

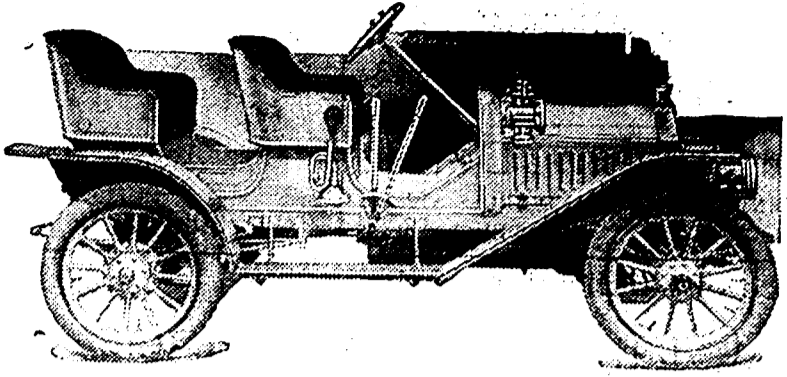
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BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
 Mrs. Withington has been enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Abbie Grout of South Framingham; also, Mrs. Frank Grout and baby.

Miss Mary Nelson has gone to Uxbridge to be present at the wedding of her friend, Miss Gertrude Roberts.

Mrs. George W. Keyes entertained an automobile party from Boston on Sunday; also a party of friends from Everett, who are camping at Nagog.

Fred Ball has been entertaining his brother Reno Ball and family of Somerville this week.

Mrs. Solon Blanchard has been visiting relatives in town this week. Mrs. Blanchard is matron of one of the cottages at the Good Will school, Hinkley, Me.

Mrs. Arabella Keyes has gone to spend the month at Gloucester with her daughter, Mrs. Stodder.

Another one of the popular summer dances was held at the library hall, Wednesday evening.

Sunday, Charles A. Littlefield made his first trip to Boston this season, carrying sweet corn and apples. On Tuesday Leon Wetherbee made his first trip with pears and apples. Good prices are reported by all three of our market men, who are planning to make two or three trips a week for the rest of the season.

Melville Cobleigh was a recent guest at N. A. Cobleigh's; also, Mrs. Wood and children from Charlestown. The children have never been in the country before and thoroughly enjoyed the new experience of picking berries, vegetables and apples.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hager and their daughter from Clinton are at S. P. Dodge's for a two weeks' vacation. Mrs. L. S. Porter of Somerville is also there for a few days.

A letter just received from Miss Bertha V. Crossman states that her mother and herself are enjoying the new home they have purchased in Hanover.

It is reported that M. L. Wetherbee has the banner crop of apples in town, one estimate places the size at 1500 barrels.

Mrs. W. D. Parker is entertaining her grandmother, Mrs. Griffith of East Boston, for two weeks.

Wednesday, August 11, was a red-letter day in the annals of the Dodge family, as it was the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Dodge, and also the birthday of Mr. Dodge and Frank.

Mrs. Wilson entertained friends from Portland, Me., and Charlestown over Sunday.

HOLLIS.

News Items.
 Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Maud Wentworth to Mr. Converse of Amherst, Tuesday, August 16, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Wentworth.

Mrs. Nellie L. Hardy's Sunday school class took a trip to Pine Island park last Saturday for their annual outing.

Death.
 The community was grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. George H. Blood last Saturday at the hospital in Fall River, Mass., where she went July 26 for treatment. The immediate cause of her death was peritonitis, caused by other disease. Mrs. Blood's early years were spent in Pepperell, where she attended school; before her marriage she taught school in Dunstable. She married Mr. Blood twenty-nine years ago last March and came to Hollis, where she has resided ever since on his large farm in South Hollis. She was a quiet, unassuming woman and very faithful in her home-life. She is survived by three children, a daughter May, of the Columbia School of Oratory, Chicago, Dr. George Willard Blood, resident physician of the hospital where she died, and Henry, who resides on the farm; also an aged mother and a younger sister of Ayer, Mrs. George Puffer. The funeral was held at her late home, Wednesday afternoon, and Rev. C. H. Davis was the officiating clergyman. She was buried in the family lot at Fern hill.

