

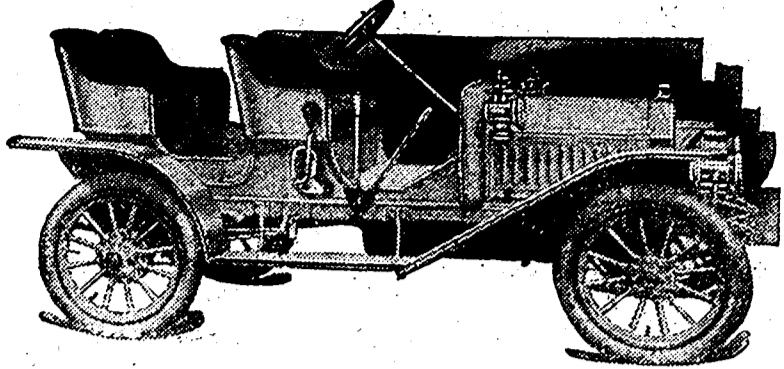
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INNER TUBES AND CASINGS

BICYCLES, TIRES AND SUNDRIES

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SHIRLEY.

New School Superintendent.

The joint committee of the Ayer district school union, which comprises Ayer, Shirley and West Boylston, held a special meeting at the home of William H. Wilbur last week Friday afternoon, when the committee appointed to consider the applications for the position of superintendent of schools reported, and recommended the appointment of J. C. Davis, superintendent of schools for the Dighton district. The name of Mr. Davis was unanimously endorsed by the committee, and Mr. Davis has accepted the position and will commence his duties Sept. 1, the salary being \$1750 per year. Those present at the meeting were Geo. J. Burns, Dr. W. N. Cowles and Geo. H. Brown of Ayer; Rev. Mr. Royal, Mr. Hines and Mr. Bacon of West Boylston; Dr. Lilly, Charles K. Bolton and Wm. H. Wilbur of Shirley.

News Items.

Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, one of the office staff of the C. A. Edgerton Co., commenced her annual vacation last Saturday, and Sunday evening started for her old home in St. Stephen, N. B., to remain for two weeks.

Herbert E. Lawrence had a severe attack of nephritis first of the week, confining him to his home.

The event of the ball game on Davis field Saturday afternoon, July 17, between the Shirley and a crack collegiate team from Nashua. This without doubt will be a fast game, as the collegiate nine are all picked men, with a good record.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will preach as usual at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, July 18, at 10:45.

o'clock. In the evening of seven Mr. Desjardins will deliver an address to women, but all are invited to attend the service. Special music will be rendered.

Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit at Congregational church on Sunday morning, July 18, at 10:45 o'clock. Regular meeting of the C. E. society in the vestry at seven, subject, "The palace beautiful."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Lynch and three children, and Mrs. Charles A. Ford, are spending a vacation of two weeks with Mr. Lynch's parents in Amherst, N. H.

Miss Sadie Knowles spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young of Westminister.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dodge have returned from the west and are stopping for the present with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott, Chapel-st.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins preached to a large audience last Sunday morning at the Congregational church. His subject, "The growth of the soul," was interesting and up-to-date, and was much enjoyed by all present. In the evening at seven Mr. Desjardins preached a practical sermon to men at the Baptist church. This was a union meeting of the Baptists and Congregationalists.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman will preach at Trinity Chapel Sunday, July 18, at 3:15 p. m. Children's Sunday will be July 25, or one Sunday, later than first announced. The sewing guild held a very successful fair and social last week at the Center.

Rev. E. M. H. Abbott of Stowe, Vt., now in Cambridge, will preach in the First Parish church, Sunday, July 18. Mrs. Abbott is very highly spoken of by those who have heard her preach. Hour of service, 11:15 a. m.

The Alliance meeting with Mrs. L. Farnsworth, on July 8, was largely attended. Mrs. E. B. Heald of Pepperell, the guest of the afternoon, spoke most interestingly of the life and work of her father, Rev. Charles Babidge. The next regular meeting will be on July 22, at the home of Mrs. W. B. Wilson. Miss Barbara Hazen will speak upon college settlements.

Harry Hocquard has given his automobile in exchange for H. O. Peasley's horse.

Adolph Suhlke is now at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gately, after recovering from an operation for appendicitis. His wife is spending the summer with her parents.

Dr. Charles J. Pierce is in Springfield on a business trip and before returning will visit Sunapee, N. H.

Mrs. Simpson of Clinton with daughter were visitors first of the week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Deardon.

Henry D. Martin of Clinton, a former well known and respected resident, has just issued another book, of which he is the author, entitled, "Progress and Profit for mill men." Mr. Martin has presented a copy to the Shirley public library, and a copy to the Sunday school library of the Congregational church.

Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, who has been spending a week in Keene, N. H., has returned.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, with boys of the Phi Alpha Pi fraternity, have arrived home from their camping trip at Mt. Monadnock. They report good weather and a splendid time. The boys were delighted with the trip.

Runaway Accident.

Fred Sanderson had his milk wagon smashed to pieces, Tuesday morning, while in the vicinity of the Munson railroad crossing delivering milk. His horse became frightened at the noise of a passing train and started at a break-neck speed around the corner by Frank Snell's new house, and in doing so ran into the curbing, upsetting the team, spilling all the milk bottles. The team was broken completely in halves and was a mass of splintered wood, beyond all hope of repairs. The horse was caught in the square at the watering trough, where he had stopped to quench his thirst, and aside from being in a frightened condition, was otherwise uninjured.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team went to Winchendon last Saturday afternoon and played a good game with the Winchendon team, winning the contest by a score of 9 to 1. The Shirley team scored five runs in the first inning, three in the third and one in the eighth. The Shirley boys did some good all-round ballplaying. The special feature of the game was the batting of Lilly.

SHIRLEY A. A.		WINCHENDON A. A.	
ab	rb	ab	rb
Sibley, rf	5	1	5
Connors, ss	4	1	1
St. George, 2b	1	1	2
Cook, cf	5	1	1
Collyer, lb	4	3	2
Bourgeois, if	5	1	2
Leboeuf, 2b	0	0	1
Woodcombe, c	5	0	0
Warner, p	3	0	0
41		9	12
14		26	15
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SHIRLEY A. A.		WINCHENDON A. A.	
ab	rb	ab	rb
Williams, if	3	0	0
Heidel, c	3	0	1
Mary, 1b	3	0	0
Fleider, 2b	4	0	0
Grenier, cf	4	0	0
Davis, 2b	4	0	1
Gleason, ss	3	0	0
Bernier, lb	4	0	2
Slack, p	3	1	0
33		14	4
27		13	8

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Shirley A. A. 5 0 3 0 0 0 0 1 9
Winchendon A. A. 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 9
Two base hits—Sibley, Collyer. Sacrifice hits—Connors, Collyer, Slack. Bases on balls—By Warner, Heidel, Gleason. By Slack, Warner. Struck out—By Warner, Fleider, Davis, Gleason. Slack. By Slack, Cook, Collyer, Leboeuf, Woodcombe. Wild pitches—Slack. 2. Faxed ball, Heidel. Umpire—M. J. LaFortune. Time—1 hr., 45 min. Attendance—400.

Center.

A lawn party was given on the common last week Thursday evening under the auspices of the girls' sewing guild. Fancy articles were on sale. The lawn was strung with many Japanese lanterns, making a very picturesque and glowing sight. It was intended to have the dancing on the green, but owing to the coolness of the evening it was held in the town hall. The music was furnished by R. H. J. Holden on his concert phonograph. Ice cream, cake and punch were on sale. It was a success financially.

Mr. Goodspeed has erected a barn in the rear of his residence. He has purchased a pony and cart that his children are enjoying very much.

A ten pound boy was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard, Monday morning, July 12.

John Evans is visiting his family and also enjoying a short vacation.

Edward Farnsworth, clerk for J. W. Farrar, has left and Archie Adams has taken his place.

The glass can be restored to limpidity by washing it in a weak solution of glue and allowing it to dry thoroughly.

—Slack out, hit by batted ball.

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Children's Wash Trousers	25c. and 50c.	Men's Belts	25c. and 50c.
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Children's Bombers, Ages 2 to 6	50c. and \$1.00	Men's Summer Caps	25c. and 50c.
Children's Overalls, Ages 4 to 14	25c. pair	Boys' Summer Caps	25c. and 50c.

Important Notice.—This store will be closed every Thursday, at 12 o'clock noon, from July 8 to September 16.

HER CONQUERING FAITH

It Overcame the Scheming of a Selfish Sister.

By ARABELLA NASMYTH.

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The indisputable fact which has so often sadly surprised people that two and two will not make five was staring the Anselm girls in the face.

It was a year after the death of their father, and many evasions and putting off of the fatal day had gone for naught. They were face to face with the knowledge that they could no longer afford to keep up the old family home and, moreover, must do something to add to their infinitesimal income.

"In some way," said Regina, looking up rather wearily from her pencil and paper—"In some way we've got to have money. We've got to go to work."

Regina was twenty-six, with rebellious dark hair and a firm chin which always amazed people by the dimple they discovered in it. Regina was the one who always did things in the family. Nobody had ever taken time to call her a beauty, so she had never quite realized the fact that she came very close to being one and could devote her leisure to accomplish results.

Of course with Esther it was different. From the time her first fluff of golden hair had made itself manifest and her big blue eyes had first glanced appealingly at humanity it had been decided that Esther was a beauty, and the decision had clung to her through life, though at maturity it is doubtful if she would have been thought more than an ordinarily good looking fresh young girl had not those around her been so educated in the other view.

But as a beauty Esther had always been waited on and put forward, and even when time went on and girlish petulance and fickleness and caprice degenerated into pettishness and selfish inconsiderateness nobody ever expected Esther to do anything but exist.

And now she was thirty, for in spite of belatedness the men who had wooed her seriously had been few and, with her aspirations, beneath her consideration. At her sister's fat Esther drew her brows together fretfully.

"Work!" she said. "You are ridiculous! It's all very well for you to talk, but how could I work? What could I do? Regina!"

She hesitated a little, for there was something in the straight browsed face meditatively surveying her as though she were seen for the first time that bid her pause. "Regina—if you would—it would be very easy for you to place both of us beyond all money cares forever. I'm sure."

The voice died away before the sparkle of anger in the dark face across the table. Regina bit her lip before she spoke in a repressed voice. "I won't pretend to misunderstand you," she said. "It's like you to propose offering something else than yourself! Understand once for all that I'll never marry Dr. Brightlight! He is selfish, he has a cruel and vindictive nature with all his surface and polish, and he is sixty years old."

"Also he owns the most magnificent country place in the state and is a millionaire," breathed Esther as her sister stopped. "Really, Regina, for a grownup person you are distressingly silly! I'm sure Dr. Brightlight is no worse than lots of men, and think what you'd have!"

"Which you, of course, would share," said Regina coldly. Her face took on an immobile expression as she looked down at her sister. "Understand, I'll never marry him. I'll find work to do."

"It's Neal Maxwell!" the older girl flashed angrily. "You'd be glad of the chance if you weren't eating your heart out for a man who threw you over and never cared anything for you! You!"

But Regina had swept from the room, her head in the air, her hands clutching mechanically the papers covered with their rows of discouraging figures.

She was hurt as only a proud person can be hurt, and the sure knowledge deep in her heart that Neal Maxwell had indeed, beyond all doubt, cared for her, in spite of the opinion voiced by her sister and shared, as Regina knew, by nearly all her acquaintances in the town, did not help much in bearing the taunt.

