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### Business Directory.

#### PHYSICIANS.

D. A. J. THOMPSON, Physician and Surgeon. Office over H. M. Williams' drug store, Mason, Mich.  
L. O. GIBSON, Physician, Surgeon and Dentist. Office over H. M. Williams' drug store, Mason, Mich.  
G. GREEN, M. D., Homoeopathist. Office in Public block, residence, first door east from church, Mason, Mich.  
A. M. CUMMINS, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office over H. M. Williams' drug store, Mason, Mich.  
L. J. HEMANS, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office over First State and Savings Bank, Mason, Mich.  
E. S. AVERY, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office over Farmers' Bank, Mason, Mich.  
O. J. HODG, Attorney at Law. Particular attention given to probate practice. Real Estate, Conveyancing, Loans and Insurance. Office over Brown Bros' shoe store, Mason, Mich.  
J. W. WILSON, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in Darrow Block, Mason, Mich.

#### HARDWARE.

RITCHIE & RAYMOND, dealers in General Hardware, Paints, Oils and Farmers' Supplies, Main St., Mason, Mich.

#### VETERINARY.

D. G. G. MOODY, Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist. Graduate Ontario Veterinary College. Treats all diseases of horses and cattle. Will attend calls day or night. Office and residence corner A and Mill streets, Mason, Mich.

#### AUCTIONEER.

JOHN H. HARRIS, Auctioneer. Property sold at reasonable rates. 1101, Mich.

#### REAL ESTATE AGENT.

C. L. ANDERSON, Loan, Collection, Insurance and Real Estate Broker. Office over Webb's shoe store, Mason, Mich.  
JOHN DUNBAR, Real Estate and Loan Agent. Main street, south of postoffice, Mason.

#### INSURANCE.

J. A. HARNES, Notary and Conveyancer, Loan, Insurance and Collection Agent. Tornado Insurance a specialty. Office over Farmers' Bank, Mason, Mich.  
FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Ingham county. Safest, cheapest, best. For information write to O. F. Miller, secretary, Mason. R. J. Dutton, president, Mason.

#### FINANCIAL.

J. M. DISSER, Office at Farmers' Bank, Mason, Mich., has money to loan. Business promptly attended to.

#### DENTISTS.

C. E. HENDERSON, D. D. S. Teeth extracted by the use of Gas, Nitrous Oxide or Cocaine. Office over Brown Bros' shoe store, Mason, Mich.  
P. VANDEUSEN, DENTIST. Office in Darrow block, Mason, Mich.

## MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route"

	SOUTHWARD.		NORTHWARD.
Mason.....	7:50 a.m.	Forest m.	6:40 p.m.
Jackson.....	8:40	11:05	6:45
Chicago.....	3:55 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	7:55 a.m.
Detroit.....	12:10 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	10:45 p.m.
St. Thomas.....	3:40	10:45	1:55 a.m.
Ing. Falls.....	7:25	2:14 a.m.	5:30
Mason.....	5:05 a.m.	10:28 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lansing.....	6:25	10:50	9:15
Owosso.....	6:37	11:45 a.m.	7:11
Day City.....	8:10	4:35	9:35
MacKinnon.....	7:00 p.m.	Owosso 4:45	7:35 a.m.
M. J. MURRAY, Ticket Agent, Mason.		O. W. BROWN, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agt., Chicago.	

## To the Traveling Public!

The Mail Route from

**DANSVILLE TO MASON**  
Having been discontinued, the subscriber will hereafter run a vehicle over the road daily (Sunday and Fourth of July excepted) for the conveyance of passengers, express and freight, at reasonable rates, leaving Dansville at eight o'clock a. m., and arriving at Mason at or before 10 a. m., and returning at such time each day as shall best promote the convenience of the public. GEO. P. GILYEN, Dansville, Mich., Oct. 17, 1890.

### Advertised Letter List.

MASON, MARCH 8, 1892.  
List of letters remaining uncalled for at the above named office:  
Concher, Leroy  
Kinney, Thelma  
Stanford, Charles  
In calling for above please say advertised.  
H. O. GALT, P. M.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

See notice of work horse for sale.

A regular sugar snow last Friday afternoon.

Full stock of window shades at Brown's Book Store.

The G. A. R. hall will hereafter be lighted with electricity.

A. C. Jefferson of Williamston, has been granted a pension.

Edward N. Cowdery has been granted additional pension.

Theodore Bortle of Lansing, has been granted an original pension.

Gilbert M. Hasty of Lansing, has been granted an original pension.

The City Bakery is the place to purchase Oysters. Try the "E. F." brand.

Dr. R. J. Shank of Lansing, has returned from his European trip much improved in health.

The Agricultural College has lately received a rare collection of 87 samples of Australian wool.

Marshall T. Aseltine has sold to Dell Aseltine lots 11 and 16, block 11 of Griffin's addition, for \$150.

Last week Monday ex-Sheriff Jas. R. Dart was elected president of Webberville without opposition.

Try the "E. F." oysters at the City Bakery. A new brand.

A state teachers' institute will be held in this city during the week commencing Monday, the 28th inst.

Joseph Benson of Jackson, formerly a resident of this city, has been granted an increase of pension.

The officers of Mason Division No. 32, U. R. K. P., were installed last Tuesday evening by Col. J. G. Snook.

A. M. Jenkins, living 1 1/2 miles northwest of this city will sell his personal property at auction, March 23d.

All who are indebted to S. P. Stroud & Co. please call and settle, and greatly oblige. S. P. Stroud & Co.

Themes in the M. E. pulpit next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., "Daniel among the lions," at 7 p. m., "shall we or shall we not dance?"

James Caramella, a negro fruit vendor who formerly resided here, is under arrest at Ann Arbor charged with selling cigarettes to a minor.

The county superintendents of the poor have hired G. J. Neuffer, the present keeper of the poor farm, for another year at the same salary.

High art wall paper. Largest stock in Ingham county at Brown's Book Store.

Estimated value of the estate of the late Thomas Cowley is \$35,000. His wife has petitioned the Jackson county probate court for administration.

We have received a letter from Yuma, Arizona, written by our young friend W. E. Butler, which will be published as soon as our space will permit.

Residents of Stockbridge want a \$3,500 town hall erected on their public square and an effort will be made to have it voted upon at the coming election.

We will have bargains in wall paper from now until July 1st. Come and see them at Brown's Book Store.

The Knights of Pythias of the city will hold a banquet at the open house next Tuesday evening, J. P. Horton of the Hotel Horton, will act as entertainer.

Let all the members of the W. C. T. U. attend the meeting held at Mrs. J. G. Snook's on Friday afternoon, as it is the last meeting before the convention.

Rev. Dr. J. S. Smart, presiding elder of the Flint district of the M. E. church, died a Flint last week Wednesday evening and was buried the following Monday afternoon.

Having secured the services of the well known tinner, Mr. J. P. Smith, we are prepared to do all work in line, guarantee satisfaction. FRENCH & RAYMOND. \*2w

Geo. W. Collins, charged with setting fire to woods and allowing it to spread onto the premises of E. A. Sweet, was discharged from Justice Hammond's court last Friday.

Last Thursday morning Merriek Searl was stricken with paralysis of the left side. Under treatment of Dr. Green he recovered so that he was able to talk intelligibly upon Saturday.

Last Tuesday evening C. W. VanSlyke was elected recording secretary of the Sun building and savings association to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of J. D. Thorburn.

A committee of ladies from this city will hold a St. Patrick's dancing and card party at Armory hall next Thursday evening, March 17th. Music by Franzell's orchestra. Bill, 75 cents.

The Baptist young people will serve tea in the parlors of the church from 5:30 to 8 o'clock Friday evening, March 11. Warm biscuit and sugar. Mum social to follow in the evening.

Henry B. Longyear is now a full pledged registered pharmacist, having received a certificate at Grand Rapids last week. P. A. Goodhue of Lansing, and H. D. Robson of Williamston, are assistants.

There will be a teachers' institute held in Mason for one week, beginning March 28th, 1892. All teachers in the county are expected to be present. Any communication regarding board and rooms addressed to J. B. Phillips, Mason, will receive prompt attention.

We have just received from the manufacturers our spring lines of hats and neckwear, including all the popular shades and shapes. Call in and see them.

BATES & HENDERSON. \*

See democratic city caucus call at head of another column.

Married, at the Presbyterian parsonage in this city, March 3d, Bert E. Henry of Aurelius, and Miss Maude E. Batley of Onondaga.

Mrs. Harriet E. Casterlin was 80 years old last Tuesday. A birthday party and dinner was given her at the residence of her son, C. C. Casterlin. Mrs. Casterlin is a hale and well-preserved lady for her age.

At the masquerade last Friday night dancers were present from Lansing, Jackson, Williamston and other places and a good time was had. We understand there was a small balance on the right side for Mr. Franzell.

O. Osbornes will give a warm sugar and social dance party at the skating rink, Danville, to-morrow (Friday) evening. Frederick's band will furnish music. Bill, including horse-care and dance, 50 cents. Warm sugar extra.

The squaw buck indeterminate sentence act of the last legislature, lately "knocked out" by the supreme court, is setting many of our most desperate prisoners free.

Stockbridge Sun. Post up, brother, it was the lawbooks who passed this net.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Etchells will hold its next social at the residence of Stanton McLaughlin, Friday evening, March 18th. Warm sugar, biscuit and butter and pickles will be served. All are cordially invited. MISSIE BUSH, Secretary.

We are indebted to Commissioner Stephens for the following facts concerning the teachers' examination held in this city last week: There were 108 teachers present; three were waiting for first grade; 14 for second grade; the balance for third grade.

Township boards should bear in mind that they can get their tickets printed where they choose. The Democrat job rooms is prepared to print them correctly, neatly and as cheap as good work can be done. Democratic boards bear this in mind.

Ask Chapin's prices on salt, flour and oil. Cash for butter and eggs, poultry and pigs.

A democratic caucus was held at Williamston last Thursday evening and the following were nominated for the village election: President, Scott Waldo; trustees for two years, C. D. Crossman, S. E. Jeffries, J. A. Brunsell, clerk, R. M. Porter; treasurer, F. P. VanBuren; assessor, S. E. Vanetter; street commissioner, J. E. Crostic; constable, M. A. Heron; village committee, Geo. Porter, J. W. Loranger, J. D. St. Clair.