A Successful Affair.
 The entertainment given by the church improvement committee Wednesday evening, August 11, was quite a successful affair. It consisted of vocal music; vocal solo, Mr. Colby of Newton, Mass.; piano solo Miss Bess Colburn; Japanese comedy, parts taken by Miss Emma Van Dyke, Mrs. Lyman Hardy, Mrs. Bessie McInnes, Mrs. Floa Hardy. This was followed by the procession of the maids by nine young ladies. Another vocal solo by Mr. Colby, and visiting day in the first grade of Hill Crest school. This was the kindergarten class, consisting of Prof. F. W. Dudley, George A. Ladd, W. C. Busbee, Mrs. Annie Colburn, Mrs. Sally Powers, Mrs. Bessie McInnes, Miss Marion Simonds; Miss Emma Van Dyke was the teacher.

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This sale includes our new, fresh Spring and Summer wearables. It's a great money saving proposition for any clothing buyer. Run your eye down the following list of cut prices and note the savings.

Men's Suits

This lot of Suits comprises the balance of our new stock of Spring and Summer Suits. They consist of Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixture Suits. Many of these Suits are the best and the newest we have. The regular price and cut price tags on each suit. The sizes are broken, of course, but all sizes in something. A saving of from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per suit.

Suits that were \$8.47 now \$6.47
 Suits that were \$10.00 now \$7.47
 Suits that were \$12.00 now \$8.47
 Suits that were \$15.00 now \$10.00
 Suits that were \$18.00 and \$20.00 now \$15.00
 Suits that were \$22.00 now \$15.00

Young Men's Suits

Ages 15 to 20.

Every Suit at a cut price. Many of them the newest and latest styles and colors.

Suits that were \$8.47 now \$6.47
 Suits that were \$10.00 now \$7.47
 Suits that were \$12.00 now \$8.47
 Suits that were \$15.00 now \$10.00

Men's Outing Trousers

Every pair at a reduced price. All new and desirable goods.

\$2.50 Trousers now \$1.98
 \$3.00 Trousers now \$1.98
 \$3.50 Trousers now \$2.50
 \$4.00 Trousers now \$3.00

Children's Wash Suits

Ages 3 to 10.

Right in the season. Every Suit marked down.

50c Suits now 39c.
 75c. Suits now 59c.
 \$1.00 Suits now 75c.
 \$1.50 Suits now \$1.00

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Every Hammock now goes at a cut price.

\$2.00 Hammock, now \$1.50
 \$3.00 Hammock, now \$2.00
 \$4.00 Hammock, now \$3.00
 \$5.00 Hammock, now \$3.75

Underwear

Four special lines of Men's and Boys' Underwear at reduced prices.

Our regular 25c. eoru Balbriggan, and also the black and White Mixed Shirts and Drawers for Men, reduced for this sale to 19c.

Our regular 25c. eoru Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers for Boys, reduced for this Sale to 19c.

Our regular 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, reduced for this Sale to 35c.

Neckwear

One Lot Four-in-hands 25c. grade—solid colors, all new goods 2 for 25c.

One Lot Four-in-hands, regular 50c. quality, new colors and designs, while the lot lasts for 25c.

One Lot of Wash Four-in-hands in White and Fancy Colors, 25c. grade 10c., 3 for 25c.

One Lot Fancy Bows, 15c. quality 5c.

Miscellaneous Bargains

One Lot Men's Golf Caps, 50c. grade for 25c.

One Lot Boys' Golf Caps, 25c. grade, for 19c.

One Lot Children's Waists and Shirts, ages 4 to 14, regular 25c. grade for 15c.

One Lot of Children's Wash Knee Pants, 25c. grade, for 10c.

One Lot Men's Police Braces, the kind usually sold for 25c., for 17c.

One Lot of about 50 Pairs of Men's and Boys' Bicycle Pants, former prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$4.00 a pair, we have placed on the bargain counter for uniform price of 19c. pair

Straw Hats

Every Straw Hat in our store at a big reduction from regular price. They must go.

25c. Hats for Children now 10c.
 50c. Hats for Children now 25c.
 25c. Hats for Men now 19c.
 50c. Hats for Men now 39c.
 \$1.00 Hats for Men now 75c.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Hats for Men now \$1.00

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Hats for Men now \$1.50

One Lot of Odd Straw Hats and Cloth Hats for Men, slightly soiled or shop worn, prices ranging from 50c. to \$1.50 on the bargain table for 19c.