It was a year since Neal had gone abroad as foreign representative for his firm and eleven months since his letters had stopped abruptly, without warning. Her two letters of inquiry bringing no response, pride had stepped in and she had made no further effort to hear from him beyond learning from his firm he was alive and well.

And when he left they had been engaged. She could hardly remember when she and Neal had not intended to marry one another, so many had been the years of their more than friendship. In spite of her indignation and her secret grief, in spite of his mysterious neglect, Regina still clung to the feeling that, wherever he was, whatever had happened, Neal still must care for her just as day must follow night.

And she was of too strong a nature to seek to cover her jilting by accepting the man who had haunted her footsteps for the past year, Dr. Brightlight, whom she instinctively disliked and steadily shunned, to the furious exasperation of Esther. This had not been the first difference they had had upon the subject.

This night she was tired, very tired, and discouraged. Sympathy, understanding or help from Esther she felt

she never could expect. The weakness, the shallowness, that were her sister's were forcing themselves on her recognition against her will.

If only Esther had been of a different mold their situation would even now be vastly improved. Encouragement and energy at her elbow would have given Regina the strength of ten. Instead there were bitterness, complaint and reproach weighing her down, and beneath it all the old longing for Neal, the hurt wonder that he could have failed her!

Sunk in her thoughts, absentmindedly making preparation for the night, Regina stood for several minutes staring at what she had uncovered at the bottom of the long utility box on her dresser without a complete realization of what the discovery meant.

First it dawned on her bewildered mind that the box was blue instead of pink, as it should have been. Then it was blue it belonged in the next room on Esther's dresser. The woman who had swept and cleaned for them that day had probably mixed them. And at the bottom of the blue box, under all the handkerchiefs and ribbons which Regina had mechanically disarranged in her search for a particular ribbon, lay, with a rubber band binding them, the last two letters she had written to Neal Maxwell inquiring as to his silence and which he had, of course, never answered.

Regina leaned against the dresser, breathing heavily, clutching the letters, trying to think. The face that looked out at her from the mirror was white with excitement. Some one had kept her letters from reaching Neal—some one!

In the doorway stood Esther, still petulant from the scene downstairs. As she walked toward her sister Regina turned and faced her silently, the letters in her outstretched palm.

With a little gasp Esther saw, crumpled into a chair and began to cry in a frightened way.

"I did it for your own good," Esther wailed. "Neal never will be rich, and we want—we need—so much! I thought—I thought you'd see how much better a position Dr. Brightlight could give you—I thought you'd forget—I wrote Neal you were going to marry the doctor and hadn't courage to tell him yourself and that you did not want to hear from him again. I—I got your letters both times by taking them to slip into the drop while I asked you to get stamps or cards at the window—do you remember? I—I did it because I thought you would be happier, Regina!"

The tall, stern girl, standing like an avenging goddess, looking down on the hysterical, weak woman huddled in the chair, did not speak for some minutes.

"Why didn't you destroy them when you got them?" she asked abruptly.

"I didn't dare," wept Esther. "I was afraid it was criminal or something."

The faint flicker of humor which swept Regina's face even in her moment of righteous wrath spread to her generous heart.

"We won't talk about it again, Esther," she said quietly. "You'd better go to bed. And now—now I'm going to write to Neal."

Called His Bluff.

A young woman of smart wit and striking beauty presided at one of the stalls at a Paris charity bazaar. Among the small crowd which pressed round the fair vender was a young man of much assurance, who gazed upon the girl with freedom and affected to admire the various fancy articles exposed for sale, but bought nothing.

"What will you please to buy?" asked mademoiselle, with an exquisite smile.

"Oh," replied the young dandy, with a languishing look, "what I most wish to buy is unhappily not for sale."

"Tell me what you wish?" she responded.

"Oh, no; I dare not declare my wishes."

"Nevertheless let me know what you wish to buy," persisted the fair saleswoman.

"Well, then, since you demand it, I should like a ringlet of your glossy black hair."

She manifested no embarrassment at the bold request, but with a pair of scissors immediately clipped off one of her beautiful locks and handed it to the astonished youth, remarking that the price was only 500 francs.

Her audacious admirer was thunderstruck with the demand, but dared not demur, as by this time a group had collected and were listening to the conversation. So he took the hair, paid over the money and left the hall.

The Man in the Rain.

"Men," said a fashionable tailor, "are much more particular about their clothes than women, though few people realize this fact. Take a man in a light gray suit caught in a shower. Does he go blithely on, heedless of the elements? No. He seeks the nearest shelter and remains there till the downpour has stopped absolutely. But it is his straw hat that a man takes most care to preserve. I have seen men in pouring torrents hurrying along bareheaded, their straw hats carefully concealed beneath their coats. Did you ever see a woman go to those lengths? Often a man caught in a shower carries his hat sort of casually at arm's length at his side, as if he was doing it unconsciously, don't you know. And how often do we see them holding newspapers over their hats. Ever see a woman do that? No. Somehow women seem to be able to go through a shower without making conspicuous figures of themselves. They are always serene, never troubled, and they never seem to get as wet as men do."—London Answers.

CARE OF THE EYES.

How to Prevent a Strain and Relieve Inflammation by Simple Methods.

Persons who use their eyes constantly should observe some simple rules for preventing strain. For instance, at the end of a long day in an office, if the optics are bathed with a cooling application, the brightness as well as sight may be maintained. For such a bath boracic acid is invaluable. So is a weak solution of salt. Camphor water will draw out a smarting pain many times.

Five cents' worth of boracic acid will last for weeks, and the powder may be carried with little trouble. To use as much as might go on the point of the blade of a small penknife is put into two tablespoonfuls of water. The powder floats for some time in tiny lumps, but later is absorbed and disappears.

If one has an eyeglass the liquefied borax is poured into it. This glass, which is an oval cup, so shaped that it goes over the eye, close against the skin, is held up, the head bent until the eye is over the liquid, and then the lid is opened and closed in the bath. There will be no smarting sensation, and the under part of the lids and the ball are flushed with a cooling application that will draw out any slight inflammation.

The bath may last for a minute, washing first one eye and then the other eye before returning to give the first another plunge. The same liquid may be used more than once, but so cheap is it that there can be no hesitation in throwing it away. No two persons should ever use the same solution, for serious eye disease may be transmitted in this way. If the eyes ache during the day this treatment, which takes but a moment to apply, will relieve them.

Camphor water, being a little stronger, is used more sparingly and is likely to cause a slight smarting. Nevertheless it is a gentle tonic that can do no harm. To use a couple of drops are put into the eyes by means of a medicine dropper. This may be done two or three times a day when there is such inflammation. Boracic acid dissolved in it in the same proportion as in plain water increases the beneficial properties.

Salt and water is an old fashioned remedy which should be used frequently. This mixture should be strong enough to cause the merest suggestion of a smart, but it must not be painful. If one has no eye cup any small cup or glass may be substituted and the eye winked in the bath. Done morning and night, this is strengthening in effect.

Cloths wrung out in hot water and laid over the eyes form one of the best methods of treatment for inflamed eyes. To take this application one must lie down, so the fomentations may be placed on as hot as can be borne, changing them frequently.

How to Wash Crocheted Articles.

Crocheted and knitted articles can be washed satisfactorily by sewing the articles in a pillow slip and then washing them in warm soapy water. The bag must be squeezed between the hands to make it clean, but it must not be rubbed between the hands. When you think the articles must be clean press all the water that you can out of the bag, but do not wring it. Then hang the bag in the air to drain and when it is perfectly dry rip open the pillowcase, and the article will be found in excellent condition. If the wool article is a baby's carriage blanket or a straight shawl it will be improved by drying it on a flat surface. It may be spread on the table or on the floor if clean papers or a clean cloth is spread on the floor first. The article should be patted until it is perfectly straight and flat and should then be left until it is perfectly dry.

How to Purify Rainwater.

Rainwater is one of the best washes for the complexion in existence, but clean rainwater is often hard to get, for after every shower the water from the barrels is black with soot, etc., washed off the roof. To prevent this and to secure clean rainwater, get a bit of coarse, close canvas and make a little bag of it. Into this bag put some clean gravel, and tie the bag on to the end of the pipe, so that the water will have to pass through the gravel before reaching the barrel. The gravel makes a capital filter, and if it be changed from time to time and the barrel be kept clean you will always have clean soft water when required for any purpose.

How to Lengthen Life of a Pillowcase

Every housewife knows how soon pillowcases wear out, but it took a remarkably clever woman to see at a glance how she could prolong their lives. When her pillowcases are beginning to show signs of wear she takes out the seam at the bottom of the case and turns it round, so that the side seams come directly up in the middle. Then she rescams the bottom. It is easy to see that this will bring the side of the pillow under the head where the wear would come, so the pillowcase will last longer. A better idea could not be found, and who minds sewing up a pillowcase seam?

How to Wash Silk Gloves.

Silk gloves should be washed in warm water and with pure white soap and should then be rinsed in several clear waters of the same temperature. Then, instead of hanging them up to dry by the wrists, hang them up by the tips of the fingers. To do this, place each finger out on a cloth and hang up the cloth with the arms of the gloves hanging down. This lets the water run into the parts of the gloves that receive the least wear and lets the tips, which receive the most wear, dry the quickest.

JAPANESE HUSBANDS.

In Rising Sun Country Matrimony is Built on Equal Rights Plan.

The recent outburst of race antagonism in a Pacific coast city, directed against an American girl for marrying a Japanese, leads interest to the public assertion that "Japanese husbands are the best in the world," made by Mrs. Yakamine, wife of the eminent Japanese chemist and scientist, for many years a resident of New York city. Mrs. Yakamine was Miss Hiteh, daughter of one of the old southern families, before she met the doctor and is a staunch defender of international marriages.

"No woman in the world is more protected and better cared for than the wife of a Japanese," she said. "The Japanese husband is considerate, faithful and patient. It is his philosophy, his religion. He is a home loving man, and naturally he is thoughtful of the little attentions to his home and family. Every woman loves these little attentions. Plenty of women prefer kind words and the thought that they are appreciated to diamond rings. If a Japanese sees some little piece of jewelry, ornament or painting he thinks his wife would like he takes it home to her. It is this sort of thing, the fact that he has thought of her during the day, that makes her happy."

"Contrast the American and the Japanese husband under the same circumstances. An American husband comes home from business tired, nervous and hungry. Something has happened to the oven or the cook has allowed the roast to burn. He is likely to become very impatient over the delay or the spoiled dinner. Under similar circumstances does a Japanese husband lose his temper? Indeed, he does not. He says pleasantly, out of consideration for his wife's feelings, 'Well, perhaps there are eggs in the house, and, after all, they might be better for us to eat!'"

"If there is anything that will increase rather than diminish this consideration for his wife it is the fact that Japanese women are just beginning to go into business like their American sisters. With this change the men will realize, too, that should they not treat their wives well the women can leave them and earn their own livelihood. So far no such threats, I believe, have been put into practice, but it has been unnecessary, for it is born and bred and trained in the Japanese men as part of their religion to treat their wives with respect and courteous, thoughtful attention."

"In Japan matrimony is built on a sort of equal rights plan. Husband and wife have each his and her duties and his and her particular rights and privileges, and neither would think of encroaching on the other's well defined rights."

IN THE NURSERY.

A baby's eyes should be shaded from a strong light, especially from bright sunlight.

Hot cloths applied to the feet and to the stomach will often relieve colic much more quickly than internal doses.