The Lansing Driving Club has elected officers as follows: President, Jas. M. Turner; vice-president, Jas. J. Baird; secretary, Wm. K. Prudden; treasurer, Chas. J. Davis; executive committee, Chas. P. Downey, Geo. W. Freeman and Horace Lapham. A site has been purchased two miles east of the city on Michigan avenue and a regulation track will be built in time for an August meeting. The street car track will be extended to the new purchase.

The Ingham county W. C. T. U. convention will be held in the M. E. church, Mason, March 23 and 24. Mrs. Louisa S. Rounds of Chicago, state president of Illinois W. C. T. U. will be with us both days and speak on "Social Purity" the last evening. Do not fail to hear her as she is one of our best national speakers, and is met everywhere with great enthusiasm. There will be a gold medal contest at the same place under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Tuesday evening, March 22.

Last Saturday evening Chas. McBride went before Justice Ferguson and swore out a warrant for his wife and Ed. B. Curry charging them with adultery. The warrant was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Boone who with the assistance of Constable Fisher arrested the parties in the G. A. R. hall. Curry gave bail and was released, while Mrs. McBride was taken to jail where she still remains. The parties were arraigned Monday morning and their examination set for this evening at 7:30 at the court house.

The literary society of the DuBois school district, Alabedon, is getting wealthy, they have such an abundance of cash on hand that the treasurer dares not keep the funds in the house, so she thought she would bury it in the garden and keep a stake by it and after a few days went out to view the place of burial and found a number of stakes in the garden. She had quite a hunt before she found the hidden treasure and lo and behold it was badly soiled with heavy rains and damp earth. The paper currency very wet and silver rusty. She had to dry the paper money and secure the silver and concluded to put it in some dry place hereafter. Better look in on real estate security than bury it in a grave.

We take the following complimentary notice in regard to one of our former Mason boys from the Granada (Miss.) Sentinel of March 5th: Mr. Fred R. Lickfold has purchased the jewelry store formerly owned by his deceased brother, and will continue the business at the same place. Mr. Lickfold has been a resident here for about fifteen months, and during that time has made many friends both in social and business life. He has had entire charge of the business for several months, and has proved himself a competent man in his line of business, as well as a skilled and efficient jeweler. He will enlarge his already valuable stock of goods. Success should crown his efforts.

To the Public.

On Saturday, March 12th, I shall have my store in the Huntington building ready for business and cordially invite the people of Mason, and vicinity to call and see me. I have purchased a complete line of men's furnishing goods and shall place them on sale at a fair and living profit. I have decided to do a strictly cash business and will endeavor to give you good goods and will always try to please you. Soliciting your patronage. Respectfully yours, S. H. WOODEN.

Sheriff Paddock has purchased lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 8 in this village and will build a fine residence the coming summer. The property is located in the south western part of the village fronting on Jackson and South streets, north of school buildings. Mr. Paddock's term of office will expire Jan. 1st, 1893, and their many friends will be pleased to welcome them back to Williamston again.—Enterprise.

Miss Josie Salyer has moved her dress making rooms to her home on Columbia street.

The entire democratic ticket was elected in Howell last Monday.

Work in the ranks of P. and E. at Castle Hall to-morrow evening at seven o'clock.

Last Tuesday morning a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pratt on west Maple street.

Martha Artz, who came to this city six months ago from Bunkerhill, died at the city hospital last night aged 29 years. The burial will take place to-morrow at Bunkerhill.—Lansing Journal, March 8th.

One half of our store is devoted to wall paper and window shades. Good goods and honest prices our motto.

BROWN'S BOOK STORE. \*

Gov. Winans has appointed R. W. Gillett, J. S. Gray, J. L. Donovan, R. G. Butler, J. W. Flynn, David Stant and Geo. M. Lane of Detroit, the latter being secretary, as commissioners to receive and forward donations of money, provisions or clothing that the philanthropic people of Michigan may contribute to the starving poor of Russia. The citizens should not be backward in doing their share in this plan.

From the American Sportsman we take the following horse sales: H. M. Williams of Mason, has purchased of H. Reed a wean boy colt, by Greenbuck 2233, dam by Victor Knight.—A. J. Bennett, Mason, Mich., has sold to S. S. Vaughn, Jackson, Mich., a bay gelding of Greenbuck 2233, for \$400; to F. Annis of Onondaga, Mich., two geldings for \$600. He has purchased of E. Reed of same place, a bay filly two years old, by Greenbuck 2233, dam by Victor Knight.

Conductor Jas. Kane, quite well known in this city, met with a serious accident near Mason last night which will lay him up for some time to come. The train which he was bringing north broke in two near Mason and when he attempted to step from the way car steps to the ground he was jerked off and fell heavily, badly spraining his ankle, fracturing a rib and otherwise sustaining serious injuries. He was picked up and taken to Jackson, where he resides.—Lansing Journal, March 2d.

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### Democratic City Caucuses.

The democrats of the City of Mason are requested to meet in caucuses at the Court House on THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 24th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for city and ward officers, electing a city committee and transacting such other business as may properly be brought before you. A large attendance is greatly desired.

By order of City Committee.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted since our last report:

Name and Residence.

Bert VanOrden, Leroy..... 20

Albert Goodrich, Lansing..... 21

Mary Brown, Lansing..... 23

Bert E. Henry, Aurelius..... 22

Maude E. Batley, Onondaga..... 18

George Shepard, Leola..... 22

Mary E. Lizzell, Leola..... 22

Chauncey Porter, Williamston..... 55

Emily Curtis, Lansing..... 49

Charles E. Valentine, Lansing..... 22

Edith M. Clark, Lansing..... 22

John O. Herby, Jr., Lansing..... 23

Josephine Little, Lansing..... 31

### Caution About the Use of Spectacles.

Persons having normal vision will be able to read this print at a distance of 35 inches from the eyes with ease and comfort; also will be able to read it with each eye separately. If unable to do so your eyes are defective and require the attention of an oculist. When the eye becomes tired from reading or sewing, or if the letters look blurred and run together, it is a sure indication that glasses are needed. The lenses sold in the cheap goods are of unequal density and have imperfectly formed surfaces. Continued use of these poorer lenses will result in positive injury from the constant strain upon the muscles of accommodation to supply the defects in the glass. Consult the oculist, Dr. L. O. Gibson, over the postoffice, PARK. HE GUARANTEES A PERFECT FIT IN THE BEST MATERIAL.

### Notice to Teachers.

Notice is hereby given that a special public examination of teachers for third grade certificates will be held in the village of Williamston, on Friday, March 25th, 1892, commencing promptly at nine o'clock a. m.

T. A. STEPHENS, Commissioner.

### Common Council Proceedings.

MASON, March 7, 1892.

Council met, and was called to order by Mayor Murray.

Present, Alds. Brown, Millbury, Neely, Peck and Smith.

The minutes of last meeting upon being read were approved.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The finance committee reported back the following claims and recommended their allowance as follows:

D. Southwick, 3 nights on street.....\$ 4 05

H. E. Coburn, 26 months services as engineer at pumping station..... 27 60

Paul & Henderson, lighting for month of February..... 102 02

J. E. Grider, a night of land in south part of city, purchased by water board..... 50 00

Manufacturers Oil Co., 2 bbl. oil for pumping station..... 51 00

Michigan Supply Co., one whiskey and waste for pumping station..... 39 65

Barker & Co., file for city..... 5 40

John Kelley, 1 night on street..... 5 00

Moved and supported that the report of the committee be adopted and orders drawn for the same. Carried. Yeas, Brown, Millbury, Neely, Peck, Smith and VanSlyke.

Moved and supported that C. L. Custer be appointed election commissioners for the city of Mason for 1892. Carried. Yeas, Alds. Brown, Millbury, Neely, Peck and Smith.

The treasurer's report for the months of January and February was read and ordered placed on file.

On motion council adjourned one week. J. C. FINGERLE, City Clerk.

### Township Caucuses.

WHITE OAK.

On Saturday, March 10th, at two p. m., at the town hall, the democratic electors of White Oak will meet in caucus to place in nomination a township ticket.

By order of Committee.

### VEVAY.

The democrats of Vevay will meet in caucus at town hall for the purpose of nominating candidates for township offices on Saturday, March 13, 1892.

By order of Committee.

### ALABEDON.

A democratic caucus, for placing in nomination a ticket in the township of Alabedon, will be held at the town hall on Monday, March 21st, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of Committee.

### INGHAM.



though not fatal injuries. The fishing business at West Bay is very quiet and the catch small; the predictions are that as soon as the current caused by the thaws begins to flow more swiftly, the catches will be considerably increased. Preparations now being made in anticipation of long-extended thaw.



# CRUEL THE GRAVE; The Secret of Dunraven Castle.

BY ANNIE ASHMORE,  
Author of "Faithful Margaret," Etc., Etc.

## CHAPTER XVI.—Continued.

Accrington had been gracefully lounging against the mantel-piece opposite his visitor, who had declined the offered chair; he now straightened his tall form, and threw back his head with a satirical look, which almost disguised his fierce agitation.

"And may one ask what power I have in the matter?" demanded he.

"The power of the wronger to make reparation to the wronged!" answered Edgar, sternly. "Col. Accrington, it is useless to maintain any disguise. I have learned the whole history of your dealings with Lord Incheape and his unhappy lady; and I have come to you to entreat you for justice to them."

For a moment it seemed as if Accrington might spring upon him, so fierce was the glare of his eyes, as he glowered with rage and shame; but he sternly controlled himself, and stood white and mute, with clenched hands and quivering pulses, while Edgar went on speaking.

"It was not Lord Incheape who told me the story; deeply as he has suffered, I know he would perish on the rack before he would sue your mercy, or allow you to be sued on his behalf. By a strange chance I learned it, nevertheless, and I call upon you to set the wife right with the husband, and my Lord Incheape right with his colleagues who doubt his integrity through your agency."

Accrington was too proud to deny; he saw that Arden had the truth, and that equivocation would not blind him.

He sprang to see that the door was fast, and remained in that end of the apartment, pacing swiftly to and fro—the only relief he permitted his violent excitement—while he strove to see the whole importance of this exposure in its relations to his ambitious schemes.