Cloth Hats

25c. Hats for Children now 19c.
 50c. Hats for Men now 25c.

Shoe Department

All our Tan Shoes and Oxfords for Men, Boys, Ladies and Misses, and many broken lines of all kinds of Shoes and Oxfords are offered at a cut price to clean up our stock and get ready for Fall Goods.

Men's Tan Oxfords
 \$3.00 Tan Oxfords now \$2.25
 \$3.50 Tan Oxfords now \$2.75
 \$4.00 Tan Oxfords now \$3.00

Boys' Tan Oxfords
 \$2.50 Tan Oxfords now \$1.75
 \$1.75 Tan Oxfords now \$1.25
 \$1.50 Tan Oxfords now \$1.00

Misses' Tan Oxfords and Shoes
 Sizes 11½ to 2.

\$2.00 Tan Oxfords and Shoes, now \$1.50
 \$1.50 Tan Oxfords now \$1.00
 \$1.25 Tan Oxfords now \$1.00

Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords

\$2.25 Tan Oxfords now \$1.75
 \$3.00 Tan Oxfords now \$2.25

\$3.50 Queen Quality Patent Lace Boots, good style; also many odd pairs of Patent Oxfords, \$2.50 and \$3.00 grades at \$2.00

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Saturday, August 14, 1909.

WESTFORD.

Center.

The shed at the back of the Congregational church, that was tipped over on the eve of July fourth and remained an unsightly object since, has been disposed of. Miss Ella Hildreth has bought it to use in her pasture as a shelter for cows.

Mrs. Frank D. Bailey and Miss Hannah Morrill have been enjoying a visit with their sister, Mrs. O. V. Wells.

Mrs. Ida M. Gould is visiting friends in Middletown, Conn., for the remainder of the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Cole, whose wedding took place last week at the Congregational church, came up from Lowell on Sunday and attended services. With them were John Seifer and Miss Eva V. Armstrong, who were their attendants at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Cole were dinner guests afterwards at Mrs. Caroline Atwood's, and Mr. Seifer and Miss Armstrong were entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Colburn's.

Everything is comparatively quiet just now in our hill-top village, all except the berry fields. They are regular lives of industry, and the growers are getting a good crop both in quality and quantity. Large shipments are carried over the road each night to Boston.

Rev. C. P. Marshall, Charles O. Prescott and John P. Wright left Monday for the camping and tramping trip in the White Mountains. William A. Perkins of Grafton joined this trio en route and this jolly quartet expect a pleasant week together. Mr. Marshall goes to Gorham next week, where Mrs. Marshall and Marion are staying, and Mr. Wright meets Mrs. Wright there, after which they go to South Royalton, Vt., for the remainder of their vacation.

Obituary.

The community was shocked and saddened Wednesday when word was passed about of Deacon Wright's death. He passed away during the early morning hours from heart failure. He had been in poor health for some time, being quite ill a few weeks ago, but had been able to late to get around the house and out on the piazza.

Andrew Stevens Wright was born August 28, 1833, therefore had he lived until the twenty-eighth of this month he would have been seventy-six years of age. He was born on the family homestead in the northwesterly part of the town, being the farm now occupied by Josiah Blodgett. His parents were Jesse and Sybil Stevens Wright. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade from an uncle named Charles Smith, living in Charlestown. While there he met and married Miss Mary Abby Garvin. In 1867 they returned to Westford and lived and took care of his aged parents, who lived then in the house now occupied by John Good. Afterwards he lived for a time in the cottage house beyond and later bought the pleasant homestead which has been his home for so many years.

May 6, 1877, he united with the Union Congregational church, of which he was always a regular and faithful attendant until health failed, and thoroughly interested in its best welfare in every way. A number of years ago he was appointed one of the church deacons, and since the death of the late Daniel Atwood has been its senior deacon. He took a thorough interest in the spiritual prosperity of his church and his was a pious, genuine and sincere, which we sometimes call old-fashioned but thoroughly sincere in the daily life.

Mr. Wright was a great lover of music and was a good singer, and for years was a leader in the church choir and took the greatest interest in teaching the young people to sing. He always retained the young heart and cherished a sympathetic and loving interest in young people and their plans and welfare.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright had no children of their own, but they helped and befriended many young people, giving them a good start in life, who in the years to come will cherish their memory with gratitude.