Boil soft linen towels and put them aside for baby's exclusive use. In drying baby after his bath rub him gently to stimulate the skin to healthy action. Dust baby lightly with a good powder.

Violent noises which startle a child should be avoided, and an infant should under no circumstances be tossed in the air or shaken, as this treatment surely develops nervousness.

After washing the baby's mouth give him a drink of boiled water.

The tiny soft brushes so often given as presents to babes are useless, because everything used in the child's mouth should be burned.

A baby should be given pure cold water two or three times a day. Its mouth should be rinsed several times a day with borax water, a teaspoonful to a cup. This will prevent the mouth and gums from becoming sore and keep them sweet and clean.

The Persistent Social Aspirant.

Persistence is ever the hallmark of the woman determined to be recognized socially, and she applies it without stint to the smallest detail of each undertaking, nagging, insisting and pushing until some part is accomplished. So, too, do some women pursue an eligible man, never heeding the thousand and one evidences he gives of indifference, but dodging artfully around each sign of "no intentions" and bobbing up in his path at all turns. It is useless to argue that they do not gain their end and aim, for many times they do. In the long run society yields to the persistency of this type of woman or the man is safely harnessed to her triumphal car.

Charlotte Bonbonniere.

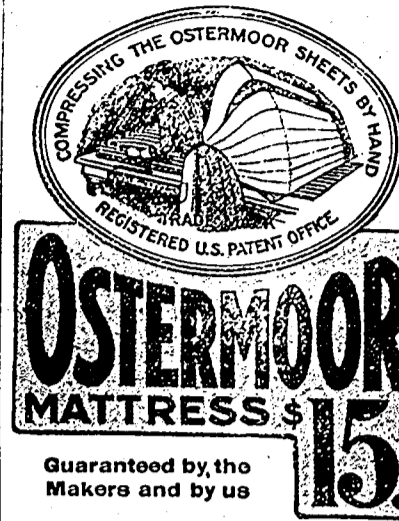
An amusing new bonbonniere is in the shape of a very realistic charlotte russe and about the size of that airy dainty. The top of the charlotte lifts away, disclosing the candy box.

A fun loving hostess bought souvenirs in this form for all the guests at a luncheon. They were filled with goodies and passed by the maid, looking, until closely examined, like a second dessert course. The discovery of their true nature caused much surprise and laughter.

What Money Can't Buy.

Money can't buy everything. There are no admission tickets to a sunset, you wouldn't trade the look in your boy's eyes when he greets you at night for a million dollars of anybody's money, and if you keep a well furnished mind you can go into it any time you like as you would into a child's playground and amuse yourself watching your thoughts play leapfrog with each other.

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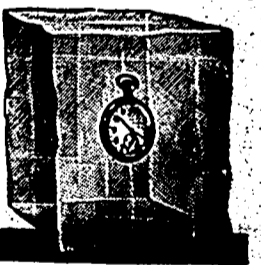
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John H. Turner, Publisher and Proprietor.

Saturday, July 17, 1909.

GROTON.

Death. Eugene F. Nutting, a life-long resident of this town, died Monday, July 12, after years of debilitating illness which baffled the best of medical skill, and all careful nursing attention. The official returns give sclerotic multiple as the cause of disease. His age was 63 yrs. 6 mos. 1 day. Mr. Nutting was the oldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nutting of this town and before his seizure by this illness was known as one of the most reliable, prosperous and thrifty farmers and business men in Groton. He is survived by a widow, one sister, Mrs. A. H. Torrey, and one brother, Harry E. Nutting, all of this town. The funeral, which was private, was on Wednesday afternoon, July 14, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating. Interment in Groton cemetery.

Surprise Party. A very pleasant surprise was given to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor in their new home on Tuesday evening, July 13, when they were started by their neighbors shouting on the lawn. The couple were unprepared, but took it calmly. The elder people entered into the games, after which there was a poem composed and read by Miss Ruth Davis. There were various musical selections by Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Miss Mabel C. Dickinson and the Misses Ruth and Carrie Davis. Refreshments were served, after which Rev. Charles Ames, with an appropriate speech, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. The party broke up at eleven o'clock with many good wishes to the happy couple for a happy future.

Of Local Historical Interest. The cupola, which was for so many years on the Shattuck barn of Lawrence Brooks' estate, and which has been recently removed in the remodeling now being done on the barn by the present owner, Mr. Brooks, is known to be of local historical interest. On indisputable authority—that of Mrs. Lucy Shattuck, now over ninety, and who knows whereof she speaks—this cupola was taken from the old Groton Academy building and placed on this barn for a ventilator. It was while at work removing it from the academy building that the late S. W. Rowe broke his leg. And, by the way, Mrs. Lucy Shattuck's father-in-law, the late Noah Shattuck, was one of the first persons who went into the Groton Academy building after it was completed. This academy was first opened to pupils in 1793, and the name, Noah Shattuck, Groton, is enrolled among the students of 1794. It may have been the same man. This thought comes while writing: If this old cupola has not been broken up, how would it look placed on the building recently given by Maj. Moses P. Palmer to the Groton historical society, for its sometime future home? Too large. Then how would it do to model one after the old Groton Academy cupola, using as much of the same old material as would be found possible and necessary? The historical part would fit well anyway. This is only a thought, perhaps a suggestion not worthy of any consideration.

News Items. Thomas Brown, who lives in the paper-mill village, has had some family troubles and on last Saturday night attempted suicide by taking Paris green. A doctor summoned was in time to pump out his stomach and saved him. F. F. Waters attended the funeral, which was massive, of James S. Draper at Ayer, Tuesday, who is well known in this town. Rev. Charles B. Ames of Quincy is having a vacation from his pastorate duties and will spend a part of it in Groton, where he is at present visiting his brother. Mrs. Mosely Gilson and Miss Annie L. Gilson are at the Isle of Shoals, attending the annual Unitarian meetings. They expect to be gone a couple of weeks or so. The dry weather, good for haying, which is being pushed ahead rapidly, is causing some anxiety as to results on field and garden crops. Rain is needed badly. Miss Elizabeth Lowe has been appointed teacher for next year in the Chicopee Row school. Mrs. Maudie White O'Hara is a patient at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, where she was operated on last week for appendicitis. Miss Mary Parmenter and niece, Dorothy Stevens, are visiting at the Parmenter home in Wayland. E. F. Doherty has gone for a visit to his old home in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Eaton and sister, from Florida, are guests of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Eaton of Hollis st. Mrs. Anna Shattuck from Wakefield was in town recently at her brother's, E. A. Shattuck. Russell McDonald got through last week at T. Bywater's blacksmith shop and is now working at his trade in Pepperell. Mr. Whitcomb of West Groton underwent an operation recently for hernia at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital. M. Joseph Cleary and B. B. Harrington, two of our citizens who have each recently sustained a broken rib, are mending comfortably. Mr. Cleary even been out doing some haying. Miss Constance Parker of Pepperell is visiting her grandfather, S. R. Mason and family this week. J. H. Hunkins has sold all the woodland west of the Brookline railroad to M. F. McGowan of West Groton. Rev. John P. Trowbridge of West Groton will preach at the First Parish church next Sunday, July 18, in exchange with the pastor.

Mrs. Rogers, mother of Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn, recently visited the doctor and wife at their home here in Groton. Mrs. Clarence Tuttle with her cousin, Miss Lillian Tuttle, went Tuesday for a visit to her brother, Roscoe Harrington and family in Brookline. The annual picnic of the Unitarian Sunday school will be held at Walnut park on Thursday, July 22. Basket luncheon. All are cordially invited to join. Samuel P. Williams, who was taken seriously ill last October and confined to his bed for several months afterward, has so much improved that he is not only about the house but able with some assistance to be occasionally on the street. Mrs. Marion Clough Sargent has returned to her own home, having been with her mother since coming out of the hospital. Waldo E. Harrington is spending his vacation from his Boston position at his home in Groton. James R. Hawkes has taken the hay on the Hartt place, Farmers' row, to cut. The Groton Oddfellows had installation of officers, Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bixby of West Groton left Monday, July 5, going on the excursion to the C. E. convention at St. Paul, Minn., and were intending to go farther west, visiting Yellowstone Park, etc. They were recalled soon after reaching Minneapolis by the death of their grandson, Meredith Chapman. The Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club voted to hold their annual fair in September, and hope to make it the best yet. They will hold a special meeting Monday evening July 19. At this meeting there will be a demonstration of the Burlingame typewriter, which is called the greatest electrical invention of the age. One Groton farmer who looked hopelessly upon an old apple tree loaded with its heavy crop of Epsys caterpillars, etc., poured several gallons of kerosene on the old tree, set it on fire and let it burn, which it did after a while, making a very effective method of moth destruction. Mrs. Carpenter, mother of station agent F. Carpenter, is visiting her son at his boarding place, Charles A. Hodgman's, Station-ave. Mr. and Mrs. George Woodward of Worcester are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes, Ayer road. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle are entertaining relatives from Lowell and New Hampshire. P. J. Donahue is spending his vacation at his father's on West-st. The funeral of Meredith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Chapman of Winchester, was held in West Groton, Saturday, July 10. His age was 8 yrs. 9 mos. 14 days, and the cause of death was pneumonia, following an illness of scarlet fever and rheumatic trouble. The interment was in Groton cemetery. The death of this promising boy comes as a sad blow to his parents, who have but one child remaining to grandparents and many other relatives. Miss Alma Sargent of Newport, N. H., is visiting friends in town. Born Monday, July 12, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham. Everett Warren is home on a vacation and he is soon to go to Cleveland in the interest of his employer. A. P. Warren is confined to his home with a stone bruise on his foot. E. F. Doherty has gone on a visit to his old home in the Provinces. Thursday at 93° was the highest official record for heat during this last hot spell. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood left Wednesday for Nantucket. Thursday, July 15, was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Misses Hattie and Ruth James of Salem are guests of their aunt, Miss Halissy. Mrs. Charles Williams has returned from a visit to relatives at Salem Wilwows, and appears much benefited by the change. The Nashua river is very low.

Town Meeting. The special town meeting, to hear the further report of the electric light committee and to give the final vote for the acceptance or rejection of the town to come under the municipal lighting act for furnishing light, heat and power for the streets and inhabitants, is to be held on the evening of July 22, at eight o'clock. As this matter must be of interest to every voter in the town, it is hoped that an undertaking costing the amount this will, will bring out a large number of voters who will give a full expression of their views in regard to the matter. Following are the articles to be acted upon: Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to construct and maintain within its limits a plant for the distribution of electricity for furnishing light for municipal use or light, heat and power for the use of its inhabitants, or act in relation thereto. Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appoint a lighting committee of three and authorize them to construct a plant for the distribution of electricity, make and sign all contracts necessary for construction of said plant; also, for the purchase of current, and do all necessary acts to supply light, heat and power for municipal use, or for the use of the inhabitants of the town, or act in relation thereto. Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to have the sub-station, necessary in connection with the plant for distributing electricity, built on the northwest corner of the town house lot, or take any action in relation to same. Art. 5. To see if the town will appropriate and vote to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000, to pay for the building and equipment of a plant for the distributing of electricity, the same to be paid by a series of notes of \$1500 each, payable yearly, with interest not to exceed 4% per annum until paid. If the total sum should be that the last amount would not make the sum of the amount named, then a note will be made for such fractional part as remains, and that sum be provided for with interest, as the other note, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to elect at the April town meeting of the year 1910 a municipal lighting board to take charge of and operate the town lighting as prescribed in chap. 34, sec. 19. This board to consist of three citizens of the town, one of which shall be chosen for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and at each annual town meeting, thereafter, one for a term of three years, or take any action relating to same. Art. 7. To see if the town will instruct the road commissioners to use a dumping board in their repairs on roads, or take any action thereon. Art. 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to clean out James brook from Main st. to the railroad, or take any action in regard to same. Baseball. The ball game last Saturday afternoon was the most generally exciting event of last week, following the celebration on Monday, and was an outcome of the ball game of that afternoon, which was a keenly felt defeat. The opponents last Saturday were, the Alerts and Groton Town, both teams being made up largely of local players, the latter wholly so, was gotten up hurriedly and without practice together. The Alerts played a smart game and won by a score of 11 to 1. Following is the lineup: Saturday afternoon, July 17, the Alerts play a Peppercell team here on Shumway field. This game is of interest to all local players.

