inn, but only in the stable. Now our best is thine. Only honor us with thy beneficent presence.

Let us away with strife at this season. Now is the time to speak kindly words. Let us not carry into the new year the enmities of the old. Let not the harsh notes of contention come into the heavenly song of peace.

Christ came to give peace, and from heaven's throne today he bends to give peace to all who trust him. He was the only person ever born into the world who had his choice as to how he should come. He might have come man, as did the first Adam. He came a babe. He inserted himself into our race at its lowest and weakest point. If he were to lift the race he must get under it. He glorified the cradle; he glorified boyhood; he sanctified motherhood.

But Christ must be born in each heart in order that we may have a true Christmas. Are we rejoicing in the gifts of human love? Shall we be mindful of him who is the "unspeakable gift?"—Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur in Homiletic Review.

Blessed Christmas Day,
Oh, blessed day which giv'et the eternal life
To self and sense and all the brute within!
Oh, come to us amid this war of life—
To hall and hovel come! To all who toll
In senate, shop and study, and to those
Ill warned and sorely tempted.
Come to them, blest and blessing, Christmas day!
Tell them once more the tale of Bethlehem,
The kneeling shepherds and the Babe divine,
And keep them men, indeed, fair Christmas day.
CHARLES KINGSLEY.

HALLELUJAH, HALLELUJAH



Child Jesus comes from heavenly height
To save us from sin's keeping.
On manger straw, in darkness night,
The Blessed One lies sleeping.
The star smiles down, the Angels greet,
The Oxen kiss the Baby's feet,
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Child Jesus!

Take courage, soul in grief cast down;
Forget the bitter dealing.
A Child is born in David's town
To touch all souls with healing.
Then let us go and seek the Child,
Children like him, meek, undefiled,
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—Hans Christian Andersen.

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Beneath the Mistletoe

The origin of this Christmas custom, much in favor among the lovers, goes back to dim past and is lost in traditions of the Druids.

(By IDA M. BRUCE in Utica Globe.)



WHEN a young man at a Christmas party leads, with an attempt at nonchalance, some charming young lady beneath a bough of mistletoe in order to win a "mistletoe kiss" he is of the opinion that he is luring the young lady into a situation where, by the decree of an ancient custom, she must forfeit the aforesaid kiss.

Frankness compels me to confess that the luring is done by the young lady. For their Christmas parties they secure and suspend the mistletoe and she is indeed a most sedate and rather chilling young person who will not, during the festivities, allow herself to be "lured" beneath the mistletoe. And all this is quite within her rights. It is a custom she inherited from ancestors who dwelt in Britain or Scandinavia, centuries ago. Today the mistletoe and the mistletoe kiss are associated only with Christmas. But, in truth, mistletoe had its significance centuries before the birth in Bethlehem which gave us Christmas.

Scandinavians claim that mistletoe customs originated with them, but there is an English legend antedating those of Scandinavia, which tells how, in the golden age of the Druids, did themselves hang up boughs of mistletoe and lure young men into their embrace.

According to this legend Chelm, an ancient high priest, had a great temple in the forest where he taught young men to become priests. So popular did this temple become that half the young men of the countryside were leaving their homes and people, and becoming Druid priests.

There was great need of the young men in the camps to hunt and fish and to plant, and, above all, there were so many more maidens than young men left that they decided something must be done to reclaim them. The girls sought an ancient witch and asked her help.

"Pick yonder mistletoe that grows without roots upon the trees, go to the edge of the forest round about the tree temple of Chelm and hang it there all around and about the forest. Stand in waiting there, well hidden, until the young men coming forth from the forest each night to bring food to the temple, are under the mistletoe, then step forth. They will clasp you and kiss you whereupon do you scream right lustily and the young men shall be yours."

How the Girls Won Back the Men. The maidens followed this advice and hung the mistletoe in festoons about the edge of the forest. Standing under it, the young men felt impelled to kiss the maidens who stepped forth to greet them. The maidens, as instructed, screamed lustily and Chelm and other of the old Druid priests rushed forth, fearing their young men were being murdered. When the good old Druids saw the young men embracing the maidens they drove them away, for they would have no one among them who had ought to do with women.

And so, through the peculiar influence of the mistletoe, the maidens won back the young men, but the custom of hanging up mistletoe was kept up. Later after the introduction of Christianity, the custom was added to the Christmas festivities.