A wild rage possessed him; he could have fallen upon the insolent accuser yonder and torn him limb from limb, if that would have given him back his damning secret and silenced accusation forever; but murder would not help him, that he knew; and he struggled with himself despairingly for composure, that he might work his way out of this net which had so suddenly been thrown over him.

If Arden chose to utter this accusation in public, Accrington's chance for election was ruined; nay, his very residence in Salford was impossible; for defy the accuser as he might, he could not disprove the accusation; and the whole country would side with the powerful Incheape to crush the suspected all.

And Lovedy would despise as well as fear him! Lovedy, whom his fierce heart still pursued with hungry passion, would be watched for the opportunity to pounce upon her!

Would anything induce this foolish Don Quixote to be silent?

What did he know?

Col. Accrington turned his lowering eyes upon Arden, and still striving to act in a hoarse, changed voice:

"You have made an astonishing accusation; be good enough to inform me exactly what you refer to?"

Arden turned from him scornfully. He saw that he meant to have recourse to shift and evasion; there was no reaching his seared conscience.

"I appeal to your honor, Col. Accrington; act the honest man; do right, though the heavens should fall, and all righteous men shall respect you," he cried with energy, striving to inspire the wavering soul that might back but a spark to kindle it into generosity.

But Accrington could no longer act the honest man; he had so long made his choice of evil instead of good, that his character had determined towards the bad; he must now act according to the character which he had framed.

For a few moments he stood still, gazing furiously at Edgar, then he walked up to him, and, still with his fierce eyebrows riveted upon Edgar's, said slowly:

"Listen, my bold monitor. I have permitted you to have your say, because I wanted to catch your game, but I will allow no word of all this to be uttered in any other hearing than my own. I utterly decline to discuss my private affairs with you, or any one else; and I warn you, that you are meddling in a matter which may blow you along with Lord Incheape, into atoms. The man is doing surely to set you upon me!"

"Mr. Lord Incheape knows nothing of this appeal," said Edgar haughtily; "you must know his nature better than to suppose that he could crouch to his base foe for his rights."

"That word shall cost you dear!" said Accrington, paling horribly as the word "base" fell like fire upon his pride.

"God knows I wish it was misplaced!" exclaimed Arden, coldly observant of him. "Now, sir, let us to a more business-like view of the matter. If you will do Lord Incheape justice before the Lords of the Oriental Mission, I promise you to withdraw instantly from this contest for the borough of Salford, and leave you to 'walk over the course,' as you phrase it. A few words of explanation from you will convince these men of his integrity; attainted for five long years through no fault of his. What do you say, shall you be the undisputed member for Salford, at the cost of a few words of deserved self-blame?"

"No!" thundered Accrington, writhing beneath the humiliating proposal; "if I be a villain, as you will have it, I am no mercenary villain; I will not sell my honor for anything more material than revenge. Begone, insulting fool; you little know the spirit who have roused him. Now, sir, let us to a more business-like view of the matter. If you will do Lord Incheape justice before the Lords of the Oriental Mission, I promise you to withdraw instantly from this contest for the borough of Salford, and leave you to 'walk over the course,' as you phrase it. A few words of explanation from you will convince these men of his integrity; attainted for five long years through no fault of his. What do you say, shall you be the undisputed member for Salford, at the cost of a few words of deserved self-blame?"

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pose right against your poor craven night, and see which wins the battle. Good evening, sir; you shall not win the election this time; I know my people and am here."

With a low bow he withdrew, and walked out of the magnificent residence, thinking of the tortured countenance of its proud and guilty owner.

"The game is lost!" he sighed, as he rode down the fine avenue, "and I must look for aid."

He went direct to the Pavilion, and asked for Mrs. Dellamora.

She came to him smiling, radiant; it was lovely to see the peace and gladness in her eyes.

"Loveday is safe home," she murmured, yielding her hand willingly to the earnest grasp of the friend she trusted wholly; "Auberon and I went to Silverstream early this morning and brought her home before any of our acquaintances were astir. I really believe she will escape unharmed; and the wedding is to be soon. Squire Crecy and his wife are with us now; they always loved my girl."

Edgar caught at this opportunity when alone with Mrs. Dellamora, to ask for the history of Miss Dellamora's adventure.

As she told it he could easily trace the promissed schemes of Accrington through the apparent accident which had befallen the pair; and as he comprehended the strength of Accrington's passion, which had prompted him to commit such a piece of madness to gain possession of its object, he began to tremble for Miss Dellamora's future safety.

"The sooner the marriage is, the better it will be for Miss Dellamora," said he to her mother. "That man has not given her up yet. It is not in such a nature to accept defeat."

"I feel as you do about him," returned Mrs. Dellamora, anxiously. "To lose her would have been bitter enough, but to see her won by another will be unbearable. He may make another snatch at her. Ah! what can I do? I am alone save for my servants; I dare not be sure that I can protect her. And he is wily and strong. I am afraid, Mr. Arden, miserably afraid!"

"Does Miss Dellamora quite know the character of her fierce lover?" asked Edgar.

"I have never accused him," said she, with a gesture of repulsion. "Naturally, I have shrunk from the idea of revealing the vice of such a past as his to my white-soiled girl. And I trust it is now unnecessary to warn Loveday against him; even if she did not love Auberon, she would never again fancy Accrington, for she fears and distrusts him vehemently since the late revelation of his unscrupulous policy. And she loves Auberon deeply."

"Cannot you hasten the marriage?" suggested Edgar.

"I do not know how to do that without giving her explanations which would startle and distress her; and she is so happy! Oh, let us guard her from sorrow as well as from peril, if we can! Can I rely upon you, my friend, to help me to keep my treasure safely?"

"Dear lady, need you ask? I shall keep watch over Col. Accrington's movements; and be you vigilant in your care of your daughter. In a few days I trust that I can turn the tables upon the enemy and put him to flight. And now may I see Miss Dellamora?"

Mrs. Dellamora looked earnestly in his face, wondering what power he held over Col. Accrington; but as he did not explain, she led him to the room where Loveday was, in the midst of her future connections.

Arden had always been a favorite of hers, and she welcomed him home to Salford once more with a very pretty burst of enthusiasm; prophesying his victory over the rival candidate and his unanimous election by the people of Salford.

She was in radiant spirits; the grief which had oppressed her so long was all gone now; Auberon loved her, and they were betrothed. Mamma was delighted, and Mr. and Mrs. Crecy enchanted; how happy she was!

But though Edgar might smile at her saucy witticisms and sympathize with Auberon's cloudless joy, he often thought—with a gnawing thrill at the heart—of a proud, shy Princess of the South who dwelt afar on lonely Sleat-na-Vreckon, and who wept because she deemed him dead.

CHAPTER XVII.  
WITNESS TO HER INNOUENCE!

Next evening, Edgar having just returned from a day among his electors, was greeted with the news that Mr. Sircombe had arrived within the hour, and that Lord Incheape desired to see Mr. Arden at once.

Edgar found his lord at home; he had not received his secretary until he could have Edgar to support him.

"I shall do whatever you please, my dear Edgar," said his lordship, as he showed him into his private sanctum, with the door ajar, that Edgar might hear the conversation and appear at his cue. Then he sent for his secretary.

Both men started when they met each other; Sircombe missed the hopeless look on the Earl's worn face, and Lord Incheape was astonished at the haggard change on Sircombe's.

He could not guess that his secretary had increased blood guiltiness since last he saw him.

Neither of them as well as usual! What is the matter?" exclaimed Lord Incheape, repeating Sircombe's words.

"A rather painful occurrence happened last week, which seems to have passed the great distress," returned Sircombe, turning away his face uncomfortably. "A young man who had been cast ashore from a yacht in a storm was received into the tower by my lady, and nursed back to health. He was a stranger, but a gentleman, and knew how to recommend himself to my ladies. Last week he chanced to go out alone in the 'skill,' and was drowned. This has afflicted the ladies greatly; they have been overwhelmed with grief."

"He was drowned?" echoed Lord Incheape, amazedly, for of this portion of the story Edgar had said nothing.

The secretary gave an account of the stranger's sojourn at the island, and with obvious confusion narrated his melancholy end.

The Earl was puzzled; but presently dropped the subject and took up the business he had sent for Sircombe to discuss.

"Mr. Sircombe," said he, abruptly, looking him full in the face, "why have you deceived me?"

Sircombe turned pale as death, and waited for more; but the Earl, by Edgar's instructions, added not another word.

"I am at a loss," stammered he. "To what can your lordship allude?"

"Beware, sir! You shall tell me the truth at last," said Lord Incheape, sternly.

Sircombe sank back in his chair half fainting. His only thought was that in some supernatural way Lord Incheape had discovered the truth of the young stranger's disappearance.

For a moment he wished that he had in his pocket a pinch of poison, that he might swallow it before his ruin fell upon him.

Utterly speechless, he could only glare at his patron and struggle for breath.

"I see you know too well to what I allude," cried Lord Incheape, in sudden, fierce triumph. "You very looks condemn you, and prove that a foul wrong has been done the innocent!"

"Mercy, mercy!" my lord!" gasped Sircombe, far too bewildered to pick his words. "It was done on the impulse of a moment of madness, and bitterly repented—aye, with tears of torturing anguish."

"Strange repentance, that brought no reparation!" cried Lord Incheape, scornfully; "and that allowed you to live at ease in the very presence of your unhappy victim!"

"Oh, God forgive me!" groaned the wretched man, convinced that all was discovered by the Earl, and overwhelmed with shame and fear. "If my life could purchase his, I would yield it up gladly."

While Lord Incheape was starting in astonishment at this incomprehensible speech, the door opposite Sircombe swung open and Edgar Arden stood before him.

He started up, glared, gave one scream, and fell in a dead faint. Lord Incheape's eyes inquired of Edgar the meaning of all this.

"Leave him to me, now, my lord," whispered Edgar rapidly. "All is going on admirably. Express no surprise, only speak when I look at you."

A minute or two restored the secretary, he got up from the carpet with Edgar's help, and flung himself into his chair with a groan, covering his face with his hands.

He had never failed in his life before; but he was not a strong man physically, and his recent distress of mind had reduced what strength he had; besides, the sudden apparition of the man he had supposed dead in the cell of the Southern Bastion, was enough to overcome any one.