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TOWNSEND. Baseball. Townsend A. won the second game from Greenville A. A., Saturday afternoon, 6 to 4, on the latter's grounds and made it two victories in one week from this club. The game abounded in close decisions and was bitterly contested throughout by the home team. Each nine participated in too fast double plays and the free hitting was very pleasing to the spectators. The visitors obtained a good lead in the first inning by bunching four hits, together with a couple of errors, for four runs. Greenville worked hard to overcome this lead and to win this contest, and their defeat was mainly due to Spaulding's brilliant pitching. He had good control and kept the hits scattered with the exception of the fourth and seventh innings, when the home club bunched three in the fourth and two in the seventh, and these after chances had been offered to retire the side. Aside from these two innings they were unable to gather but one hit in each of the remaining innings. Arlin had two fingers split open by a foul tip in the second inning and had to retire from the game. Keefe took up the work and gave Spaulding splendid support at the receiving end. Miller injured a finger on his throwing hand in practice, but pluckily continued, playing an excellent game. O'Brien played brilliantly at third, making several difficult stops and getting his men by fast playing. Lancy and Conley were the high men in wielding the willow, and the former played finely at second for the winners. The score: TOWNSEND A. A. Keefe, cf 5 1 2 2 6 2 1 Lancy 2b 5 2 3 1 0 0 Whitcomb, lf 5 2 3 1 0 0 Eastman 3b 2 1 2 13 2 0 Parker, c 0 0 1 4 1 0 O'Brien 3b 0 1 3 0 1 1 Miller, ss 4 0 2 2 9 7 1 Arlin, c 1 0 1 1 4 0 1 Gurbey, rf 1 0 0 2 2 0 0 Spaulding p 4 1 1 1 4 1 4 43 6 14 17 27 26 7

GREENVILLE A. A. Sheridan, ss 4 1 2 2 4 4 1 Caouette 2b 5 0 1 1 6 1 0 Conley 3b 5 0 3 4 1 1 2 Bourgeois 2b 5 0 0 4 1 0 1 St. Jean, lf 4 1 1 2 1 0 1 Fournier, cf 3 1 1 1 1 0 0 Waite, c 3 0 1 1 2 0 0 Bourgeois, lf 3 0 1 1 2 0 0 LeCroix, p 4 0 1 1 0 0 1 Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Greenville A. A., 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 6 Townsend A. A., 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 4 Two base hits—Whitcomb, Eastman, Arlin to Lancy to Eastman; Miller, Sheridan to Caouette to Lancy; Bourgeois, LeCroix, Caouette to St. Jean; Fournier, Bourgeois, LeCroix 2, by Spaulding; LaCroix, Miller. Struck out—By Spaulding, Caouette 2, St. Jean, Fournier, Bourgeois. Sacrifice hit—Fournier. Passed ball—Arlin. Wild pitch—Spaulding. Umpire—H. J. Doonan. —O'Brien out, hit by batted ball. Center. Geo. A. Wilder and suite installed the officers of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., at Groton Monday evening. Miss Bessie Eastman has been visiting friends in Plainville, Boston and vicinity. Mrs. Mead of Ayer has been visiting her grandsons, Eben and Clarence Mead. Mrs. Aden Swicker and daughter have gone to New Cumberland, N. S., to visit her parents for a few weeks. Spurgeon Milner leaves this week also to join his sister at the same place.

Monday night was the regular meeting of the grange with current events and music in charge of Mrs. Mabel Brackett. The attendance was small on account of the extreme heat. Chas. Haynes of Dorchester was the guest of his uncle, J. W. Eastman, this week. An address upon the progress of the Christian missionary work in Japan was given from the Congregational pulpit, Sunday morning, by Miss Alice Adams, who has been connected with missionary work there for about eighteen years. Miss Adams also spoke at the Union service in the evening and told of many interesting things in that far-away country. Miss Alice Smith, who has been very ill for some time with spinal trouble, caused from a severe nervous breakdown, was brought from a Boston hospital to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, last Thursday night, a private hospital car with nurse and attendants coming up this line and returning Friday morning. Mrs. Kitty Irish of Everett assisted in the choir at the Congregational church Sunday. In the death of Albert Davis, treasurer of Plymouth county, who died at Whitman, July 13, Townsend loses a former resident. Mr. Whitman was born here, Jan. 10, 1836, and spent his boyhood days upon Townsend Hill at the old homestead, now owned by Dr. W. E. Cole. Although he has not lived here for many years, he has always had the welfare of his home town at heart and was always interested in its affairs. He always remembered by little gifts, the school-children of Townsend Hill at Christmas time. Mr. Davis held many responsible public offices during his life, at one time being postmaster, and later tax collector at Abington, and one of the organizers of Whitman National bank, and also its president up to the time of his death; at his late residence there. The state board of agriculture will hold its annual summer field meeting at Walnut park, on Wednesday, Aug. 4. There will be an excellent demonstration in the forenoon for grangers to learn the best methods of producing apples, milk and corn, three very important things to the farmer. Massachusetts agricultural college will send speakers. Carlton L. Richardson, master of the state grange, will speak in the afternoon, also Hon. N. J. Batchelder of New Hampshire, lecturer of the national grange.

West. Mrs. Abbott Hodgman from New York city is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman. Ralph Glazier and family from Pennsylvania are spending a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Glazier, at Mrs. Clara Perkin's cottage. A party from this village, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan, Miss Ina Sargent, Mrs. George Adams and family, and Mrs. C. M. Proctor and Miss Mabel Patch took a carriage trip to Pepperell Springs Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Frank Sleeper, acting pastor of the Baptist church, occupied his pulpit last Sunday morning and evening. The evening service was held in the auditorium of the church and was the first in a series of addresses on "The christian life," which will be presented at the evening services for the next two weeks, the topic being "The practical christian," and next Sunday evening the second in the series. "The aspiring christian," will be presented followed Sunday evening, July 25, by "The useful and all-conquering christian." The articles are proving of great interest to all who attend, as well as being practical and helpful. The regular weekly prayer meeting of the Baptist church has been changed from Thursday to Friday evening to suit the convenience of the acting pastor, who is at his home in Rowley during the first of the week. At a business meeting of the Sunday school the matter of a union picnic of the schools of the Congregational, Methodist and Baptist churches, was brought up, and it was the mind of the school in an informal vote that it would be desirable and a committee, consisting of Supt. Wilder Perry W. Sawtelle and Quincy Adams was appointed to investigate the matter. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Homer entertained a party of friends at their residence Monday evening, and also gave great pleasure to the general public by an open-air concert by the Townsend brass band, which was stationed upon their grounds nearest the square, where a large assembly of the village people and many from the Center congregated and passed a most enjoyable evening listening to the excellent selections so admirably rendered. Miss Emma Olmstead of Waltham who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Streeter of Joslynnville for a few weeks, returned to her home Tuesday. Mrs. Fred A. Patch of Joslynnville left Friday for Oakledge, Me., where she will spend the remainder of the summer. Mrs. George Wright, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, has returned to her home in Winthrop, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lena Thompson, who is recovering from an operation performed upon her throat a few weeks ago. Mrs. Heffernan and Mrs. Potter and families are spending the summer at the cottage near the railroad crossing formerly occupied by the late Mrs. Ellen Welch. Carl Willard of the Townsend bank, and his brother Ralph of Boston, who is home on a week's vacation, accompanied by Aiden Sherwin, started on Sunday morning for a week's trip to Nova Scotia and other points of interest. An eight and a half pound daughter was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Welch, Saturday afternoon, July 10. The delivery station for the distribution of books from the public library at the store of I. P. Sherwin & Co., was reopened last Saturday afternoon, after a brief vacation, and over eighty books were distributed.

Harbor. Mr. Leadbetter has sold his farm at Cape Corner to Mr. Horgan of Chelsea. Mr. Leadbetter has gone to Abington. Miss Jennie Taylor attended the funeral of her cousin at Orange on Monday. A niece of Mrs. Geo. Babcock's has been visiting her from Sterling. Frank Conant has had the misfortune to lose two horses the past week. Mrs. Leonora Pattee is spending a few weeks with Mrs. George Jones at Cape Corner. Friends from Waltham have been recent guests at A. D. Gray's.

HARVARD. Installation. Harvard lodge No. 60, I. O. O. F., at their regular meeting last Monday night entertained George Buxton, D. D. G. M., and suite of Shirley. The business of the evening was installation of the officers and the following officers were installed: Arthur T. West, n.g.; Gordon McCleary, v.g.; James L. Whitney, w.; A. F. Ripley, c.; Van, Hanna, lg.; James Woodland, o.g.; Silas Hayes, chap.; Geo. Hardy, r.s.v.g.; Roswell Davis, l.s.v.g.; B. J. Priest, r.s.v.g.; J. R. Priest, l.s.v.g. After the business of the evening was disposed of supper was served in the banquet hall. Supper consisted of sandwiches, cheese, coffee, cake and ices cream. Cigars were passed and the brothers listened to remarks by the visitors from Ayer and Shirley, after which the party broke up, an unusually large number being out on a very pleasant evening long to be remembered.

News Items. The King's Daughters are very much pleased with the result of the benefit entertainment given here by the Groton society, entitled "A fool's paradise." Aside from the generosity of the visitors, who so kindly lent their services, the affair is worthy of special mention. The tone of the play, the beautiful costuming and the fine stage work, are all deserving of commendation. The net receipts were about eighty dollars. The Groton orchestra furnished music. Fiske Warren and daughter Rachel arrived from England this week and are now at Tahanto farm. Mrs. Warren and the rest of the family arrive later.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Marble are summing at John B. Harlow's, this being the eighth season they have been here. Miss Phoebe Fancy is taking a month's vacation, visiting friends at her home in Nova Scotia. O. A. Fairbank is working with his men on the town hall, giving it a new coat of paint, greatly improving the general appearance. A seven-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Leslie Hughes of Bridgeport, Conn., last week Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes formerly lived here in the tenement with his aunt, Mrs. Harlan Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner have been entertaining Abner Proctor, his daughter, Mrs. Merrett, and a friend, Mrs. Hagar, all of South Framingham. The elm beetles are getting in their work on some of the trees outside the common. The latter were sprayed and no damage is as yet visible. Mrs. Fannie Hartshorn is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Louise Bigelow of Boston at Newtown, Conn. The ladies' picnic club held the annual picnic at Cunningham's cottage on Wednesday, July 21. If stormy it will be held Thursday. William Condon, telephone operator at Somerville, spent his ten days' vacation with his aunt, Mrs. James A. Barry. Miss Ellen A. Barry returned Friday from a visit to relatives in Woodstock, Vt.