In the passing of Mr. Wright the town loses a just and upright, a good and kind man. He is survived by his widow, who has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in her bereavement, which severs a companionship of forty-nine years.

The funeral was held at the church Friday afternoon at two-thirty, preceded by a prayer service at the house.

About Town.

The game Saturday at Ayer between Westford and Shirley was won by the old-time winning power of the Westford team 5 to 3. This game was one of a series, best two in three, and the Westfords won the series. Is it not wonderful and comfortable, the thought that the Westford team has never lost a series of games played with any team? The nearest escape so far has been with the Nashua team, best three in five. So far it is a tie. The next game will be an untie, unless a draw tie. Today the Westford team goes to Plymouth, the home of Plymouth rock, the Mayflower and ancient glory. The Westford team will do well if it prevents enlarging the story.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and family, having got tired waiting for the "Old Farmer's Almanac," to turn off the head, started last Saturday for York

Beach, fortunate in their escape from Sunday, the hottest day of the season, meandering around the Oak Hill, Saw Mill Meadow brook and Westford corner hill and valley conditions, where in the shade it registered 102. It affected the attendance at church, but fishing went on without any adieu.

Miss Anna Mellen, who has been the teacher at the Stony Brook school for the last ten years, has been in her resignation to the school committee, having accepted a position at Springfield. As a result of this action, the old, old troublesome question of closing the school and transporting to the center is beginning to reign in place of the rain that ought to rain.

At the lawn tennis court of George W. Good at his summer camp at Forge pond, there are games every Saturday. Last Saturday Mr. Good, ex-Mayor Nichols of Everett, Emerson Brothers of Chelmsford, Taylor brothers of "Old oaken bucket" farm, played. They all claim the honor of winning; probably they equalled in their grinning.

Edwards & Monahan have the contract for enlarging the mill for Abbot & Co. at Forge Village.

The announcement is out of the engagement of Miss Ruth Kenworthy to Felix McGowan, who will be remembered as a brother of Mrs. Samuel M. Hutchins.

Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth gave a blueberry lawn party on her one-hundred-acre blueberry lawn Wednesday.

Miss Ella Wright from Ohio is recuperating old-time association at the old ancestral homestead the Levi T. Fletcher farm on Lowell road. She is a niece of Miss Sarah Richardson, the oldest woman in town, also living at the old homestead, over ninety years there.

Oscar R. Spaulding, as chairman of the selectmen, has in his possession a gold-headed ebony cane, to be presented to the oldest man in town. Look out there, now, you youthful Horace, and spend your spare moments in contriving a speech of acceptance.

Miss Marguerite Banister has been spending her vacation with relatives at the "universal Hub," where the rules of conduct to control the people of Massachusetts are yearly reconstructed.

Grange.

The grange held its regular meeting the first Thursday in August. Only a small company gathered; some forgot, some neglected, some said it rained. "Midst these and other excuses, only a few came. The initial step was taken towards a course of entertainments this coming fall, and Mr. G. Boynton, Alonzo H. Sutherland and Samuel Taylor were appointed a committee to solicit enthusiasm. Tyngsboro reported accepting the invitation to neighbors' night, September 16. Concord grange invited had not reported at last meeting. The grange of this historic old town ought to come, and let us nibble of its memories just a crumb.

The lecturer's hour, aside from music from the grange orchestra, was devoted to the discussion of the question, "Which do we derive the most benefit from, education or observation?" Rev. C. P. Marshall lit up for education with a search light that was entertainingly convincing. S. L. Taylor, for observation, lit up with a tallow candle and groped his way back in history to find what man was like before he was contaminated with education. Not finding anything very brilliant, he puffed out his candle and sat down, without exhibiting very many of the specimens he had discovered in the infant centuries prior to "The little red schoolhouse."

At the first meeting in September there will be a lecture by E. H. Furbush, state ornithologist, also a paper on "Pure food victories of the past five years."

Dutch Supper.