And now, as he covered there before the two gentlemen, he was thinking himself a ruined man, and the acute relief of finding his victim alive, and himself no murderer, was not enough to beguile him from his dread of consequences.

"You see there was a mistake about my fate," said Edgar as soon as he thought Sircombe was able to follow his meaning. "I was saved from a cruel death, which would have left Lord Incheape without his heir. Sircombe stated and dropped his hands from his ghastly face. 'Yes, I am Edgar Arden,' he gasped. 'And although I entered Dunraven Tower by accident, ignorant of Lady Incheape's presence there, I soon recognized her, and assumed my privilege as a relative to care for her welfare. I induced her to confide her sorrow to me; I learned the whole history; and I left Sleat-na-Vreckon pledged to vindicate her as a true wife to my Lord Incheape. He has since named you to repair the foul wrong you have done Lady Incheape by withholding testimony which would have proved her innocence. And, Mr. Sircombe, I advise you to do so;'" added Edgar significantly, and forcing the secretary to meet his eyes.

The whole situation was clear to Sircombe now.

By his agitation at first he had so crucified himself that he must confess to some wrong which he had committed; it was evident that Arden had not yet exposed the crime made on his life to Lord Incheape, and that he meant to compel a confession on Lady Incheape's behalf as the price of his silence. Anxiously reviewing what he had said in the interview, he believed that he had betrayed nothing that would not fit in as remorse for his guilt toward Lady Incheape; at all events, he was caught in a trap—he must confess to something.

"I am ready to do anything I can for Lady Incheape," he said humbly. "I should have supplicated Lord Incheape on her behalf long ago, had I supposed he wished to believe her innocent."

"If possible!" exclaimed the Earl indignantly. "Long ago I would have taken her back to my heart, even had she been guilty of loving another, but for your insidious whisperings! Oh, how I have been betrayed! And deservedly; how could I dare to doubt her?"

He turned away with clenched hands and gnawing brow; grief, shame and anger gnawed at his heart.

"What we require of you," said Edgar, "is that you will endeavor to recall a certain conversation which took place between Lady Incheape and Colonel Accrington that night when a duel was fought in consequence. The position of your room rendered it impossible for you to avoid hearing every word that was spoken by Lady Incheape, who stood on the balcony above your open window, and by Colonel Accrington, who stood in the garden below it."

"Your testimony will prove her innocence, and show how hopeless was Accrington's pursuit of her. Be careful, then, that you do not falsify one syllable. This, sir, is the only reparation you can offer for the grievous wrong you have done."

Sircombe writhed in humiliation. How solemnly he had affirmed that he had heard nothing, in those days when Lord Incheape's faith in his wife hung upon his testimony!

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# TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

## A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTERESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day—Historical and News Notes.

**RUSSIAN** typhus in exchange for American wheat! Is this gratitude?

The presidential bee spends too much time buzzing to gather any honey.

**FRANCE** is not noted for its pacifism, but puts up its dukes whenever an American heiress is to be had.

**PHILADELPHIA** has produced a poet. The influence of the locality is very evident in the title of his first volume, "A Book of Day-Dreams."

When the English people learn that Buffalo Bill has arrived in Chicago they will think that work on the World's Fair has fairly begun.

The king of an African country has had constructed for him an umbrella twenty-one feet in diameter, which he will use only when he reigns.

A **GEORGIA** poet informs us that he does not wish his poems to appear near a pain killer advertisement. He wants to leave the reader without a remedy.

The boiling of water promises to become a great Chicago industry. The people who have been consuming diluted sewage have been boiling for some time.

This large collection of bugs that belonged to a well-known actor is offered for sale—and he was not one of the actors who have taken the gold cure, either.

**MICHAEL** HACKETT, father-in-law of James W. Moore, editor of the Gazette, of Watertown, Wis., died recently of inflammation of the kidneys, aged 77 years.

**MR. BRUCE** is a candidate for presidential elector in Tennessee. If, as Senator Ingalls has said, the decalogue has no place in politics, he stands a poor chance of election.

The anti-lottery men of New Orleans are arming themselves for the fray, and Generals Beauregard and Early may be accommodated with another little tussle ere they withdraw from active service.

**WALL** street is excited over a great coal deal. Friction resulting therefrom may cause combustion and some one is liable to get scorched, not to remark the many who will get squeezed, in the resulting panic.

A Missouri housewife drives away ants by sprinkling limburger cheese about her house. The Missouri ant is an insect whose good judgment and correct taste commend themselves to the enlightened judgment of mankind.

"We needed the money so badly," explained the wife of Mr. Stanley, who jumped from the Cincinnati bridge into the river as if endeavoring to explain his foolishness. Yet almost anybody would jump at a chance to get money.

There is a distressing rumor that Generals Beauregard and Early, if thrown out of their present profitable job by the collapse of the Louisiana Lottery, may take to writing war books. Perhaps after all the lottery had better be rechartered.

The wizard, Edison, is trying to get telegraphic communication with the sun, and claims that when it is established he will be able to hear the spots break out on the sun. He will next transfer this to his phonograph and the boys will be able to drop a nickel in the slot and hear old Sol roar.

A **PHILADELPHIA** firm has issued a large volume with the title "Americans of Royal Descent." While many of New York's Four Hundred are conspicuous by their absence, not a few unpretentious citizens of Chicago are included in the work. Ward McAllister will be in duty bound to rectify the record.

A **SHERIFF** just English magistrate fined a grocer at Wolverhampton a pound and costs for weighing the paper in with some sugar and charging the buyer for a full pound of sweetness. English law, said this hard-hearted judge, requires a grocer to deliver a pound of sugar when paid for, and not a pound of paper and sugar. What a lucky thing for grocers this side the water that this is not American law also.

This is very plain and unusual language for an English Journal; but it appears in London Truth: "As regards the royal family—i. e., the relations of the sovereign—we see no reason why any one should be loyal to them. We do not know what being loyal to them means, or how this loyalty is expected to be shown. If they are pleasant persons, of course their friends like them. But the

mass of the community is not brought into personal contact with them. It has to make them large allowances; and that they absorb these allowances is nearly all that is known about them. A royal family is, indeed, an inherent weakness in a monarchical system. Monarchy would be better without its relations."

Day after day the War Department exultantly announces that the enlistment of Indians into the army is a notable success. It seems, though, rather a humiliating confession to declare that after 100 years of association with the American aborigines the most that a highly civilized people has been able to do for them is to teach them to fight in blue coats instead of red blankets, war paint and feathers.

**ST. VALENTINE** has about run his race. He was the sort of saint for the days when Rosalind appointed herself postmistress and made an office of every handy tree, but the reign of steam and electricity has proved too much for him. Youngsters of romantic disposition nowadays are married in balloons on slack wires over Niagara Falls. They have no trysts in bushy dells. Lovers are often so busy that they are wedded by telegraph to save time. There is no longer any Arcadia anywhere; it has even vanished from imagination. Few valentines went or came this year, and most of those were of the variety which induces in the recipient a desire to retort with a shotgun. Romance is the poorest of capitals upon which to do business.

There is a lesson in the terrible disaster of the Hotel Royal in New York, but it is extraordinary that so many people fail to read that lesson aright. The hotel was a fire-trap—notoriously, obviously a tinderbox. The few regular boarders who escaped plaintively inform the press that they had always dreaded a fire and roundly condemn the building inspectors for not closing the hotel. It is about time people learned to depend less upon building inspectors and more upon themselves. If only hotels and apartment-houses either fireproof or provided with every possible device for escaping in case of fire could secure tenants there would be fewer lives lost in flames, even though building inspectors remained as inefficient as they are to-day.

**CHICAGOANS** ought to be famous from one end of the world to the other for their sweet and gentle tempers. They drink sewage and do not lynch the officials responsible. When on the streets they are mowed down by cable-cars, and when in the cable-cars they are cut to pieces by locomotives on grade crossings. Yet "hanging bees" have not become popular. They destroy their eyesight reading by wretched gas, yet supinely pay bills as big as though the most brilliant electric illumination had been furnished. They are driven from the sidewalks when walking because some contractor is too busy breaking the record for fast building to keep the sidewalk clear. Yet do they not complain, but point with pride to the lofty buildings put up with such unparalleled speed and exult that, though the blue sky is pierced with enormous buildings, "rents haven't gone down a dollar, sir, and you can't overdo building in Chicago." A good-natured community indeed is this, and if a Chicago man should once enjoy his proper rights and liberties he might die of the shock.

The Salt Lake Tribune tells a story of the methods of England in dealing with Chili which has lost none of its pertinence because all danger of war between this country and the latter has passed. Many years ago the resident partner of a London-Chilean firm became engaged to the daughter of a Valparaiso merchant. As the laws forbade the marriage of Catholics and Protestants the merchant and his fiancée went aboard an English war-vessel and when outside Chilean jurisdiction they were married. Upon their return, however, the bride was removed by force to a convent and the husband to a prison for disobeying the laws. It was not long after that four English men-of-war sailed into Valparaiso harbor, trained their guns on the city, demanded the release of the unfortunate pair, the imprisonment of a priest who had been conspicuous in the affair, and \$150,000 indemnity within twenty-four hours. It is needless to say that the demand was complied with before the time was up. It would be interesting to know what the British papers, such as the Times, Standard, Globe, St. James' Gazette, and others which have been assailing this country so malignantly because it demanded reparation for murdering sailors of the American navy, think of the conduct of their own government in resorting to such summary measures, where no one was injured, except by temporary loss of liberty.

# CAUSED BY THE TARIFF.

## FIFTY CENT POCKET-KNIVES COST \$1.25.

Ex-Governor Ames on the McKinley Tariff Bill—Profits of the Steel Rail Trade—Wool, Hare and in England—What Garfield Thought.

Helping the Foreigner.  
A pocketknife is an innocent little thing. They cost usually from 10 cents to \$2 each. The editor of this paper is the possessor of one, and thereby hangs a tale. A friend of ours brought this knife from Scotland and presented it to us. It is a very handsome knife, and on examination we found it had been manufactured by a noted American manufacturer. We knew it had been purchased at Glasgow, Scotland, for the merchant's card of that place was still on it.