LITTLETON. Dr. J. W. Godfrey will lead the meeting of the Baptist Y. P. S. C. E. Sunday evening, July 18. The subject will be, "The palace beautiful," the seventh in the Pilgrim's progress. Dr. Godfrey took a company of young people in his automobile to Baptist pond, Chelmsford, last Tuesday and enjoyed a delightful picnic. All looking for valuable antiques and relics should not fail to attend the sale going on this week at A. Hiley & Co., Lowell, the last day of the sale being this Saturday. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer. Attractive sale by auction in Concord Junction of the entire belongings of the estates of Geo. S. and Jessie Withington on Friday, July 30, at nine a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

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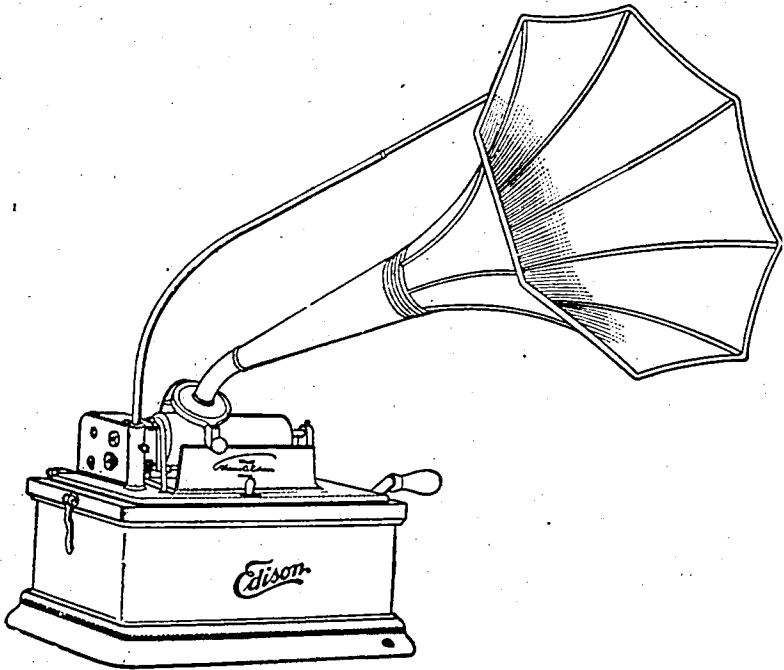
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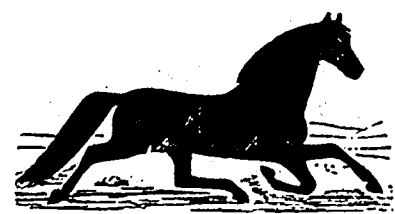
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SPOILING A ROMANCE

By M. QUAD.

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Miss Hattie Cowper, daughter of a farmer, had arrived at the age of thirty-five, and no one, not even her mother, had suspected her of romance. She had cooked and washed and baked and put up pickles and made her own dresses and seemed content. Even when Zed Green, hired man to her father, had fallen in love with her and asked her to be his she had successfully concealed any evidence that it was other than the humdrum program of existence and had replied that she guessed she would have him, and that settled the matter for awhile. Zed didn't want to marry for a year or two, and Hattie was content. At least no one suspected her of discontent, and yet romance was fairly bubbling in her soul. She wanted to be abducted; she wanted to elope; she wanted to be lost in the sugar bush and found by a cavalier.

She kept hoping and expecting and sewing carpet rags and helping her mother make pickled lily, and time ran on, and one evening Zed announced that he was ready to marry. Then an idea came to her like a flash of lightning, and after turning it over in her mind for five minutes she answered:

"Zed, I will never, never marry you unless we have some romance about it."

"Do you mean going to the circus or something of that kind?" he asked.

"No, I don't. I mean that I don't propose to stand up in the parlor and be married by a justice of the peace."

"Well, what do you want?"

"I want to run away to get married."

"Shoo! I don't see the need of that when everybody's willing."

"But I do. I want folks to have something to talk about, and I want something to think of afterward."

"I'm willing to do all I can, Hattie. Seems kinder foolish to me, but if you look at it 'tother way it's all right. It's to be what they call an elopement, eh?"

"Yes."

"All right. I never eloped, but I guess we can manage it somehow. This is Thursday. Shall we bring it off next Tuesday night?"

The date suited the young woman, and next morning both got up to act rather queerly. They were absent-minded and preoccupied and had so little to say to each other that before the day was over Mrs. Cowper said to her husband:

"Henry, I'm afraid Hattie is coming down with some sickness or other, or else she's got some awful thing on her mind. I have never seen her so quiet. Once she put her arms around me and asked me to forgive her, and when I asked for what she ran away. What d'ye 'spose ails her?"

"Can't tell, but Zeke has also been acting up and astonishing me. This afternoon as we was hoeing corn side and side he suddenly stopped and looked at me and almost shouted: 'No; I will not give her up! I will defy you to the end!' When I asked him what he meant by such durned nonsense he actually chanked his teeth."

It was that romance was bubbling, and by the following Tuesday Zed had made himself believe that a stern father had stepped between him and the object of his love and would brutally blast his future, and Hattie composed a note to be left behind for her mother asking forgiveness and saying that it almost broke her heart to do the thing contemplated.

The farmer's bedtime was 9 o'clock. By 10 he and his good wife were snoring. Even the cat slept. Not so with Hattie and Zed, however. The young woman sat in her room, dressed for the elopement and feeling thrills of romance, and Zed had made a sneak for the barn to hitch up a horse and wagon.

At 11 o'clock the rig was driven to the front gate, and Zed jumped down and hid beside the reobush. Three minutes later Hattie was with him. There were whispers and hand squeezes, and the elopement had started. It had progressed just forty rods when there came a flash of lightning. At fifty rods the thunder bellowed. At a hundred the rain began to fall. Zed had been crafty, but he hadn't noticed the gathering storm. Romance and a soaking shower do not go well together, but there must be no turning back. There was an old open shed in a field a mile away, and as the rain began to fall Zed put on the gad to reach its shelter. The old horse fell down three times and had to be helped up again each time before the shed was reached, but they drove under it at last. Just as they did so a flash of lightning showed an old bull at the rear end. He had also got in out of the wet, and, being the first comer, he naturally resented any intrusion. He got up and began to paw and paw and bellow, and when the brave lover got down to shoo him forth he charged the wagon and broke one wheel off and scattered the horse around. This brought about a pretty plain conversation between Hattie and Zed.

"Zed Green, I'm going home," finally declared the girl. You are the biggest fool on earth, and nothing could induce me to marry you!"

And the romance seeking girl as she stepped forth into the still pouring rain to sash her way homeward through the puddles couldn't help but hear the retort:

"I know of another fool just as big, and I'm glad I've found her out!"

There was no marriage till six months later, and then Zed and Hattie clasped hands and stood up before a justice of the peace and were married for a dollar. Zed didn't even walk around the yard for a wedding tour.

HOLLAND'S "ORANGE BUD."

Little Princess Juliana's Start in the World.

Princess Juliana, the "Dutch baby," as she is universally known, is almost a month old, and every one still speaks well of her. The "Orange Bud," as her own people delight in calling her, has like most babies, blue eyes and fair hair, and, although Prince Henry, her father, is reported to have exclaimed, "Only a girl!" the queen, her mother, greeted the announcement of the child's sex with a smile.

Juliana is not a common name in Holland, and practically every one expected as a matter of course that the baby would be named after her mother, but the parents preferred to give her as first name that of one of her most illustrious ancestresses, Juliana, countess of Stolberg, wife of William of Nassau-Dillenburg, was the mother of the five brothers, William the Silent among them, who helped to free Holland from the Spanish yoke. The baby's other names are Louise Emma Marie Wilhelmina, the first after Louise de Coligny, William the Silent's fourth wife, who, like Juliana of Stolberg, is noted in Dutch history for her piety and charity. The next two are the names of the grandmothers.

The Dutch custom of distributing muisjes, or caraway candies, on buttered biscuits was not neglected at court. Every one in any way connected with the court was presented with a bag of the little sweets with biscuits inclosed, the whole being put up in a bag of the national colors, red, white and blue, tied with an orange ribbon.

An enterprising Dutch astrologer cast the horoscope of the little princess twenty minutes after her birth. This is what he says: "Princess Juliana will be trustworthy, honorable and prudent in word and deed. She will possess great power of will, which, however, will not be uselessly employed. She will be sympathetic and philanthropic and will work disinterestedly and quietly for others without desire for reward, but seeking perfection in all things. The princess will also follow art and science and will have a special talent for music and poetry. Companionable and eloquent of speech, she will possess the knack of getting on well with all sorts of people."

A CLEVER ADAPTATION.

Jap Tradesmen Have "Caught on" to the Peach Basket Hat.

The subjects of the mikado know the secret of effective decoration in the home, and something of the charm that is associated with their homekeeping may be imparted by the introduction of articles of Japanese origin for service and ornament into the American home. The selection here made is particularly adapted to the country



UP TO DATE WASTE PAPER BASKET.

home, the bright colorings fitting in appropriately with the fittings of bungalow or cottage.

Reference is made to the doll seen in the sketch, which illustrates Japanese quickness and sense of humor. The modish peach basket hat has furnished newspaper writers and cartoonists with topics and subjects innumerable. All of this fun poking has not been lost on the stolid Japanese, it would seem, for the original of the doll here sketched was conspicuously displayed recently in a big Japanese shop, and it may be noted that the wastebasket that serves her for a hat is decorated in a style that can hardly be matched by the most extravagant production of the American milliner.

Elephant Ear.

The elephant ear is one of the most striking plants for use in bedding, borders or for clump planting on the lawn. It grows from six to ten feet high, and its large green leaves grow to be three or four feet long and two and one-half feet wide. It has been used with great success in subtropical gardening in the central and southern states. It makes an excellent plant for the margins of aquatic gardens, as it thrives best if given plenty of water.

It grows from tubers, which are best started in pots in sand and grown indoors until June, when they should be planted out in well drained, warm, light soil. A rich soil and frequent waterings with liquid manure will produce excellent results. In the fall all the leaves except the central ones should be cut back to within two inches of the crown. Let the plant remain in this condition for a few days to ripen and then take up and store in any cold frost proof place.

These plants have a variety of uses besides ornament. In the Pacific tropics they are made into a drink. The starchy roots are edible and in Japan are used much like our potatoes. The young leaves are also edible when boiled.

THE AGONY OF INDECISION.

Some Women Slaves to the Habit of Vacillation.

I would rather regulate my life by the flip of a penny than suffer the tortures of indecision that I know some women do, says Ruth Cameron in a Pittsburg paper.

"Shall I get 'straw matting or denim for the new bedroom carpet?"

"Shall I have Mary sweep the front room today and wash the blankets tomorrow or wash the blankets today and clean the front rooms tomorrow?"

"Shall I have roast lamb and asparagus for the special company Sunday, or would it be better to have planked steak?"

Hours and nerves and complexions they wear out swinging the balance back and forth between such weighty questions as these and in the end make no wiser decisions than if they had settled their offhand. Some women make themselves fairly wretched over their wardrobes, such awful opportunity for vacillation they find in choice of material and trimming and make. To others papering and carpeting resolve themselves into a perfect agony of indecision. "I would rather clean that house from top to bottom than pick out a living room carpet again," I heard one woman say the other day. "I do believe I got more tired from tramping around and trying to make up my mind than from all the sweeping and dusting and washing I did." We have just been through the agonies of papering a room in my own home, which perhaps accounts for my warmth on the subject.