Christmas Festivities. From Scandinavian mythology comes the weird but interesting story of the origin of mistletoe, that pale-bertied parasite of the forest. One of the best of these legends is that of Baldur, son of Wodin. In the days when those strange gods are said to have walked and talked with the mortals on earth, as did Jupiter and Apollo and Diana and Latona and the other gods and goddesses of Olympus.

Baldur was the Scandinavian god of sunshine and summer and was naturally beloved by all except Loki, the god of hearth fires. For, while the people rushed out of doors to see Baldur when he brought the summer sun, they had no use for Loki until the next winter, consequently Loki disliked Baldur.

Nanna, goddess of the blossoms and wife of Baldur, dreamed terrible dreams of the death of Baldur, and she went to the great god Wodin, her father-in-law, and told him and he was greatly troubled. But messengers were sent forth throughout the world

and had everything swear to do Baldur no harm. Everything animate and inanimate, the animals and men and fish and birds, the water and earth and rocks and trees, the winds and clouds and rain and snow, all agreed never to harm Baldur.

"Go forth and weep no more, daughter," said Wodin to Nanna, "no harm can now come to your husband, my son," and Nanna went forth happy.

After that all the gods used to amuse themselves hurling stones and axes and spears at Baldur and he stood and laughed at them, because neither wood nor petal nor anything could harm him. It was great sport for everyone. One day while at this sport an old woman asked Nanna why they were trying to kill Baldur.

"Everything has promised never to harm him," she explained.

"Everything?" queried the old woman.

"Except the mistletoe, what can that little shrub do?" Nanna laughed scornfully.

The old woman hurried away. Of course it was Loki in disguise. She got a twig of mistletoe and hardened it by charring the outside before the fire, fitted the point to a lance and hurled it at Baldur, whereupon it pierced his heart and he fell dead.

Dedicated to Love and Affection. As a peace offering the gods dedicated the mistletoe to love and affection and peace just so long as it never touched Loki's territory, the ground. Ever since then the mistletoe has grown without roots, far away from the ground, and even to this day it is used by suspending it above the floor or ground.

And so it is that both ancient Britain and Scandinavia lay their claim to mistletoe customs and the origin of suspending a branch of it beneath which youth may kiss. There is little doubt but what the custom was in use a thousand years before the origin of Christmas. While the story of the maidens who lured back to their camps, and to themselves, the young men who were about to become Druid priests, gives good account of our custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe today, to Scandinavia also belongs much credit. When those brave and romantic Scandinavians looked forward to Valhalla as their heaven, and worshipped the gods Thor and Wodin on Thor's day and Wodin's day (which is where we get our Thursday and Wednesday), they used to have certain great feast days for their gods.

It became the custom, on observing Thor's day, to build great fires. These were called "Juni" fires. As everyone knows, the Scandinavian "J" is pronounced quite like our pronunciation of the letter "Y," consequently those fires were spoken of as "Yule" fires.

The brighter the fires, the higher the flames towered through the forests where the Scandinavians used to gather to pay honor to the great god Thor, the greater pleased was Thor, and so it became necessary to pick out the best of wood to burn.

Then men would go into the forest looking for "Juni" logs, and they soon learned that the trees upon which much mistletoe hung would give the brightest fires. They did not know the reason for this, and believed that it was due to the work of the great Thor himself who caused the mistletoe to grow on those trees without roots solely as a means of letting his people know which trees were best for burning in his honor.

And so whenever anyone met under the mistletoe in the great forests, no matter how great enemies they were, they dropped their weapons and greeted each other kindly, nor would they take up arms against each other until the sunrise of another day. This was their tribute in memory of Thor.

A Fetish of Good Luck. They began to take bits of the mistletoe into their homes and hang it over the doorways, and if any enemies came, they could not enter the houses beneath the mistletoe without becoming friends to the people inside so long as they remained there. From this came the habit of greeting people who stepped under the mistletoe with an embrace or a kiss, and at great indoor feasts the mistletoe was hung up in the room and the people greeted each other with kisses.

Later this mistletoe hanging at feasts came to be put in use only at the Christmas feast and from that grew the custom of hanging up the



mistletoe in order that any standing beneath it might be kissed by the first person who caught her there.

Few if any growing things are the subject of as many ancient legends, customs and beliefs as the mistletoe. The fact that the ancient Celts in their druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

Pliny in his Natural History describes the ceremony. Speaking of the Druids' worship of the oak, he says: "They believe that whatever grows on these trees is sent from heaven and is a sign that the tree has been chosen by the God himself. The mistletoe is very rarely to be met with, but when it is found they gather it with solemn ceremony. This they do especially on the sixth day of the moon, because by the sixth day the moon has plenty of vigor and has not run half its course."