For curiosity we inquired of the gentleman who bought it what it cost. Two shillings was his answer. Two shillings make 50 cents in our money. Struck by the cheapness of the knife, we looked around in our hardware stores in this city till we found a mate for it. At last we found it and asked the price; \$1.25 we were told. We thought our merchant was a little steep, and said so. "No," he replied, "these knives cost us at wholesale \$12 per dozen, or \$1 each. We rather doubted this statement, though he is a reliable merchant. He noticed our dubious look and immediately produced the bill from the wholesaler to prove that we knives did cost \$1 each.

The more we think of this matter the more we wonder how these high tariff protectionists can explain this state of affairs. It doesn't seem to reconcile itself with the idea that protection doesn't cost the consumer anything. It hardly seems possible that this American manufacturer, through love for the people across the water, would send his knives over there to be sold at lower cost than in this country. There seems little doubt but that this knife which retails in Glasgow for fifty cents was sold by the manufacturer at a fair profit.

If this were true, and no sane man would dispute it, how does it become necessary for the same manufacturer to sell the same knife so it must be sold in his own country for \$1.25? Is any one simple enough to suppose that this manufacturer pays his five cents a knife to the tariff collector on each knife? No, he doesn't pay his workmen one mill extra, but we'll wager ten to one that his donation to the Republican national committee next summer will be away up in the thousands. Well, it can afford to be, so long as he hopes to keep the Harrisons, the Blaines, or the McKinskys in power, so that he can rob the consumer of the revenue of the tariff on each knife. The people are beginning to see who pays this. It seems wonderful that it should have taken so many years to get their eyes open.—Des Moines Leader.

**Ex-Governor Ames Talks.**  
At a recent meeting in Boston, ex-Governor Ames gave a caustic criticism of the McKinley tariff. His speech excited great alarm in the ranks of the American Protective Tariff League, and his secretary wrote a letter to the ex-Governor asking for an explicit statement of his views. He has replied in a very long letter, of which this is the gist:

In the Presidential campaign of 1888 the Republican party met the tariff issue by the assertion that it intended, if successful, to reduce the surplus in the United States Treasury, and reduce the revenue of the Government by reducing the tariff on imports at along the line, but in such a way as to preserve and encourage the manufacturers of the country. It claimed that this reduction should be made by the friends of protection, and not by its enemies; otherwise the interests to be affected would suffer.

On this issue this presented we elected a Republican President and a Republican House of Representatives. But our policy was not kept in its entirety, as it would have been. Instead of reducing the tariff duties all along the line, we raised them on many manufactured goods that had adequate protection. I am a Republican and a protectionist, and I believe that our revenue law should be so adjusted as to give ample protection to manufacturers, so as to insure good wages to the workman and fair profit to the employer.

But I do not believe in making the rate of duties so high as to exclude foreign goods and give a manufacturer phenomenal profits, and thereby so overstimulate domestic production as to end in ruinous competition or to cause that reaction which tends to the abolition of all protective laws, which already has so many advocates. I am convinced that the tariff of 1883 was in many instances too high, and that the tariff of 1890 in some of the provisions is still more burdensome than the one which it succeeded. This is the error in legislation which I wish to point out, to which I more than once called attention while the measure was under consideration in Congress, and which I believe did more to defeat the Republican party in 1890 through consequent reaction than any other act of Congress during a quarter of a century.

**Steel-Rail Trust Profits.**  
Early in 1891 the steel-rail trust clinched its grip upon the market for steel-rails by the consolidation of the two mills at Scranton, Pa. Previous to this time, though both mills were members of the trust, one of them was in the habit of cutting prices on favorable occasions. Their consolidation under one management removed this disturbing influence. No better illustration of the control which the trust has over production and prices can be given than the average monthly prices of steel rails in 1891. As computed by the American Iron and Steel Association, the average prices of Bessemer pig iron and of rails at the mills in Pennsylvania have been as follows:

	Bessemer pig iron	Steel rails
January.....	10.25	30
February.....	10.25	30
March.....	10.25	30
April.....	10.25	30
May.....	10.25	30
June.....	10.25	30
July.....	10.25	30
August.....	10.25	30
September.....	10.25	30
October.....	10.25	30
November.....	10.25	30
December.....	10.25	30

no shadow of a doubt in the mind of the writer that in these establishments the actual cost of standard steel rails is, and has been for some time, within a few cents of \$22 per ton.

The recent heavy reductions made in wages by the steel rail trust and the fall in price of Bessemer pig iron from an average of \$18.85 per ton in 1889, when the commissioner gathered his statistics, to an average of \$15.95 per ton in 1891, have greatly reduced the cost of producing steel rails. The present cost to the trust is not over \$20 per ton. For every ton of steel rails sold by the members of the trust they have made a profit of \$10. In 1891 the trust produced 1,300,250 tons of steel rails. The profits, therefore, were not far from \$13,000,000. Doubtless these large profits have enabled Mr. Carnegie's mills to declare over \$5,000,000 in dividends, just as they did in 1890.

**Wool Here and There.**  
It is a fact, which the tariff-mongers will doubtless be able to explain to their own satisfaction, that while the duties on wool are higher than ever before, the number of sheep grown in the United States has declined 3 to 4 per cent. within the last year. On the other hand, in free-trade England, where wool is on the free list, the number of sheep has increased. What is more, the demand for domestic wool is more lively, and the markets are firmer than those in the United States.

According to the reports of the Agricultural Department, the number of sheep in the United States in 1891 was 44,938,000; while, according to the official British reports, the number of sheep in England was 33,500,000. The gradual decline of wool production in the United States, under a system of high "protection," is soon by the fact that in 1884 the sheep in this country were officially estimated at 50,626,626 head.

Yet in the United States there is a territorial area of 3,000,000 square miles, upon which a population of a little more than 60,000,000 is thinly spread, while Great Britain has an area of only 120,000 square miles and a population of 35,000,000. In Great Britain nearly every foot of sheep pasture is inclosed and under private ownership. In the United States there are vast mountain ranges belonging to the public domain, and not costing the ranchmen of New Mexico and Colorado a cent an acre for sheep pasture. Yet, notwithstanding this great apparent difference in physical advantages for sheep culture, Great Britain, where wool is free of tax, raises nearly 200 head of sheep to the square mile, while in this land of "protection" the wool industry not quite 15 sheep are raised to the square mile.

There are several causes for this great disparity, not all of which are traceable to the differences in economic policies. But there can be no encouragement or substantial prosperity for sheep-raising, except for mutton and manure, in a country whose policy makes rugs and shoddy cheaper and more profitable materials than fine wool for manufacturing clothing.—Philadelphia Record.

**What Garfield Thought.**  
It is very refreshing sometimes to pause awhile in the fight against tariff extortion, and, while taking breath, to halt the protective bill with some red rag like this from one of Garfield's speeches:

"We have seen that one extreme school of economists would place the price of all manufactured articles in the hands of foreign producers by rendering it impossible for our manufacturers to compete with them, while the other extreme school, by making it impossible for the foreigner to sell his competing wares in our market, would give the people no immediate check upon the prices which our manufacturers might fix for their products. I disagree with both these extremes. I hold that a properly adjusted competition between home and foreign products is the best gauge by which to regulate international trade. Duties should be so high that our manufacturers can fairly compete with the foreign product, but not so high as to enable them to drive out the foreign article, enjoy the monopoly of the trade and regulate the prices as they please. This is my doctrine of protection. If Congress pursues this line of policy steadily, we shall, year by year, approach more nearly to the basis of free trade, because we shall be more nearly able to compete with other nations on equal terms. I am for a protection which leads to ultimate free trade. I am for that free trade, which can only be achieved through a reasonable protection."

Mr. Garfield would have been a great man—and a living man, too, in all probability—if he had possessed conscience and courage to equal his clear perception of the right.

**Wanted American Tin Plate.**  
As tending to show the facility with which tin plate of American manufacture can be procured by those having need for it, their business, we copy the following letter from a well-known Albany firm, in reply to an inquiry made by us:

"ALBANY, Feb. 2.  
"DEAR SIR—In reply to your request in regard to American tin plate, would say that our experience was very unsatisfactory.  
"We ordered five boxes of American, bright 14 by 20 inches, as a sample order from an agent of Ely & Williams. He said it would be ready for delivery about thirty days thence. This was, we think, the latter part of March or the fore part of April, but after several inquiries of their agent (when he came to Albany), he said he was surprised that we did not receive the tin; but after giving up all hope of ever getting the tin, it came to hand on Nov. 14, 1891. This, we presume, was a special delivery, so we have not taken the chance of being placed in such a position again by waiting six months for goods.  
"Hoping you will not have any such delay as we have had in getting any plate of American product, we are yours,  
"KIMBLE & STAHL."

**The Coffin Trust, Reorganized.**  
The following dispatch has been received from Cleveland:  
"It is stated on the authority of a prominent manufacturer of burial caskets that an advance of about 20 per cent. in the price of coffins will be made within thirty days. The coffin trust, which was first organized here about three years ago, and which was recently broken by several large companies refusing to be bound by its regulations, has been reorganized and now practically controls the business in this country. The higher prices are the result.  
"This test of true manhood is what it is willing to suffer for others."

# FOR THE LADIES.

## IRISH LACE IS POPULAR.

A great deal of Irish lace is worn just now by the exclusive women of fashion. It appears even on tailor-made waists, arranged in a fan about the neck and just falling over the top of the vest. None is put on the sleeve, however. For house dress the round and square yokes are popular, and on handsome evening toilets a flounce, nine inches deep, and slightly gathered, is sewed about the collar or around the shoulders and allowed to fall over the figure. The effect is very artistic, but the bill from the modisto is colossal.—New York World.

## CREPONS FOR VARIOUS USES.

The handsome crepons of the season are appropriate both for demi-dress and for choice evening toilets. They are in colors both pale and deep, the evening tints being especially attractive. There are also some exceedingly pretty printed crepons that make very charming tea gowns, art toilets and bridesmaids' dresses. They are charming because they fall so softly and the crinkled grounds give such a subdued crepolike effect to the flowers with which the goods are patterned. A silk foundation skirt greatly improves the appearance of the dress, but it is by no means essential. These crepons do not soil quickly, nor do they show aggressively any slight mar upon their surface. Pretty ribbons to match the color of the floral pattern, with gimpes add sleeves of silk to correspond, are also effective adjuncts, but are entirely optional.—Chicago Post.