It took us two weeks to pick out that paper, and before we ceased wavering between the yellow paper with the poppy border and the pink stripes with the rose border mother almost had to take to her bed.

Indecision is a disease, and, what's more, it is a chronic and a cumulative disease. The more you let yourself be undecided the more undecided you are going to be.

Mental suggestion and mental firmness in following the suggestion is about the only remedy possible.

In the effort to cure myself, for I might as well confess that much of this sermon is directed at my own vacillations, I have formulated three rules.

Perhaps they're worth passing on.

First.—Bring up the arguments slowly and carefully for each side. If they are many and complicated, take a pencil and write them down.

Second.—After having thus gone over the ground make a decision and act upon it at once in some way so that it shall become irrevocable.

Third.—When you begin to feel a tendency to regret your course, to wallow in walls of "it might have been" and to tremble at the consequences that may follow your decision, repeat the following classic stanza:

The cow is in the hammock.
The calf is in the lake.
The baby's in the garbage pail.
What difference does it make?

HELPS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Squeeze a few drops of lemon in the water in which potatoes are boiled just before they are done and they will not turn black.

If soda is mixed with flour in making ginger cookies with sour milk instead of being dissolved in milk, as is the usual way, they will be lighter.

Paint that sticks to glass can be removed with hot vinegar.

Cleaning pots and pans is the bugbear of the cook. It is hard work at best, and if left until after the dishes are washed it hangs over one as a burden. One easy way is to keep a supply of newspapers in the kitchen, and as soon as a skillet is emptied pour in it a little boiling water, then throw the water out and rub skillet with a large piece of paper. If the frying pan is not clean add a little more water and finally polish until dry with a fresh piece of paper and hang away before other work is attempted.

To keep milk toast from being soggy, as it too frequently is, try serving the boiling, buttered milk in a covered pitcher, passing it with crisp, hot toast. In this way each person can have toast as soft or as crisp as desired.

The housekeeper who wants "the best" does her own marketing, and does it early, before the foodstuffs are picked over or wilted from the hot sun.

More Americans should understand cooking with curry powder. It makes a delicious change for the cooking of meats, rice, eggs and fish. An Anglo-Indian will tell you we know nothing of the use of curries, but that is no reason why we should not learn.

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Boston Letter

Fitzgerald in Bad Odor Since his Court Testimony New Candidate Is Likely

Justification of the Boston Finance Commission—Councillor Barry Would Be District Attorney in Suffolk County

It is not at all certain now that ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald will be a candidate for a second term as mayor of Boston. Up to the time he was cited as a witness in the case against Mitchell and Maher, charged with conspiracy to defraud the city in the case of a flagstone contract, Mr. Fitzgerald was an active, hustling candidate for the Democratic nomination. His testimony on the stand consisted largely of a failure of memory; and nearly all the important questions put to him he replied that he did not remember or did not recall, notwithstanding the fact that his testimony before the grand jury was quite full and ample. He was not able even to recall his own testimony before the grand jury in the same case. Such an amazing loss of memory in a person of vigorous health and comparative youth has dumfounded even his Democratic followers. Everywhere among Democrats it is being quietly whispered that it will never do to put Fitzgerald in the field again. If he has so lost his grip as not to remember essential facts, they feel it will hardly be safe to present him to the people of Boston as a candidate for mayor. A mental condition like that would hardly be expected to appeal to the voters.

Above and beyond all that, however, is the significant fact that the two men whom he tried to protect by his lapse of memory were both convicted of conspiring to defraud the city, and are serving their sentences at Deer Island for one year.

It was a little peculiar that Mitchell, before he began his term, should give Fitzgerald a character. From such a source as that a certificate of standing would hardly be considered worth while.

As a result it is more than likely that some other Democrat will shortly be pushed forward for the Democratic nomination. There is an amplitude of candidates, the only task being to select one who will command the confidence and support of the Democratic masses.

Gaston Named For Governor

There is renewed talk of Colonel William A. Gaston as the Democratic nominee for governor. There is, of course, no doubt that the colonel would like to be elected chief executive of the commonwealth. He has often said that inasmuch as his father was at one time governor of Massachusetts he also would be pleased with the honor. Of course if the big men in the party like Charles S. Hamlin, Robert M. Burnett, John T. Burnett, Nathan Mathews, John R. Thayer, Henry M. Whitney and various other moneyed men should wish to nominate the colonel, it would not be difficult to do so. The rank and file of the Democratic party know that without money it is almost impossible to wage a successful campaign. The men mentioned, and others like them, are those who in the past have made the contributions to the campaign fund which have enabled the men running the party machine to organize effective campaigns. No doubt not only the leading conservative Democrats but the rank and file also would hail with joy the advent of a man whose nomination would mean a sufficient campaign fund to organize the commonwealth, something which has not been effectively done for years.

It is not likely that Colonel Gaston will be the nominee. He has never been a vote-getter, owing partly to the fact that he is not a good mixer, partly to his close connection with the Morgan interests in New York, and partly to the antagonism of labor men throughout the state. When he ran for governor some years ago, he evidently believed there was a chance to win. He was defeated, however, by a very large majority.

On the other hand, Governor Draper is certain to be the Republican nominee. It is acknowledged by everybody that he has made a good governor. He has shown that he is no such man as the labor men painted him and on the whole has pleased the fairminded citizens of the state, regardless of party affiliations. He got many Democratic votes last fall and will get a great many more next November. He got them last fall against Vahey and he would get them this year against Gaston if nominated.

In the end Mr. Vahey will be nominated for governor and, unless all signs fail, will be defeated by a significant vote. If the strong men of the party felt that the Democracy had any show this fall they would see that a conservative was nominated and that Mr. Vahey was defeated.

Finance Commission Justified

The justification for the appointment of the finance commission to investigate municipal affairs in the city of Boston lies in the fact that already, owing to this probing of city affairs, five men are now in prison on charges unearthed by that commission, six

have paid fines and twenty-five are out on bail awaiting trial. At the time the bill was passed through the Massachusetts legislature for the creation of this commission, practically all the Democrats on Beacon Hill opposed it as wholly unnecessary and as a political move. As a matter of fact it was the best thing for the city of Boston that has happened in a great many years. Up to that time the position of district attorney had been held in Democratic hands. It had been held by men who had never attempted to convict anybody of conspiring to rob the city. When John B. Moran came into office he promised to do many things but failed to perform most of what he promised. It remained for a Republican, Arthur D. Hill, to set in motion the machinery of the district attorney's office, and to mete out justice to grafters. He has started in well, much better indeed than most people thought possible. In the few months since his appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Moran, Mr. Hill has done all the work which has made practical the efforts of the finance commission. With such a record it would seem impossible that he could be defeated for re-election this fall.

Barry Would Run This Fall

There will be no vacancy on the state ticket for the Republicans to fill this fall; consequently the state convention will probably be a rather tame affair. It has been called for Oct. 2 in Symphony hall and will be entitled to over 1800 delegates, the largest for many years. There are to be changes in the membership of the executive council. Councillor Edward P. Barry of South Boston, a Democrat, has told his friends that he intends to run this fall as a candidate for district attorney against Arthur D. Hill, who will be the Republican nominee. Mr. Barry is a lawyer and is a part of the Democratic machine.

He would probably be a pre-strong candidate at the polls but undoubtedly many Democrats will vote for the election of Mr. Hill. There are liable to be other candidates for the Democratic nomination. Felix W. McEtrick is one and Alonzo D. Moran another. It is quite possible that Joseph A. Dennison, who opposed Moran for the nomination last year, will be a candidate. This is one of the most important positions to be voted for at the state election this fall.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for
Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to
Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-
town—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as
week days. Return—Leave Sullivan
Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 8:45 a. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica
Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winches-
ter and Medford to Sullivan Square
Terminal, Charlestown—5:25 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 9:55 a. m.
(10:25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Sundays
5:55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until
9:55 p. m. (10:25 p. m. to Woburn only.)
Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:32 a.
m. and every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.
Sundays—7:32 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 9:32 p. m.

Lawrence—5:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and
every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sun-
days—7:10 a. m. then same as week
days. Return—Lawrence—5:20,
6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10:50 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m.
then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex
Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:30, 6:55, 7:03 a. m.
and every 15 mins. until 11:33 p. m.
Sundays—7:33, 8:03 a. m. and every 15
mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave
North Chelmsford—5:30, 5:55, 6:30, 6:57,
7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until
11:03 p. m. then 11:48 p. m. Sundays—
8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03
p. m.

Nashua—6:15 a. m. and every 30
mins. until 10:15 p. m. Sundays—7:15
a. m. then same as week days. Return
—Leave Nashua—6:35 a. m. and every
30 mins. until 10:35 p. m. Sundays—7:35
a. m. then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:18,
6:00, 6:55, 7:18 a. m. and every 30
mins. until 9:48 p. m. then 10:48 p. m.
Sundays—7:18 a. m. and every 30 mins.
until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave
Tyngsboro—5:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:33 a. m.
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FORBIDDEN TEA PARTY.

What Happened at Function Given by a
Rebellious Woman.

Tea was not brought over by the first settlers. When the pilgrims landed at Plymouth tea was selling in England at from \$10 to \$50 a pound. It was a luxury that had been known to Englishmen only a few years.

Early settlers got along without India or China tea for a long time. They used roots, herbs and leaves found in the fields and woods as a substitute for tea. Sassafras tea was a common drink.

Tea was advertised for sale in Boston in 1762 for the first time, according to historians. In 1766 patriots began to take the pledge not to drink tea because of the tax that the English government placed on it. It became fashionable for patriotic ladies not to serve India tea, but as substitutes therefor "Labrador tea" and "Liberty tea."

Captain Page of Danvers forbade his spouse to taste tea beneath his roof as long as the tax remained, but the strong minded and ingenious lady ascended to the flat roof of the house, invited her friends to follow, and there she served tea to them.

Some other ladies of the town fared less fortunately. They used to borrow for their tea parties the big teapot of the once famous Bell tavern. One day after drinking the forbidden beverage the master of the house unexpectedly walked in, jumped to the fire, grabbed the teapot and turned it over, and out rolled a big frog. The jovial patriots at the Bell tavern, suspecting the use of the pot, had placed the frog in it. Some of the dames never drank tea afterward, for it made them sick.

Isaac Wilson of Peabody persisted in selling tea, so the Sons of Liberty seized him and compelled him to walk about town penitently repeating:

I, Isaac Wilson, a Tory be.
I, Isaac Wilson, I sell tea.

PSYCHIC HOUSEKEEPING.

In Which Everybody Works, Including
Father.

The latest fashion in housekeeping is the psychic variety. Psychic housekeeping is simply a practical system that a Chicago woman has invented, wrought out and made an effective solution of the servant girl problem. In her house everybody works. The guests are hosts, and the hosts are guests, and all take turns at the dishpan and the washtub.

If you should happen to drop in at 5:30 a. m. you would see men and women in the kitchen, with aprons on and sleeves up to elbows, preparing breakfast. You would see one man serving the meal today and another tomorrow. In the evening the same scenes would be repeated.

Between the two meals one man is away painting portraits and landscapes and seascapes in oil, another is healing the sick, others are at the counting house, while the women are entertaining or shopping or calling.