After the preparations have been made for a sacrifice and a feast under the tree they haul it as the universal healer and bring to the spot two white bulls whose horns have never been bound before. A priest, clad in a white robe, climbs the tree and with a golden sickle cuts the mistletoe, which is caught in a white cloth. Then they sacrifice the victims, praying that God may make his own gift to prosper with those upon whom he has bestowed it.

"They believe that a potion prepared from mistletoe will increase their flocks and that the plant is a remedy against all poison."

It was believed to be a remedy for many ills and this belief is still to be found in many remote places in Europe. In Holstein, for example, the mistletoe is regarded as a healing remedy for wounds and in LaCaune, France, it is always administered by the native people as an antidote for poison. They apply the plant to the stomach of the patient and give him a solution of it to drink as well. The Gaelic word for mistletoe is "an t'uil" which means "all healer," and this is probably what the Druids called it in ancient times.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut wicks of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they bent in circles and kept for a year to cure hectic fevers and other troubles. In some parts of Germany the mistletoe is especially esteemed as a remedy for the ailments of children, who sometimes wear it hung around the neck as an amulet.

In Sweden on midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of the dwelling house, the horse's stall or cow's crib, the "trills" or evil spirits will then be powerless to injure either man or beast. Branches of the plant are commonly seen in farmhouses hanging from the ceiling to protect the dwellings from all harm, but especially from fire, and persons afflicted with the falling sickness think they can ward off all attacks of the malady by carrying about with them a knife which has a handle of mistletoe.

A Swedish remedy for other complaints is to hang a sprig of mistletoe round the sufferer's neck or to make him wear on his finger a ring made from the plant. Moreover they fashion divining rods of mistletoe or of four different kinds of wood, one of which must be mistletoe. The treasure seeker places the rod on the ground after sundown and when it rests directly over the treasure the rod begins to move as if it were alive.

Like their Swedish neighbors, many German peasants consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits.

Good Cheer For Christmas Day

Roast Turkey, Bread Filling With Giblet Sauce
Celery
Cranberry Jelly
Brown Mashed Potatoes
Cre-med Onions or Vegetable of Choice
Frozen Pudding, Hot Maple Sauce
Coffee

Roast Turkey, Bread Filling With Giblet Sauce.

Clean, draw and truss the turkey, fill with bread filling, sew up and place in roast pan in very hot oven until it is well seared. Dust with a tablespoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful white pepper and baste with a cupful of water. Reduce the heat of the oven, in twenty minutes turn the turkey over and baste with cold water. You will have to baste the turkey two or three times. For a seven to nine-pound fowl allow one and three-quarters to two hours for roasting. After the turkey is seared turn it over on the breast; then the juice will go into the white meat and it will not be dry. Remove the turkey and make the gravy.

Filling for Turkey. Four cupfuls stale bread, two tablespoonfuls drippings or butter, two tablespoonfuls finely cut onion, two tablespoonfuls chopped parsley, a tablespoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful pepper, one-half teaspoonful paprika. The liver and heart can be used to make a very good dressing by putting them through the meat chopper. Put the



CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Homemade Sweets for the Children This Year.

Barley Sugar Drops.—Ingredients: Half a pound of loaf sugar, a large teaspoonful of white of egg, half a teaspoonful of lemon juice, half a gill of water. Boil the sugar, water and egg until it thickens, then add the lemon juice. Bring to the boil again and cook quickly until the mixture begins to candy, then pour into a shallow buttered tin, and when cool cut into strips.

Giblet Sauce. Boil the gizzard, put through food chopper with the raw liver and heart, put into pan after removing the turkey and part of the drippings, add a tablespoonful finely cut onion. Fry until tender. Add enough water to make two cupfuls, add a tablespoonful flour, wet with a little cold water; a tablespoonful caramel and seasoning to taste; boil five minutes, add a tablespoonful chopped parsley.

Brown Mashed Potatoes. Wash and pare a quarter peck of even-sized potatoes, quarter and put on with enough boiling water to cover. Boil twenty to twenty-five minutes or until tender. Drain and mash, add a teaspoonful salt, one-eighth teaspoonful white pepper and one-quarter cupful of hot milk. Beat with wire spoon. Put into bake dish, rough the surface with a fork, add a teaspoonful of butter in small pieces over the top and bake ten minutes in hot oven or until the edges are brown.