Our own Oak Hill Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher gave a "Dutch" supper at the vestry of the M. E. church West Chelmsford, last week Thursday evening. Besides much funny eating there was much funny laughing. Why? Just this: a half-dozen individualities came over from the Concord reformatory. Among those who came were Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson Blood, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shattuck. Both gentlemen were natives and citizens of Pepperell in their youthful, good-behavior days. Since then they have been watching the inside character of the reformatory. Mr. Blood gave some of his delightful incidents that sometimes overtake portions of the "haysed" fraternity, as well as those who do not belong to so honest a fraternity. Mr. Blood came very near to the line of assault, for while he didn't draw blood, he was the means of causing many lame sides from laughter, including the minister. Mrs. Blood also was an accomplice in the lame-side affair, having aided with whistling solos. Brookside, Westford corner, located at Sawmill Meadow brook were all in it; Hon. H. E. Fletcher with his all returned the entertainers to the reformatory that night.

Granville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunn and their son, Thomas, Jr., of Long Island city, N. Y. are now visiting friends in this vicinity.

Edward Quinn of Portsmouth, N. H., is now visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furbush in this village for a few days.

Miss Alice C. Sheehan and Miss Sarah Teague of Lowell have been recent visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna, with their little daughter Regina, are visiting with friends in Springfield this week.

Rev. S. H. Armand, pastor of the M. E. church here, with Mrs. Armand, starts on a two weeks' vacation this Saturday. Consequently there will be no service in the church on August 15 and 22.

Field Day.

The great gala day and list of sports that was given under the auspices of Court Westford, M. C. O. F., of this village came off on schedule time at Hillside park last Saturday afternoon, under conditions that were in every way considered ideal, and before the largest crowd that ever attended a similar event of this kind here. People kept flowing into the gates the entire afternoon, and included visitors

from Lowell, Nashua, North Chelmsford, West Chelmsford, Ayer, and all the surrounding towns, while Forge Village sent down a large delegation of men, women and children.

The first and most important sporting event, and one that has been looked forward to with such deep interest during the past few weeks, was the baseball game between the Graniteville Blues and the Forge Village Lions, which was won by the Blues in an exciting ten-inning game by the score of 5 to 3. Both of these teams are very evenly matched, and for three innings neither side could get a man across the rubber. In the fourth inning the Forge boys scored one run, and in the last half the Blues scored three runs. Neither side scored in the next two innings, but in the seventh the Forge boys scored one, and in the eighth got some more runs, tying the score. Neither side scored in the ninth, but in the last half of the tenth the Blues got busy and by good batting pounded out two runs and won the game. It was certainly a great game to win and to say that the Graniteville crowd went wild would be putting it mildly.

After the ball game the following sports were run off: 100-yard dash, won by Scollon of North Chelmsford; Mason of Groton second; Boys' race, won by Francis Gower; George Gagnon second. Hop, step and jump, Scollon first, 36 ft., 9 inches; Mason second, 35 ft., 11 inches. Broad jump, T. Riney first, 9 feet; Scollon second, 8 feet, 11 1/4 inches. Shot put, won by William Gordon, 35 feet, 8 inches; Scollon second, 30 feet, 4 inches.

This ended the sports, which were much enjoyed, and the time was then spent in visiting the various attractions. Joe Wall, in charge of the African dodger, did a great business, and Edward De Lorenzo, a local boy as the dodger, came off without a scratch. Next in line was the cane stand in charge of "Bob" Hemen and Edward Riney, and they certainly kept things moving the entire afternoon. Then the fishing pond in charge of the ladies kept the children amused, while several of the older people threw the line over "just for luck." The tonic and cigar stand, in charge of "Sunny Jim" Daley, was the most popular spot on the grounds, and those stopping for a cool drink had the satisfaction of knowing that they were being served by an expert.

A 5:30 o'clock an excellent old-fashioned bake-bread supper was served under the pines, and judging by the way that the picnic food disappeared, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mrs. Julia Raymond sold the checks during the afternoon, while the gate was looked after by J. A. Healy. Besides the tonic and cigars, potato chips, ice cream, peanuts and candy were sold during the afternoon. The supper was in charge of the following efficient committee: Mrs. Peter Healy, matron; Miss Margaret Driscoll, Miss Fanny McCarthy, Miss Josie Provost, assisted by Mrs. J. A. Healy, Mrs. T. Rafferty, Mrs. John McCarthy, Mrs. W. H. Healy. The sporting committee was: D. W. Harrington, William Wall, Joe Wall, R. J. Hemen, Edward Riney.