Saturday afternoons men and women sweep, beat rugs, wash and iron and bake dainties for Sunday. And all this reduces the cost of living to \$8 a piece a month.

Hitherto the management of the household has been considered woman's especial prerogative. Man has been general manager of railroad and factory and store and mine, but under the psychic system he becomes a general manager of housekeeping, a working manager in name and deed. The first man to hold the office and administer culinary and other domestic affairs is John Forsell, an artist, who lives in a big, square house at 1041 Waveland avenue, Chicago. The mistress of the mansion is Mrs. Forsell, yet she does not say "my home" when she speaks of it, but rather "our home," thereby wishing it understood that every occupant of this unique habitation is as much the "boss" as she herself. She is the inventor of psychic housekeeping, a kind which she asserts is adaptable to two or more families or to one family and its relatives or friends.

A Dainty Pincushion.

A charming little pincushion for baby's table is fashioned to look like a baby shoe or bootie with the cushion fitted into it. It can be made of white, pale blue or pink canvas, the cushion to be of silk in the same color and the lacing of the shoe in bebe ribbon to match.

Any worn out shoe can be ripped apart and used as a pattern. Where a tiny one is the only model available it will be necessary to cut the new goods larger, while following the general outline, as the cushion should not be too small.

Sleeper Sleeping Robe.

Challis is one of the best materials for making a little sleeping robe when traveling on a sleeper. It can be made as roomy and comfortable as a wrapper, with all the appearance of a pretty dress. Select a bordered effect—tan with a brown border or white with blue. The corals with oriental borders are handsome, and you can find dark colors that are as handsome as the very best figured materials on the market.

BARN VENTILATION.

Pure Air Needed by Live Stock to
Make Satisfactory Gains.

Many owners of live stock do not pay enough attention to the ventilation of their stables. This is almost as important as food and care, for without pure air at all times satisfactory gains cannot be made. Animals seem to be able to endure a great deal of hard usage in the way of breathing bad air in the houses in which they spend the winter months, but because they come out alive in the spring is no proof that they would not have done better if their quarters had been thoroughly ventilated.

If the stables and pens were kept thoroughly clean there would, of course, be less bad air even with very



A GOOD STABLE VENTILATOR.
defective ventilation, but as the sleeping quarters of a great deal of stock on farms are kept the air that gets in through the inadequate openings is not sufficient to dilute down to the point of harmlessness the escaping ammonia and other gases.

Especially in horses' stables, in which ammonia generates more rapidly when the bedding is not cleaned out daily than in the quarters of cattle and hogs, it is more necessary to provide ample means for the entrance of fresh air.

If a stable or barn is so close that some special means of ventilation is required, about the most satisfactory is having a window with a sash hinged at its bottom, so that the top may open inward to a distance of two feet, says a Wisconsin breeder.

To compel the air to come into the barn over the top of the sash V shaped boards with the apex downward should be nailed on to the inside of the house, one on each side of the sash, so that when the sash is open these slides close the opening on each side of it and the fresh air pours over the top only. In this way not so much draft can flow about in all directions.

Molasses Fed to Stock.

In France and Germany molasses is fed to horses and cattle with excellent results. It is served out to them at midday and in the evening. After they have eaten three-fourths of the dry fodder, molasses thinned with water is poured over the remainder, and the animals eat the fodder ravenously and lick their mangers clean. In commencing the use of molasses from one to one and a half pounds per head is given at first and after about three weeks the quantity gradually increased to three pounds. For cattle, after they have become used to the ration, the farmer takes the molasses just as it comes from the factory.

THE DAIRYMAN.

A careful milker, quiet in his ways about the stable, is worth many dollars more in a single season than one who is brutal. There is not a cow, no matter how poorly bred, that will not respond to kind treatment.

Stick to One Breed.

Stick to one breed, says the Wisconsin Agriculturist. It is folly to be changing breeds continually in grading up a herd. No progress can be made and only an incongruous mixture can result from such a practice. When you have started to grade up to one breed stick to that and use the best you can get in it to accomplish the grading up process.

Cleanliness a Safeguard.

Cleanliness about the cows, the stable, clothes of the milkers and all utensils cannot be too carefully looked after. Milk is a product that is consumed raw. For this reason dirt becomes dangerous. Dirt may not be pleasant to think of in a food product when cooked, but you do not feel that you are taking the same risk in regard to health.

Sand For Bedding.

Those who have used sand for bedding for cows are pleased with it. Sand is warm, easy to lie upon and prevents the cow from slipping when reaching her food. It is an excellent absorbent of liquids, easily shoveled in and out, a superior divisor of droppings and is an excellent substance to apply to cold lands.

Tuberculosis in Calves.

Through the use of a cow with a tuberculous udder it was found that calves taking milk from such cows contract tuberculosis with great rapidity. One calf that took the milk of the cow for several months, was affected with generalized tuberculosis at the age of five months, and four calves, of which three suckled the milk from the cow's udder respectively one, three and seven days and one which was fed the milk from a pail thirty days, also contracted tuberculosis.

To Prevent Milk Fever.

Cows that are to calve in winter or early spring should have about six quarts of some vegetable every day for two weeks before calving. If this course is pursued there will be no milk fever or any of the other many troubles incident to calving time.



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Saturday, July 17, 1909.

PEPPERELL

Center.

As Winslow Parker was coming from the town farm on Sunday morning, his horse was frightened to death—literally—as his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Parker, expressed it. She was in the carriage with her younger child, Geraldine, in her arms. An automobile was standing at the corner, at the junction of Willow, Jewett and Townsend streets. The horse reared and plunged and fell to the ground, partially upsetting the carriage, throwing the seats out. The men, who were there, saved Mrs. Parker from falling. She held onto the child and they escaped with bruises only. Mr. Parker was somewhat bruised, not seriously hurt. It was a close call, however. The horse was taken to East Pepperell and buried later.

Miss Ruth Rogers is visiting friends in Portland, Me.

Mrs. Julius Gage of Roxbury has been a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Marshall Meriam, the past week.

Doris Fox, daughter of Mrs. Alice Fuller Fox, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Fuller.

Howard Shattuck has improved very much since he has been in the hammock on the piazza of his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee of Jeffrey, N. H., have been guests of Mrs. Ida Peckham at her mother's home. Mrs. Peckham has returned to her work in Boston.

Miss Annie Murphy, superintendent of the temporary home for working women, has a vacation of one month visiting among her friends in Pepperell and elsewhere.

Mrs. Durgin, of the Dana Jewett farm, wife of the Methodist Episcopal clergyman, who bought a part of that farm for a summer residence, is there for the season. She makes herself useful where the opportunity offers, officiating very promptly at the Sunday service at the town farm.

George Freeman Turner, late principal of Pepperell high school, has received the appointment as principal of the high school at East Bridgewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Larkin, Mr. Parker and Mrs. Lella (Larkin) Parker came to Pepperell last Sunday in their autos, from Hudson, to visit the families of L. P. Blood and Mrs. L. J. Goodwin.

Mrs. Albert C. White of Clintonville, Ohio, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. N. S. Shattuck.

Helen M. Pond is visiting her paternal relatives in Jewett, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary Frances Shattuck, librarian of Lawrence library, and Misses Annah P. and Margaret G. Blood, took arolley car ride to the Uncanoas Mass. Thursday going to Nashua on the morning train. It was an enjoyable trip.

Mrs. John O'Connell, with her daughter and granddaughter, have been visiting Mrs. Kate Dunlap this month.

Bernard Shattuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shattuck, is employed in a hotel in Bethlehem, N. H., for the season.

S. Thompson Blood and Mrs. Blood and their son Prentice, visited last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blood.

Rev. George W. Cooke of Wakefield will occupy the pulpit of the Unitarian church, Pepperell, on Sunday, July 18, Sunday school at 12:15.

The annual Sunday school and parish picnic if the Unitarian church will be held at Silver Lake, Hollis, during the coming week. The exact day and all other particulars will be announced on Sunday, July 18.

East

George H. Swift, who has made many warm friends during his residence in town, is about to leave for Akron, N. Y., where he came from. He will be missed, especially in the work of the Sunday school and in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Rev. D. Finnegan of Ottawa, Canada, has been the guests of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Slinney of Cottage st., for the past week.

The steamer team and men of the street department cleaned out the catch basins this week.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church intend holding a fair the last of the month. They announce two days' attractions, July 28 and 29. Special particulars in next week's Clarion Advertiser.

At the selectmen's meeting Monday evening, it was decided which system of lighting would be used with the Tungsten lamps for the streets, and Electrician Edward A. Johnson has been directed to proceed with the work.

Russell Wright has accepted a position with Stenstream & Deloid as clerk, beginning Monday.

The valuable Angora cat belonging to Mrs. S. S. Blood, which disappeared a week ago from the home of E. F. Fletcher, where it had been cared for, and for which a reward was offered, has been found. It was discovered by Mrs. Merrill in the top of one of the highest trees, evidently chased there by some dog.

There will be a meeting of Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., at the Chapter House, Friday afternoon, July 23, at three o'clock. An interesting talk will be given on the Martha Berry school, Georgia. A full attendance is requested.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson is at Fitchburg for a few days.

One of the most talked of places in town is the covered bridge. The note its beauty nor symmetry of design nor its never fading color, but its everlasting unsatisfactory condition. Some time ago certain improvements were suggested by interested ones, not only as to cleanliness, but also the need of more light. At present one little bug light in the center of the edifice casts a glimmer a few feet each way about one-tenth of the distance to the ends. This bridge needs a thorough cleaning and a coat of whitewash inside, and a light at each end and plenty of notices as to town ordinances against nuisance.

The insurance office of Boynton & Parker has been connected by telephone. The change from F. H. Ward's to Attridge Bros. phone has been effected, using the same number.

The East Village social club will meet with Mrs. N. W. Appleton Wednesday afternoon, July 21. Subject, recipes.

To date Stenstream & Deloid have connected about thirty with town water.

Mrs. M. H. Sullivan and children have gone to their summer home at Green Harbor.

Miss Laura Herrig has taken charge of an orchestra at Old Orchard Beach.

John Deloid, of the firm of Stenstream & Deloid, met with a serious accident last Tuesday. While at work he was accidentally hit with an iron bar, and although comfortable does not expect to resume his work this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Drury were home over Sunday. During their absence last week town water pipes were installed in their home on Pleasant street by Messrs. Blood and Bartz. It is understood housewives are delighted with the town water on wash days. It is so soft and convenient, especially where well water has been hard in constituency as well as pumping.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill of Dover, N. H., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Pettengill's sister, Mrs. Lucy Perry, North Pepperell. Mrs. Phelan and daughter, Miss Edith Phelan of Dorchester, are at Mrs. Perry's for the summer. Mrs. Harry Whitten and child of Concord, N. H., arrived Saturday morning at Mrs. Perry's for the summer.

Mrs. L. N. Maxwell is spending a short time with friends in Worcester.

Misses Jennie and Sadie Wonson of Gloucester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stenstream last week, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Murphy of Gloucester, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Deloid, High street, returned home Saturday.

Albert and Henry Gilson are building a fine new barn. It is about 60 by 40, schooner roofed, and the work as well as the planning is being done by these brothers. Henry has been ill for over a year, but able to be out this summer and oversee the work. While on the building Tuesday he fell by the giving away of some staging. Though no bones are broken, he is confined to his bed with bruises and aches.

Miss Florence Shattuck has gone on her vacation and her place in the office of Boynton & Parker is being filled by Miss Rayetta Boynton.