## APRONS WITH HITS.

The largest bib or napkin is often not sufficient to protect the dress of a child at meal times, especially if the child has some little service to perform at the table, like passing a plate or serving the butter. The sleeves suffer from the contact with the food, which even the non-stain and most orderly cannot always prevent.

The old-fashioned, long-sleeved aprons were a boon in this respect, and while they are not as artistic as the present styles with low necks and no sleeves their usefulness was great. Such aprons ought to be restored for protecting dresses at meal times.

These aprons can be made of eight-cent calico—a white ground with little dots of blue or red will not be unsightly—or of common domestic gingham at the same price. They can be cut sack style in three pieces, front and two backs, or with a plain waist and skirt, the sleeves in either case being large enough to slip easily over the dress sleeves. Three or four buttonholes in the back are sufficient to hold the apron in place, and two yards and a half of calico are enough for an apron for a girl of seven years.—[St. Louis Republic.

## FEMALE WARRIORS.

The women warriors of Dahomey are on the warpath again. No native soldiers of Africa, except the Zulus in their primey days, have often rivalled the ferocity of the trained women regiments of the King of Dahomey. In the battle a short time ago before Kotonu, on the coast, 250 Dahomean soldiers, one in eight of them, were left dead on the field after two hours' fighting. From the fact that the French loss was three killed and ten wounded, the fight was evidently like those of two years ago, when the warriors charged across the open upon the French works and fell in heaps at the foot of the wooden forts. The Amazons of Dahomey are taught to scorn danger and to know no pain. The military manoeuvres which form a part of their discipline are anything but child's play. According to Major Ellis, these women scramble over hedges of thorny brushwood as high as a house when they are storming an imaginary town, and the first bloody heroism to reach the other side is handsomely rewarded by the king.

## THE MONEY SPENT FOR DRESSES.

The question of how much money New York society women spend annually for dresses, and whether they wear costly gowns more than once induced me to ask the best known man dressmaker in this city and London what he had to say on the subject, writes Foster Coates. He told me some interesting facts.

"The richest people, as a rule," he said, "are more economical in dress than those in moderate circumstances. The Princess of Wales is so imbued with the spirit of economy that she actually has her gowns made over for her children."

"Generally, four drawing rooms occur annually, and the Princess always has a new dress for each occasion. She pays her own bills, and does not wait for the heir apparent to be dunned. Often she wears the same dress half a dozen times, but not at notable royal functions. Her dresses, all told, cost over \$20,000 a year, possibly \$30,000. This does not include lace-trimmed dresses."

"Queen Victoria is the most economical of the royal family, and from year to year has her gowns out in the same style. Lady Dudley is a splendid second to the Queen."

"In New York the most expensively dressed women are not the very richest. When Edith Kingdon was an actress she cared less for expenses than now. Then she would order a dress and never ask the price, but now as Mrs. George Gould she always asks the price, and often remarks that because she is Mrs. Gould she does not wish to pay any more for a dress than the regular price. Ada Rohan is more liberal and seems to care less for expenses than many ladies whose husbands are rated as worth millions. Mrs. Astor is not extravagant at all in dress. Mrs. Coleman Drayton and many others could mention are more prodigal in the matter of dresses. The average society woman of wealth never spends over \$5,000 a year in dresses, for the very reason that they wear each dress many times."

"Ball dresses are the cheapest, and although usually the most frail, they are often worn four times. The 'tulle' skirt is changed for each ball, but the skirt remains the same. Reception dresses cost more than ball dresses and are used many times by simply changing some

part of the trimming. Even wedding dresses were occasionally used again for grand occasions. All the big prices reputed to be paid for dresses are largely fictitious and never deceive knowing ones. The handsomest velvet dress that could be devised could not cost over \$250, and a cloth dress is worth only \$150 at the highest price. Old laces or something expensive in trimming might make a dress cost a great deal more, but on the whole \$100 or \$200 would go a long ways toward getting the finest kind of material for dresses. A woman who spends \$15,000 a year on dresses alone is more liberal than many royal dames."

I closed the conversation by asking him what finally became of the fine dresses of the rich. He said that had always puzzled him. His guess was that they were either sold or given to poor relations.—[New York Mail and Express.

## FASHION NOTES.

Enamelled ribbons gathered into rosettes are used as lace-pieces.

Velvet girdles are very fashionable for evening dress worn by young girls.

Plaid gingham made up with broad ribbon sashes will be popular styles for misses.

Narrow bracelets of solid gold or silver have succeeded to the bangle bracelets, and only one is worn.

Storm kings and bright finished rubber boots with square tops for boys are meeting with a large sale.

Great vogue has been given this season to little heart-shaped lockets. They are worn on fine chains.

Gold and silver heart jewelry is in favor among the high school girls. The heart is usually worn impaled on a pin.

Some women who have a fancy for making their feet conspicuous put a bunch of violets or forget-me-nots or a full-blown rose, instead of a rosette over the toe.

Swallow-tailed basques are fashionable, and the tails are growing longer and longer. They are becoming to tall, slender women, and are worn with handsome waists on tailor-made gowns.

As to boots, both buttoned and laced makes are in style. Laced boots look well only on a well-shaped foot, and a side lace should never be essayed unless the foot be extremely well formed and high in the instep.

A novelty in footwear for ladies in Paris is made of satin imperial cloth, with patent-leather pumps. Round the top and down the front runs a heavy band of fur, while the inside of the shoe is lined with some warm material.

Pointed corseages give a slender effect, and are therefore worn by those inclined to embonpoint, while sleeves puffed to the elbow accompany such waists, as they best disguise arms that are considered too large.

Satin ribbon strings are about to replace those of velvet on capotes and round hats, and the tendency is to return to the old fashion of tying the bow under the chin, and having long ends fall low on the dress waist.

The newest thing in cloaks is the loose-fitting, sack-shaped coat, which comes in the three-quarters length. It is worn somewhat in London by women who lead the procession in fashionable circles, and it may reach us another fall, unless it is hurried out.

Jet is still very much used on black silks. A rich black faille silk just finished for a reception dress has a crossed bodice, pointed back and front, and a very rich trimming of jet out along the cross pieces in front, and borders of basque, which also has a jet fringe.

The French slipper of patent leather, large silver buckle and high red heel indicates a return to the style of 100 years ago. It is in high favor just now, disputing its hold of the popular fancy with the "skeloton" slipper, designed to display the elaborate hosiery now the fashion.

A novel feature in the latest equestrienne dress is the black silk skirt. It is loose and comfortable and gives the appearance of a jersey fit. The front is elaborately embroidered. Only the vest front shows with the loosely fitting zouave jacket which accompanies the costume, but the whole effect is decidedly picturesque.

## Curiosities from Mounds.

Hundreds of skeletons, many of them wearing copper masks, are among the curiosities that have been obtained from a group of ancient mounds near Chillicothe, Ohio, forming the most remarkable find of antiquities ever made in this country. Not so much on account of their value and beauty as for the immense quantity have the treasures excited astonishment, demonstrating the existence in former times of a great aboriginal population in that vicinity. Among them are pearls, not merely by scores and hundreds, but by hundreds of thousands—dozens of them as big as English walnuts, and fit for crown jewels, were they not spoiled by decay and blackened by fire.

## The Boss Snake Story.

A farmer of Marion County, says he has a snake which swallowed an eight-day clock in August, 1887. Until the clock ran down it struck regular and its ticking could be heard. A short time ago the farmer found some eggs which had been deposited in a hole by the reptile, and on breaking them open found that each contained an open-face watch in first-class running order. He sold the watches at a big profit and has now given the snake a post auger in the hope that it will produce sufficient cork-screws to enable him to start a wholesale drug store.—[Dubuque (Iowa) Ledger.

## ALL'S FAIR.

Mr. Rolfellow—Do you notice what a beautiful, pretty, satiny complexion Miss Beaulieu has?

Mr. Ball—Yes, I don't see how she does it.







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## Okemos.

Several from here attended the teachers examination in Mason last week.—Rev. G. H. Hudson is quite sick.—Frank Horne met with an accident while drawing wood last week, which resulted in his death Saturday, March 6th. Funeral services from the Methodist church Monday afternoon, March 7.—Mrs. McManis died at her home in Okemos, Sunday morning, March 6. The funeral services were held from the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, March 8th. Rev. Mr. Andrews of Williamstown, preached the funeral sermon.—The youngest child of C. L. Hewlett died March 7th. The mother is very sick.—Mrs. Butler has had a stroke of paralysis.

## North Delhi.

March 8, 1892.  
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Foster, on March 1st, a girl.—Quarterly meeting at the German church next Saturday and Sunday.—Harry Monroe and John Miller of West Delhi, are both going to build large barns the coming spring.—John Himmelberger, as auctioneer, will sell to the highest bidder at the following sales: on Tuesday, March 15, for L. H. Stanton near Meridian station, and on Wednesday, March 16, for William Glade, one mile north of the Island school house, Alameda, and on Friday, March 18, for Louis Potter, near the Grovenburg school house.—Farmers are preparing for spring work, fixing fences, etc.—The past week has been good sugar weather.

## Alameda Center.

Frank Horne, who was hurt a few days ago while loading logs, died Saturday evening. The deeply afflicted family have the sympathy of the community. This is the fourth time within two years they have been called to part with one of their members by the hand of death.—A. P. Stevens closed his winter term of school Friday. He is now resuming his studies at the M. A. C. Perry Stevens has gone to Jackson county to work.—The social at Mrs. Francisco's Friday evening was quite well attended.—Almond Manoeuvre of Eaton Rapids, called on friends in this vicinity Friday.—L. C. Laycock and Perry Stevens attended a leap year party at River last Thursday night. They report a pleasant time.

## Meridian Station.

W. Matthews has rented Mrs. C. J. Cook's house and intends to move immediately.—D. Higgins will move on the farm he recently bought.—We understand that Ed. Osborne, Jr., has sold his place in Adrian and will move back here on his farm.—M. Leeland has raised his store and intends to put in a stock of groceries before long. We wish him success.—Frank Britton is visiting at his brother's.—Frank Aseltine has bought J. Cole's farm, and will take possession soon.—Mrs. M. Chapin and grand daughter of Okemos, spent Saturday and Sunday at P. Aseltine's.—The fraternal district recently formed in Meridian will hold their social meeting March 8th, at 7 o'clock p. m., to elect officers and do such other business as may come before them.