Candy Baskets and Cakes. Place in a granite kettle two cupfuls of granulated sugar, half a cupful of glucose or corn syrup, half a cupful of water and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Boil all together to the crisp or crack stage (230 degrees) and after removing from the fire flavor with a few drops of oil of peppermint, wintergreen or sassafras. Divide the candy into two portions and color one with red vegetable coloring. Pull each part separately, then twist the red candy around the white until you have it in the form of a stick. Cut into sticks and form into cakes or take slender strips of the red and white, braid and shape into baskets.

Fig and Nut Strips. Chop a few figs and cook with a little water and sugar until reduced to a thick paste. Roll out a sheet of good fondant cream, sprinkle with chopped nut meats and spread with the fig paste, which should be cold. Cover with another sheet of the fondant, press lightly together, and when the fig paste is firm, in about twenty-four hours, cut into short strips.

UNIQUE DECORATIONS

A Pretty Pagan Custom Revived to Very Holey.

For table decoration a doll dressed as Santa Claus or as an angel could be put in the middle of the table, and tied around its waist may be a lot of narrow ribbons, one for every guest. Each one of these should run from the doll to a plate, where should be tied to it a tiny parcel with some trifling gift or mock present. If definite places are assigned to each guest some little things which "knock" at some of their follies would make lots of laughter around the table as the parcels are opened, care being taken, however, not to touch upon some sensitive point, for that would most effectively spoil any further attempt at fun. For this arrangement the table could be decorated in almost any desired way. The doll might be perched upon a tall vase, the



base of which might be banked with greens, with either fruits or flowers interspersed. A sprig of holly or mistletoe might be put into each parcel or knotted along the length of the ribbons.

And the rest of the room ought really to be decorated, too, with holly or greens draped over the pictures and at the doorway, for the custom of bringing green things into the home at Yuletide dates back to a very beautiful custom of the old Druid worshippers, who, at a festival which to them was much like our Christmas, brought into their house branches of trees and mistletoe, which was the sacred flower, and they believed that the spirits of Druids driven away from their tree homes by the cold would come and take up their habitation in these branches and that as long as this spirit remained good luck would be with all the members of that household. So from this pretty pagan custom has come ours of decorating our homes at Yuletide.

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Land is nature's gift to man. If you own some you are among the favored children of nature. One gift calls for another in exchange. Brain and brawn is man's gift to nature.
At It Again.
"Sarb," said Hop, diffidently. "I have a serious question to ask you."
"There's a catch in it, somewhere," responded Sarb. "But it's my turn, so I'll bite. What's the question?"
"This isn't column stuff," protested Dave. "In fact, I'd rather it didn't go any further. Can you lend me five dollars for a few days?"
"I knew it was some kind of comedy. No, I can't lend you five dollars. Why don't you get Blank to let you have it?"
"Oh, Blank don't know me very well, and—"
"That's why I suggested him."

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher.
In Use for Over 30 Years.
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.
New Milk Product.
It is stated that a new industry has been created in Hamburg for the conversion of milk into a hard, bony material resembling ivory, tortoise shell and celluloid, and known in commerce as "galalith." The material does not readily burn, like celluloid, is odorless, and takes a high polish and any color desired. It is converted into toilet articles, buttons, dominoes, dice, chess figures, piano keys, electrical fittings, etc.

Replanting the Pine.
Pine tree seeds are being sent from Scotland to the battle zone in France for the purpose of replanting the forests that have been destroyed by artillery fire during the last three years.
Skill, not strength, governs.

ODDS AND ENDS

New tongs for sugar or candy are mounted at the end of a tubular handle and are operated by a spring controlled plunger.

The Philippine Islands have about 40,000 square miles of virgin forest and about 20,000 square miles of second growth timber.

Scientific experiments have demonstrated that the yellow color of cream and butter is not necessarily an indication of their richness.

An expedition of Norwegian scientists is studying the native flora and fauna of almost unknown regions of Northern and Central Asia.

Experiments in the Philippines in crossing native and Connecticut tobacco have produced a variety selling for more than twice the price of the native.

For producing decorative light effects rubber balloons have been invented into which electric lamps can be inserted and the balloons distended with air.

Experimenting with simple apparatus, a California doctor has sent wireless messages through the ground for distances up to 40 miles.

Worm deflated under the coat, a French inventor's life preserver is inflated and made ready for use by inserting a capsule of highly compressed air.