Miss Geneva B. Clark, sister of Merritt Clark, formerly of this town, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Gilchrist, Main st.

The announcement of the retirement of Geo. H. Swift from business comes as a distinct surprise, and regret is heard on all sides at the loss which the town will suffer. Mr. Swift has been in business here about three years, and leaves on account of business interests and reasons which require his attention at his former home, Akron, N. Y.

The hay has been sold on the new play ground and arrangements completed for the new ball diamond to be laid out. The first game there will be Pepperell vs. Groton, July 31.

The social dance by the young men in charge of M. Sullivan last week in Lawrence hall, was as usual a success.

Philip Doyle has accepted a position with the Flex-i-dura shoe shop. This shop, it is expected, will be in full operation in a short time.

Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy left last Saturday for her summer home at Canaan, N. H. Dr. Lovejoy was there a few days the previous week, but was called home on account of the serious illness of his valuable driving horse.

I. J. Rowell had fifteen men working in his hay fields last week. He has a new model of hay rake never seen here before. It is a two-horse machine and so rakes they into windrows that if rain comes but very little of the hay will get wet. At Mr. Denner's farm on Hollis st. a large number of men and teams are busy harvesting out fodder.

Geo. A. Mahoney and S. M. Nokes are busy with their own farms and also the hay crop for many others.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bannon are happy over the arrival of a baby daughter last Wednesday morning.

Miss Maud Chinn spent several days with friends in Brookline, N. H., this week, returning Tuesday.

Boynton Merrill has been overtaking his strength on the farm and with athletics, so he has been indisposed several days. No need of athletics outside of athletic haying, weeding, etc.

Miss Burns, the popular cashier at the grocery store of E. E. Tarbell, terminates her services Saturday. Miss Burns takes an extended vacation through Nova Scotia and then goes to Western Canada. Her place is to be filled by Miss Holmes, daughter of Ira Holmes, Prescott st.

Late applicants for water are Addison Woodward, A. J. Woodward, C. A. Denner of Park st., and Geo. H. Shattuck and Dr. L. R. Qua of Main street.

It was expected that before this, the town fathers would have taken notice and sprinkled. For the lack of just this one thing a \$15,000 macadam road is nearly ruined. It is understood the merchants are intending to do something to the end that Railroad square may be wet down anyway.

The baseball team goes to Groton Saturday. Much good sport is looked for, as both teams are to play entirely local talent. The following Saturday our boys go to Townsend.

H. F. Jordan was ill one day this week. His former partner, Fred Nutting handled his team that day, looking after the orders. It looked very much like old times to see Fred on the route.

Fred Milan has returned home after several days at Portsmouth, N. H., with his brother Frank, formerly of this town.

Mrs. H. F. Tarbell is confined to her home with a very painful finger. She is assisted by Mrs. Thomas Phinney and the finger is improving.

District deputy L. G. Robbins and other officers of Beacon lodge installed the officers of North Star lodge at Townsend, last Wednesday night.

Not only the merchants but the clerks and everyone else are pleased about the Thursday afternoon closing.

Arthur Tower is at the store of P. J. Hayes, filling the vacancy caused by the leaving of Thomas Tarbell, who entered for his vacation, but who goes to Williamstown to tutor several students in the languages. It will be remembered Tom passed Lawrence academy with honors, winning a scholarship. He is evidently studying with the same heartiness with which he always plays ball.

A peculiar accident occurred last Sunday noon. As Winslow Parker, one of the overseers, was driving from the town farm, his horse was frightened by meeting an auto in front of L. P. Blood's residence and dropped dead. The horse was evidently scared to death. It belonged to Parker J. Kemp.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell post-office, July 13: Peter I. Nash, Miss Lillian Sawyer, Mrs. Frank W. Reed, Wm. A. Reed.

Let Us Have Rain.

The past two weeks have been decidedly uncomfortable weather, and even the hay-maker is heard to say, let us have rain. There seems to be little hope for relief this week, but one young farmer prophesies plenty of rain after Sunday. He relates his experience as follows: He was at a loss to decide on his haying last Monday until he consulted a very old authority and then gave his orders to cut all his hay. The past six days bears out the probabilities he then found. And to the readers of the Clarion-Advertiser he is willing to state he takes no stock in almanacs, but most every case of the famous Herschel weather table probabilities, based on changes of the moon, proves correct. The last change was at an hour indicating wind and possible showers. The next change comes Saturday, July 17, at six a. m., and indicates wind and rain.

A Trying Experience.

Leland Hopkins of the N. R. P. Co.'s engineering staff expects to go to his old home in Maine in a few days. Mrs. Hopkins arrived there the night last week after her trying experience of delayed passage. It is understood that the fault is that of the Maine Central, which train refused to stop for the Boston and Maine passengers on the plea of making up time. This must seem peculiar to those who are aware that the Maine Central is practically controlled by the Boston and Maine. Mrs. Hopkins will return with her husband, as she wishes no repetition of the horrors of the trip down. And when it is understood that if the babe had been dependent on artificial feeding, and would have been without food all the long wait, the serious neglect is apparent.

In Great Numbers.

The brown-tail moths are nothing; that is, they are to be seen every night about the street lights in great numbers. Every one which is destroyed means a good many less eggs next year. Let every one destroy all he can, and also take special care not to destroy the moth's enemy, the callosoma bug. It is a common, ordinary bug, but by its industry and activity it destroys the brown-tail caterpillars of all ages and sexes. If you find a shining beetle in the company of caterpillars, do not destroy it. Its color should help in its protection. Shades of dark drab about the legs and the underside of its body. Shades of gold, crimson, yellow and green cover its body. It has long legs and easily distinguished protruding eyes. The State is at large expense breeding these killers of the brown-tail.

Marooned at Hollis.

I. F. Salter has purchased a large car from Benj. Shattuck. He had several short trips about town with it with pleasing success, but it seems true that experience is the best teacher, and the party of friends who accompanied him last Monday night on a trip to Nashua must have been benefited by the experience. In the party were Chas. Bartz, electrician, Engineer Wentworth, and Mr. Salter is himself an experienced engineer. They, of course, took in all of the sights in the carnival city, but the mid-way was not in it with their entertainment when midway between the city and Hollis on returning. It is understood the car stopped right near the fish pond, and that water was needed was soon apparent, for very little was left of the ton of gasoline with which they started. The marine engineer was of no avail for the car backed persistently and the rear caught fire. It was soon extinguished, but after persistent trips in and out of the ditch Mr. Bartz mounted shanks mare for home. As he neared the famous covered bridge, a friend overtook him, and he soon had a supply of gasoline and with his own car went to the aid of his unfortunate comrades, who arrived home early in the morning.

BROOKLINE.

News Items.

Kenneth Russell of Exeter is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell for the summer.

Mrs. Hadley of Cambridge is at the Hardy cottage for the summer.

Mrs. Ernest W. Nye and daughter Constance of Sandown are at the G. H. Nye homestead.

Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy, Mass., was a week-end guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.

Frank Reynolds of Boston gave a very pleasing entertainment at Tarbell's hall, Friday evening, July 9, under the auspices of the grange. Mr. Reynolds held the close attention of

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the large audience for an hour and a-half. The program consisted of humorous readings, descriptive ballads, entertaining stories and character sketches. At the close of the entertainment dancing was participated in. Music was furnished by Mrs. Sarah Smith and Harry S. Powers.

Miss Maud Chinn of Pepperell is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Kennedy.

Dr. Wolcott, district superintendent of Manchester will be in attendance at the board meeting at the Methodist church, Wednesday evening, July 14. Charles Clifford and son Carl are at South Lyndeboro.

Miss Maud Taylor is at home from Thornton's Ferry.

Miss Julia O'Herren of Fitchburg is the guest of her brother, Edward O'Herren.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Rockwood have given up housekeeping and sold their household goods.

Frank Tucker, Horace S. Chase, Henry Eastman, Forest Dearborn and Denton D. Dearborn of Wear were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Wallace from Saturday until Sunday night, coming by auto. They were royally entertained by the genial host and hostess. Games, auto trips to points of interest in the village and the adjoining towns added to the pleasure of the occasion.

Fred MacGrail of Pepperell succeeds Eldorus Fessenden at clerk at the store of Walter E. Corey.

Mrs. Emily Thorpe, wife of Rev. John Thorpe, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Adena Butterfield of Dunstable is the guest of Miss Florence Sargent.

Rev. C. H. Davis of Hollis preached at the Congregational church Sunday.

Arthur Gore of Cambridge, Mass., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley, Sunday.

HOLLIS.

Death.

Mrs. Martha D. Howe, widow of the late A. W. Howe, passed away on July 8. Mrs. Howe had been in failing health for several months, but seemed to be gaining. She was taken worse quite suddenly, on July 2, and failed rapidly until the end came. Mrs. Howe was a native of Dunstable, Mass., but came to Hollis with her family about thirty years ago. She was a woman who manifested the most friendly feelings toward everyone, and always had a cheerful word for everyone under all circumstances. A prayer service by Rev. C. H. Davis was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Bell, where she spent her last days, on Sunday. The funeral service was held in the church at Dunstable, by Rev. August Rice. Singing by the Ariel quartet of Nashua.

Mrs. Howe was interred in the Dunstable cemetery beside her husband and two daughters. Friends showed their esteem for Mrs. Howe by beautiful flowers. Eight children survive her.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa B. Eaton observed the fiftieth anniversary very quietly on July 9, in the house where they were married.

Miss Ora Reed has taken the position of housekeeper at Mr. Littlefield's, Nashua, while Miss Olive Clement is away.

Monday morning Miss Lizzie Holden, Misses Olive and Ida Clement left for Lebanon, where they will spend the next few weeks.

The special town meeting held on July 10, to see if the town would raise any additional sum of money to secure a more satisfactory building for a library than the one proposed by the committee, did not accomplish the desired result.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spaulding went to Boston and nearby beaches last Saturday, returning Monday forenoon.

MID-SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE

Wednesday July 14 TO Saturday July 24		Wednesday July 14 TO Saturday July 24
Men's and Youths' Suits \$3.90, \$6.48, \$8.25, \$11.48	Boys' Suits \$1.48, \$1.88, \$2.69, \$3.78 Straight and Knicker Pants	Boys' Knee Pants 29c 38c 63c
Men's and Youths' Outing Trousers \$1.69, \$2.19, \$2.48, \$2.98, \$3.98 Made with cuff bottoms	Children's Wash Suits 42c 63c 79c \$1.29	Men's Negligee Shirts 38c and 79c
Men's Summer Underwear 19c and 38c	Boys' Negligee Shirts 38c	Men's 15c Black and Tan Hose 9c
Boys' Summer Underwear 19c	White Handkerchiefs 3c	
A line of Special Values in Dress Suit Cases at 79c		
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The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hills has been quite ill, but is more comfortable at this time.

A petition has been presented the selectmen to lay out a highway leading from the highway near the residence of Mrs. Mary S. Hildreth to a stake near the residence of George A. Ladd. The selectmen have appointed a hearing at their office on the afternoon of July 24.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The J. W. Ireland family and their guests went into camp at Forge pond Wednesday for the rest of the week. Committees working in the interest of the mid-summer fête are busy with rehearsals and progressing along the right lines.

The ladies' circle of the Baptist church held a profitable meeting at the vestry Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary J. Kimball, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Alice Kimball and Mrs. Everett Kimball went to Dunstable Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kimball's cousin, Mrs. Martha D. Howe, widow of the late Dr. Howe of Westford.

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