## Bunkerhill Center.

March 8, 1892.  
We are moving to-day, yet we will try to send a few items and when moved our first work will be to write up the news.—J. M. Titus of Okemos, is visiting his mother who is very sick.—Mr. Tinker is no better.—A. Deers has built a horse barn. So have we.—Bent Bunker has a very sore foot, caused by stepping on a nail. He also has a very sick horse.—Frank Holland is now working for H. Brown of Leslie.—Wesley Bailey of Chicago, is visiting his brother, G. P. Bailey of this place.—Montie Magoon will move to Jackson this week. He will work for J. D. Blake.—We have just learned that Miss Martha Artz, an estimable young lady of this place, has just died. Have not learned the cause of her death.—Mrs. Harley Angell will teach in the Howell district, Harley in the Felt, Carrie Havens in this, No. 6.—Albert Bunker has moved to Ingham.—W. Sanders will soon move from town.—L. D. Irish has finished his stove boiler business in this place and will soon move. We are sorry to lose him and wish him and his family happiness and prosperity in their new home.—The correspondents of the Leslie Local will soon be organized into an association.

## ROUGH AND READY.

South Bunkerhill.  
J. M. Titus of Okemos county, visited his mother, who is very sick. He returned Monday.—B. D. Stilson and daughter Hat tie of Leslie, recently visited friends here.—Several from here attended the Sunday school convention at Stockbridge.—Mrs. M. J. Titus returned to her home in Pleasant Monday.—Leroy Stringham has rented the house and garden on the Hodge farm. He will work for Artz Bros. this summer.—Homer Chase has put up 100 cords of wood this winter, and 50 more will complete his job.—A. J. Bailey's saw mill is about ready to run. There are nearly 100,000 feet of logs in readiness.—The Fitchburg marshes are under water.—Sidney Johnson, a former resident of Henrietta, is a partial paralytic. He is making his home at Leoni.—J. Kilpatrick of Munith, is nursing a broken leg.—Uncle John Williams, who was troubled with a diseased leg, is recovering, but Philip Tinker is said to be past help.—Mrs. Lela Hodge, nee Williams, of Stanton, according to a recent letter, is in a dying condition. She has been falling since her mother's funeral here about a year ago.—Charles Labar is putting in about 400 rods of tile ditching this winter.—Quite a number from here attended the Hender son demonstration at Leslie. The lives of frauds and fools are "coextensive." It is said that the changeable weather is injuring the clover. Wheat, however, looks fair.—There is considerable call for farm help.

## How Often.

We see some young man who has squandered his money and ruined his health by excesses, and before 30 years of age is an all broken down and played out man! In all such cases I prescribe nature's tonic and nerve, Sulphur Bitters. They supply food for the brain, strengthen the nerves and are successful in nine cases out of ten.—Old Physician.

## East Alameda.

George Speer has rented the George White farm.—Fred Palmer has rented what is known as the Slater place and will try farming this summer.—Frank Brenner has rented his farm to his father.—Jim Williams has moved to Aurelius where he has rented a farm.—William Powelson has moved in the Blower Tyler house in Meridian.—John Rector, while returning from town Monday in a cart, was kicked by his horse, and one bone broken on his right leg below the knee.—Frank Aseltine has sold his farm to Frank Potter.—Frank Drake returned from Wisconsin last week.

## Southeast Vevay and Leslie.

We have no new cases of grippé, but quite a number that did have it are not able to be around yet.—Fred Overacker has let his farm to W. J. Galloway and will sell his stock and farming tools at auction the 16th.—There came very near being a great conflagration at Seymour Freeman's last week, one of the children tipped over a lamp which exploded, the oil caught fire and before it could be put out the contents of the room were badly damaged, but fortunately none of the family were injured.—There will be a pond social at the residence of John Wilbur this week Friday night for the benefit of Rev. Griffin.—Miss Mary Babcock of Leslie, visited friends in this vicinity last week.—Homer and John Higdon went to Jackson last Saturday and returned Monday.—Mrs. Enoch Heinies of Leslie, visited at A. J. Willett's last week.—School will close at the Hubbard this week Thursday with an afternoon entertainment. The same teacher will teach the spring term. Chauncey Burns and wife of Leslie, visited at C. A. Holden's last Friday.—The farmers have improved their time these fine days sowing clover seed.

## Eden.

How is this for mud?—F. W. Benjamin is having a very serious attack with the grippé. The difficulty seems to be in his throat.—Milton Laycock of Kansas, is shaking hands with friends in and around Eden. He has been in the west for 15 years.—F. S. Allen of Chicago, was in town on business last Monday.—Miss Gertrude Covert of Leslie, is spending a few days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Tallman.—Blanche Wolcott was the guest of Estella Benjamin over Sunday.—Mrs. Lizzie Huntington of Chicago, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. S. H. Hall.—Ray, Whitman, president of the Eden, occupied our pulpit last Sunday evening.—Mrs. N. Mitchell of Mason, visited at A. G. Markham's last week.—Mrs. Chas. Lawrence is suffering to quite an extent from a tooth being extracted some time ago.—Mrs. L. L. Converse left for Eaton Rapids last Tuesday, where she will be absent with friends and relatives for two weeks.—Fay & Collier have an immense stock of spring goods just arrived. Call and visit their store. They have all assortments of dress goods and are sure to please you in price and quality.

## Northeast Leslie.

The social at Will Stid's was well attended. A good time was had.—Homer and John Higdon are visiting in Jackson for a few days.—C. H. Woodland and Munley Bladell were buzzing wood a few days last week.—Mrs. Ed. Potter spent Sunday in Danville.—Martin Potter of Bunkerhill, spent Saturday with his uncle Edmund.—Bert Putnam is agent for silverware and is now upon the road.—Dwight Bladell returned home Sunday from the north.—Mary DeCamp returned to her home in Lansing last Thursday.—Hiram Hodges of Vevay, spent Sunday with M. D. Hickey.—Fred Overacker sells his personal property the 16th and is going to Dakota soon.—Mury Howery and sister left for Ohio last Monday morning, called there by the death of a brother.—The debate last Friday night between W. A. Higdon, affirmative, and C. M. Woodland and three others, negative, resulted in a grand victory for the affirmative. The question was, Resolved, That the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union demands would restore the prosperity of the country. The negative made a very poor showing for their side. W. A. Higdon challenges successful contradiction to the resolution.

## Holt.

The remains of Daniel Ribby, who lived at Williamstown, were brought here last Thursday for burial. Revs. Ward and Keeler officiating.—Mrs. Malligan is slightly indisposed.—Chas. West has returned from Morocco.—John Colbath and wife and Harvey Ribby and wife visited at Williamstown last week.—Albert Nicholis has returned from Indiana.—Adelbert Burgess has purchased the Hudson farm.—W. B. Watson made a short visit at Morris last week.—Mr. Corey attended the funeral of his father in Lenawee county last week.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Foster, March 3d, a daughter.—Robert Thorburn spent a few days with his parents last week.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Boutz, March 5th, a boy.—The M. E. society will meet at Mrs. Geo. Bell's this week Saturday.—Miss Rosa Thorburn Sunday evening in Lansing.—Joe Servis has been quite sick with the grippé, but is slowly improving.—The entertainment given at the town hall Saturday evening was well attended and it was reported a success.—The men of this vicinity have been donating their help to M. Fay tearing down the old hotel barn, which Mr. Fay bought some time ago.—Belle Owen has gone to visit her sister up north.—Herb, Carmon and wife of Needmore, are visiting at E. V. Hemmiker's.—Dr. Ohlinger reports Vern Holmes some better.—John Servis will go to Iowa this week.—The Busy Bees will meet with Flora Goldwood, one week from next Saturday.

## Mount Pleasant.

March brings muddy roads, but nice weather for those who are making maple sugar.—Mrs. Post is at Albert Sly's caring for her daughter, Mrs. Sly, who is dangerously ill.—W. Post and B. L. Binding were called to Mason on business Monday.—Mrs. Clara Hall is visiting at Frank Owen's.—The entertainment at the grange hall in White Oak, was well acted and well patronized, will release for charitable purposes, home missionary.—The Bankers' Daughter will be acted at Plainfield, March 10th, by the well recommended actors of White Oak grange. A good house is expected, it is deserved.—E. L. Binding and Miss E. M. Pulling were married in Plainfield, Feb. 23, at the parsonage by Rev. Sagjohn. After a week of visiting among relatives at Howell and Byron, they returned to their well prepared home in White Oak. The place in the high circles of society which they move will not be vacated for they will live here, near each of their old homes. May happiness greet them in

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## ABSOLUTELY PURE

all the walks of life; and success crown their efforts of prosperity.—School has closed at Mt. Pleasant under good report.—Frank Dakin has lost two horses, also Samuel Munn and Ed. Binding.—Feb. 29th occurred the 50th birthday of J. B. Wilson, his friends thought of him to be remembered on that day, as he was away from home calling on a sick neighbor. On his return home, to his surprise he found his horse well filled with friends and relatives. After partaking of a bountiful repast, they adjourned to the parlor where Willis Binding presented to him in behalf of his many friends, a chair. Although the scene was affecting, still all were made to rejoice of all being once more together and all hearts beat as one, with this thought, may we all meet again where there are no tears, but sweet rest that is in heaven.

## Dansville.

D. Hawes leaves for Benton Harbor Wednesday morning.—Elmer Hawes of Mo-Bain, has been in town since Friday.—Mrs. Dell Converse, of Roseconnon, returned home Wednesday after calling on friends here since Friday last.—The little son of Frank Laycock was buried Tuesday at 10 a. m. from the house.—Dan, Hewes has sold his shop and lot to Dr. T. M. Winters. Consideration \$100.—The grist mill will not grind, at least by Mr. Gillam being at the front.—E. D. Watts was in town Friday.—J. Curry is again sick in bed.—The man who skates last Saturday night was a fine thing. Lots of fun and merriment.—Mrs. C. E. Atwood went to Chicago Tuesday for a long visit with her daughter.