Patents have been granted a Chicago woman for candy made and wrapped in the form of artificial flowers, which can be eaten after serving in bouquets.

GIFTS!

For Men, Women and Children and the Home

FOR WOMEN—Tea aprons, Serving aprons, Large white aprons, Colored work aprons, Bangalow aprons, Silk hose, Lisle hose, Handkerchiefs, Transfer emb. designs, Pocketbooks, Bags, Combs, Brooches, Chains, Pendants, Stationery, Neckwear, Sport silk for shirts, Heavy plain satin for skirts, All silk crepe de chine, Silk and cotton crepe de chine, Fancy cups and saucers, Earthenware casseroles with nickel frames, 7-piece fancy water set, Shirt waists, Muffs, Neckpieces, Caps and scarfs, Blankets.

FOR MEN—Bath robes, Bath robe blankets, Neckties, Garters, Arm bands, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Smoking sets, Cuspidors, Smoking stands, Chairs, Automobile polish and dustless dusters, Shaving mugs, Mustache cups and saucers, Dinner pails, Lunch boxes, Coat and trousers hangers.

FOR CHILDREN—Sleds, Blackboards, Furniture, All kinds of toys, Books, Handkerchiefs, Outing robes, Purses, Wrist bags, Sleeping garments, Infants wrappers, Slips, Dresses, Stationery, Knitted sets, Knitted caps, Hose, Kiddie kars, Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Craft toys, Celluloid dolls, Erectors.

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50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

EAST ANTRIM

Ed. and Walter Knapp each have a very sick cow.

We are glad to report that Allen Knapp's horse is improved.

Will Norris, of Sutton, has been renewing old acquaintances.

G. A. Cochran was under the doctor's care a portion of last week.

E. G. Rokes is nursing a sore hand, as a result of coming in contact with a barn fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and son, Harlan, of Warner, were recent visitors at Mrs. Perry's.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
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Sold by all Druggists. Beware of cheap imitations.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NORTH BRANCH

George F. Lowe was in Hillsboro recently.

Harland Sweet and sons were at Antrim Monday.

Chas. I. Wheeler has not been so well the past week.

Arthur Bartlett was at Hillsboro recently on business.

Percy L. Peabody's horse has been sick and is reported to be on the gain.

Dr. Barrett, of Peterboro, was at this part of the town on professional duties recently.

Truman Sizemore was the first lucky deer hunter at the Branch on the opening of the deer season in Hillsboro County.

Miss Alice Welsman has gone to Halifax, having relatives living in that part of the city visited by the explosion.

Hopes to Conserve Fuel at the Town Hall

Following out the plan of fuel conservation the Public Safety Committee has presented to the Selectmen the following request:

To the Board of Selectmen, Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Public Safety Committee held Dec. 14, in conjunction with Mr. H. A. Hurlin, local Fuel Administrator, it was decided to ask the Selectmen of Antrim to aid in fuel conservation by limiting the letting or donating the use of the Town Hall except as follows: Official town business, Religious services, Red Cross, Public Safety Committee, School Entertainments, Moving Pictures not oftener than once a week, Dancing not oftener than once in two weeks, Basket Ball with only partial heat. We would appreciate hearing from you on the subject.

F. C. Parmenter, Secy.

To date the Reporter has not learned that the Selectmen have taken action in the matter.

Pigs For Sale

I have about 20 Pigs eight and nine weeks old, for sale. Apply to
F. K. BLACK, Antrim.

Executor's Notice

The undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of the late E. N. Smith, of Hillsboro, N. H., hereby gives notice that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to pay to him, or all having claims against said estate, on or before the 15th day of January, 1915.
Dated December 15, 1914.
GEORGE M. NESMITH.

BENNINGTON

A Weekly News Letter of Interest

Moving Pictures!

Town Hall, Bennington
Wednesday Evening, Dec. 19—
Mv Ladies' Shippers, 5-Reel Feature.

Saturday Evening, Dec. 22—The
Further Adventures of Stinagree,
Chapter 1.
3-Reel Drama and Comedy.

W. A. NICHOLS, Mgr.

Mrs. Ed. Keiser is on the sick list.
Mrs. A. J. Pierce was in Boston several days the past week.

Miss Kate Curtis has gone to Florida to spend the winter with her cousin.

Misses Doris Wilson and Dorothy Hart were Hillsboro visitors Monday.

We are glad to report that E. G. Timme is improving from his recent illness.

A. C. Smart and daughter, Mrs. Helen Duncklee, were in Concord on Monday.

Major Arthur J. Pierce has returned from a week's business trip in Washington, D. C.

Charles Church was called to Bel-lows Falls, Vt., owing to the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Nancy Barrett has removed her household goods to Farmington, where she will reside through the winter.

William Griswold has enlisted in the aviation section of the signal corps and gone to join that branch of the service.

Mrs. G. H. Dunlap, formerly a resident here, was called to town to attend the funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Whitney.

At the State Grange meeting held at Concord, the Bennington Grange was awarded the prize for this district in literary work.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles have closed their home here for the winter and gone to Woburn, Mass., where they will care for a relative.

The grammar school is closed this week on account of the illness of Miss Center, the teacher. It will reopen with the other schools on Jan. 7.

LOST:—Carriage lantern, from sleigh last Thursday morning on road from Bennington to Antrim. Finder will please leave at Reporter office.

Rev. Geo. Dunlap of Ashby, Mass., was called to town to assist at the funeral of Mrs. Nathan Whitney last week. He was accompanied by his wife.

The Starrett brothers have left town for their winter home in Mt. Dora, Florida. They were accompanied by A. E. Holt and Miss Kate Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. James May, of Andover, Mass., have been guests of relatives and friends in this place; they will spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

The third food demonstration was given by Miss Ann Beggs at the Sons of Veterans Hall yesterday afternoon. Miss Beggs was accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Willis of Concord, who spoke on food conservation.

EVERY SEASON there is a shortage of FORD cars. The public appreciates and demands a car that will give the utmost service at the lowest upkeep cost. Place your order with F. J. Boyd, Antrim.

Mrs. Dr. Tibbetts was on the train within two miles of Halifax at the time of the great explosion; her friends feared for her safety, knowing she was in that locality, but she was uninjured.

In the court records of the past week in town were these cases, before Judge Henry W. Wilson:

Robert Cleaves, for disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and costs and 90 days in House of Correction, the latter being suspended.

Wesley Alexander, for assault, was fined \$5 and costs.
George Stevens and John Graham were each fined \$1 and costs.

At the regular meeting of the S. of V. Auxiliary held Dec. 17, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., Hattie A. Wilson; Vice pres., Mary L. Knight; Treas., Edith L. Lawrence; Chap., Minnie Gordon; Guide, Flora L. Griswold; Asst. Guide, Marion Griswold; Patriotic Instructor, Helen Duncklee; Inside Guard, May Griswold; Outside Guide, Cora Wickham; Right Color Guard, Mina Kilian; Left Color Guard, Maud Hass; Trustees, 1st, Mary L. Knight, 2nd, Flora L. Griswold, 3rd, Minnie Gordon; Press Com., Mary L. Knight.

Card of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Charlotte M. Whitney extend their sincerest thanks to her many friends for the acts of kindness done and the gifts of flowers and messages of sympathy received.

C. Elizabeth Roger,
Carrie L. Hadley,
Edward S. Whitney,
William B. Whitney

CLINTON VILLAGE

Albert Zabriskie is at C. L. Holt's for the holidays.

Miss Jessie Butterfield is at home for a month's vacation.

"Billy" Mulhall is in Windsor driving a team for E. K. Wheeler.

E. K. Wheeler has purchased a pair of horses from Benj. Tenney.

Richard Brooks and Francis Whittemore spent ten days recently in Stoddard on a hunting trip.

Waldo Brown is one of the successful deer hunters.

Francis Whittemore has enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps, and now reported in Texas.

Ralph Little, nephew of Mrs. George Sawyer and well known to many of our people, has joined the colors and is in the Quartermaster's corps, now at Jacksonville, Florida.

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GEORGE O. JOSLIN

BENNINGTON : : CLINTON

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HILLSBOROUGH, N. H., Court of Probate
To the heirs at law of the estate of Susan C. Stevens, late of Hancock, in said County, deceased, testate, and to all other interested therein:
Whereas WILL O. STURGE, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, has filed in the Probate Office for said County, the account of his administration of said estate:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Court of Probate to be holden at Manchester, in said County, on the 15th day of January, next, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
Said executor is ordered to serve this citation by causing the same to be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Antrim Reporter a newspaper printed at Antrim in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said Court.
Given at Nashua in said County, this 30th day of December, A. D. 1914.
By order of the Court,
E. J. COPP, Register.

Read our advs. and then say you saw it in the Reporter.

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