Mrs. August Hahn who has been a great sufferer for the last four years, had two large stones removed from her bladder last Friday and at present is doing finely. Dr. T. M. Winters performed the operation which consisted of cutting down into the bladder, removing the stones and then sewing the wound up with silver wire. As this case has baffled the skill of many physicians and as the operation is considered one of the most critical in surgery the doctor deserves great credit for his grand success.

## Northeast Alameda.

March 7, 1892.  
The farmer who has any enterprise and takes pride in keeping up his premises will be busy now.—L. Meach has a sister visiting him from Grand Rapids.—The exhibition given by Kate Bolan and her pupils in the Hammond district last Tuesday evening was a success.—Mrs. E. L. Carr is recovering from her recent illness.—O. B. Stillman is still in a very pitiful condition.—Frank Shriver is preparing to build a new fence along the road.—Miss Maud Phelps, accompanied by Bertha Wellman of Okemos, attended the institute at Mason last Thursday.—The L. A. S. met with Mrs. Ed. Falcus last Wednesday. There was a good attendance and all had a very pleasant time. Mrs. Paul Miller will entertain the next one March 15th.—W. R. Matthews has rented the vacant house of C. Cook and is preparing to move.—D. Butten is doing a good job for E. Lobel trimming his orchard.—Milton Cook of Danville, is spending a few days with friends here.—Mrs. L. Osborne and her nephew, Vernon Osborne, visited friends in Lansing last week.—Alba Stritz of Pinconning, is visiting friends here.—W. Brighton has a brother visiting him.—Mrs. L. Osborne gave a social entertainment for Vernon Osborne last Thursday evening. About twenty young people gathered and spent a very pleasant evening. Mr. Osborne left for Adrian Saturday morning feeling well pleased with his visit in Michigan and leaves many warm friends.—Bert of the friends of Albert Driver took him by storm a few evenings ago. They deliberately opened the door and marched into his fine new machine shop with babies, lamp, baskets, lamps, etc., and his quiet bachelor department soon resounded with mirth and fun, as no crying babies were among the crowd his ears were spared that dreaded sound. Although very much surprised his soon regained his equilibrium and entertained his friends in his usual genial manner. He took great pains to show the different machinery with their merits and demerits, fired up his fine little engine, the ladies at once christened "Rosealiph," and the very smallest engine in the world of his own manufacture, they called "Tiny." A substantial lunch was served by the ladies who never ceased joking Mr. Driver about his scolding wife. But he came off victor when he told them no other gentleman could stop his wife's scolding so quickly. Altogether it was a very enjoyable time.

## Stockbridge.

An infant son of D. Bird's was buried March 2d.—Henry S. Lewis and wife, an aged couple who have been very low with the grippé for several weeks, are improving.—Mrs. E. Haire, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Hopkins, at Perry, returned Thursday.—Sam. Dewey, who has been dangerously sick, has so far recovered as to resume his duties at the bean factory.—A. E. H. who was so nearly exhausted by occupying coal gas at the residence of D. Whiting, is able to attend to business again.—Kate Palmer has gone to Lansing to work for Rudolph Leomis family.—Mrs. O. Hopkins is quite sick at her daughter's in Jackson, where she was visiting.—Dane rumor says a scandal is brewing.—Farmers are bringing in wheat and produce in large quantities, regardless of mud and bad weather.—Roscoe Kuhn and family of Haelett, Park, visited at Mrs. Palmer's last week.—The Sunday school convention was well attended, and a very enjoyable time was had.—Incorporation labor party caucus last Friday evening. Citizens caucuses Saturday evening.—The prize candle at Fred Walton's store, burned 60 hours, 47 minutes and 47 seconds. Geo. Harvey of White Oak, won the rocking chair.—A young man from Howell, is assisting Jim Bines in the barber shop.—Fred Green and Will Forster spent a few days at Albion last week as guests of James Hopkins' family.—Mrs. Armstrong,

who has been spending the winter with friends at Lansing and Canape, returned to her home in this village a few days ago.—Libbie Bott spent last week in visiting her brother Frank, at Saline.—Mrs. Charles Dyer of Wixom, is visiting at Will Kennedy's.—A. McCullum of Williamstown, spent Sunday here with his brother Alex.—Christ church is soon to have a new pastor.—Frank Worden has moved with his family to Munith, where he is engaged in a general store.—Will Kennedy spent a part of the week at Cornelia on business.—Grant, agent for road scraping machines, from St. Johns, is in town in the interest of the company for that kind of ware.—Mrs. J. J. Kellogg has purchased the millinery stock of Mrs. J. Cook and will open a shop over her husband's store in the near future.—Our milkman delivers milk and milk (gratis) to his customers.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church met at the residence of O. Gregory Friday afternoon.—Mrs. Samuel Walker was called to Detroit Monday, owing to the illness of her mother, whom we learn departed this life the day Mrs. W. arrived.—Mrs. J. Coulson has returned to her home after an absence of four months.—Will West has bought B. Boyer's team and will soon move with his family to his farm in Ingham, which he lately purchased of Judge Gorton of Waterloo.

## What was It, John,

That made your face so free and clear from pimples, said his sweetheart. Why, don't you know, Bob? For over a year I took everything I could think of without helping me, then I bought two bottles of Sulphur Bitters, and now I haven't one pimple on my face. It is the best blood cleanser I ever saw.



I had suffered for years with serious deafness from catarrh. Dr. Humphrey cured me. I was so deaf for years that I could only hear when yelled. Dr. Holman S. Humphrey cured me entirely. I was blind for years. Dr. Humphrey cured me. I was troubled for years with catarrh, deafness and running from one ear. Was completely cured by Dr. Humphrey. I had been very hard of hearing for many years. Was entirely cured by Dr. Holman S. Humphrey. I was almost blind for years. My sight was restored to me by Dr. Holman S. Humphrey. I was blind with catarrh in both eyes. Was operated on by Dr. Humphrey and my sight restored. I was totally blind for twenty-four years with scull catarrh. Dr. Holman S. Humphrey removed the catarrh and gave me good sight. I had suffered for years with a so-called incurable valvular disease of the heart. Dr. Humphrey cured me entirely. I was fully in the clutches of numb palsy. Dr. Humphrey cured me completely. An examination of medical men at Charlotte, Mich. examined me and pronounced me to be suffering with diabetes and that I only had about a year to live. Under Dr. Humphrey's treatment I am now sound as a bell. I was a dreadful sufferer from locomotor ataxia and paralysis of the will. I have been entirely cured by Dr. Humphrey's unusual skill. I was hopelessly and hopelessly sick with a large fibroid tumor. Was cured by Dr. Humphrey six years ago, and have done all my work ever since. Money Order Dept. Janesville P. O., Janesville, Wis. I measured 48 inches around my belt from a very large fibroid tumor. Was taken to Prof. Ludlum, Chicago, who could do nothing for me. Dr. Humphrey removed every vestige of the growth without the use of anything but medicines. For the past three years I have suffered from catarrh of the bowels and rectum. I had for fourteen years been an invalid from female trouble previous to this fearful consumption of the bowels, but managed to keep around and do my work after a fashion, but for the past several months I have failed so rapidly that I was obliged to give up house-keeping and live with my sister. At the time I was taken to see Dr. Humphrey three months ago I had lost all hope of ever getting well, but to keep my bowels together. My doctors and all my friends had given up all hope of my ever recovering. I often passed a quart of jelly-like stuff from the bowels, and some days I would pass a half-gallon of stuff that looked like my insides were rotting away. When I was taken to see the doctor at the hotel in Mason I could not get up stairs and had to be carried into the parlor. I began treating that day and am now keeping house and doing my own work, have gained over 80 pounds weight, eat and sleep well and look forward a long and useful life with my family and friends.

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CONSUMPTION CURED.—I was rapidly falling into the grasp of that fell destroyer, consumption, when up by physicians and friends, could just poke about unable to do anything of account. Have been entirely cured by Dr. Holman S. Humphrey. MISS JENNIE FRANKLIN, Mason, Mich.

PARALYSIS CURED.—Our little son was paralyzed, wasted to a skeleton, was a great sufferer from catarrh, rheumatism and obstinate colic. We took him to Dr. Holman S. Humphrey at the hotel in Mason about one year ago and in a few months he was well and entirely over his paralyzed and nearly helpless condition. FRANK L. HAYSON, Eden, Ingham Co., Mich.

URICACID OF STOMACH CURED.—For years I suffered torture with ulceration of the stomach to such an extent that I would not sleep at night. I had eaten during the day, I tried everywhere for relief, even going to Detroit, but got no relief until I put my case in the hands of Dr. Holman S. Humphrey, who cured me entirely in a few months. MISS M. L. CHAMBERLAIN, Lansing, Mich.

DIARRHEA CURED.—For fourteen years I had been tormented with a cough which was often so severe as to vomit me, and at one time I almost bled to death. I also had a very severe catarrh of the stomach and bowels. Dr. Holman S. Humphrey cured me. MISS E. HUNT, Lansing, Mich.

INSOMNIA AND NERVOUS PROSTRATION CURED.—When I went to Dr. Holman S. Humphrey nearly a year ago I was in a state of getting help, but went simply to please my friends. I could scarcely step or take a moment's comfort for contracted physical and mental suffering. At times I thought I should lose my mind; I was nervous and gloom. Dr. Holman S. Humphrey cured me entirely, and I recommend him to all afflicted. D. B. HAWLEY, Mason, Mich., Ing. Co. Astor Office.

ANASAKIA FROM DISEASE OF KIDNEYS CURED.—For 22 years I have been slowly breaking down and the 28th of last May my legs began to swell and became very large in a few days that the ankles were larger than the thighs. I was completely laid up. Dr. Humphrey has so completely cured me that I feel like a new man. J. O. GUZZARD, Delvillio, Mich.

CATARH OF STOMACH, BOWELS, KIDNEYS & BLADDER CURED.—For 27 years I have been an invalid and for the past year or so a great sufferer from the pains of indigestion and chronic catarrh throughout. I was so obstinately constipated that I got no relief without drugs of some kind, which only made matters worse. I went to Dr. Holman S. Humphrey, and now I am as good as new, appetite good, bowels regular, and I am all right. P. J. WILSON, Shattown, Mich.

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