In the evening a social dance was held in Healy's hall, excellent music being furnished by the Imperial orchestra of Leominster. Dancing was enjoyed from 7:30 till 11:30, with a short intermission, during which ice cream was served in the lower hall. The dance committee was: Edward Riney, J. Austin Healy, Fred Defoe; music committee, A. R. Wall, J. A. Healy, Thomas Hughes, W. J. Healy. The dance was very largely attended and a fitting climax to a very successful day. The whole affair was under the able management of chief ranger, R. J. McCarthy, and much credit is due him and his assistants for the capable manner in which the arrangements were carried out, for the 1909 M. C. O. F. gala day was the "best ever" and a large social and financial success.

Forge.

The Forge Village Lions go to Lowell this Saturday afternoon to play with the Crescents.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix LeClere entertained their many friends last week Friday evening. A genuine good time was enjoyed, especially the "barn dance." Ice cream and cake was served during the evening.

Mrs. A. W. Carlin has gone to Moores, N. Y., to visit at her childhood's home, hoping the change will be beneficial to her health.

The mills here will close September 4 until Thursday, September 9.

Mr. Moore and family of Lowell are occupying the Harley cottage for a few weeks.

HARVARD.

Sha-bo-ken.

"Twixt darkly wooded hills Shaboken's Where the brightest sunlight falls The Nashua floweth by. The Indian knew her secret glades, here Here he felled the elk and deer with neither smoke nor sound. Here Indian maidens' bark canoes once glided to and fro. And to the bark a sager haste came The buck and doe. The tribes have gone, yet they seem an Open in the forest today. Speaking in our silent hours of peoples passed away. Still Shaboken lake reflects in mirrored depth below What seems to be the sun, with heightened grace to grow. Changeful clouds of gorgeous sheen, Birds in air bright. Again in the far off stars that gem the canopy of night. Here Flora with unsteady hand spreads with delight Upon the lakelets bosom, lilies purely white. Dainty blooms of sea-shell hue, bashful of the day. Open through the woody glades, sweetest flowers of May. Azaleas fragrant, white as wind-tossed flakes of snow. On a sunny land by the water's edge find a place to grow. Contented here the angler sits with line and baited hook And wisdom learns o' bny schools not told in printed book. Shaboken Heights present to view That seemeth o'er the vale below A brooding watch to keep; Nested in the huckle cots, once homes of ancient sires; Lancaster afar displays her gleaming white church spires. Steam and smoke like Etna's breath descendeth tall and steep. And station built our fathers say, 'n eighteen forty nine; See to north towardnack's peak, so blue Then think if you would like a sail above that dizzy height. H. A. D.

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This tremendous increase is due to the fact that we are spending vastly more every year in every department of the government, there having been a rise in aggregate payments in every direction except that of the interest on the public debt. But for this immense and largely unjustifiable increase in the cost of administration at Washington, instead of a deficit, there would today be a great surplus of hundreds of millions in the treasury. So much of this outlay has been unwarranted that it is the duty of the federal legislators severely to prune appropriations instead of looking about for new sources of revenue. The country is already furnishing the national government with all the money that it really requires for the efficient discharge of the tasks laid upon it.

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BROOKLINE.

News Items.

A large number were in attendance at the "Height" social given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. at the Congregational vestry Tuesday evening. The price of admission was determined by each individual's height, at the rate of two cents for every foot and a cent for inches. Athletic sports from different colleges, an obstacle race, and various contests made the evening a merry one. Punch, ice cream and cake were served. Homemade candy and flowers were on sale.

William J. Bailey underwent a successful operation for appendicitis at the hospital at Nashua last week. His many friends will be glad to know that he is rapidly gaining.

Harry Marshall, chairman of the selectmen, has received from the Boston Post a handsome gold-headed ebony cane to be presented to the oldest citizen in town. Nathaniel Hobart, being entitled to that honor, will undoubtedly receive it.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Rockwood and daughters of Townsend are at their Brookline home for the remainder of the month.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker entertained over Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Frank Dearborn of Nashua.

Rev. F. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., preached at the Congregational church Sunday. There was a very large attendance at the morning service, despite the intense heat. Mr. Sargent gave a very inspiring sermon, the theme being the betterment of Brookline. At the evening service the speaker gave a very interesting address connecting it with his recent sojourn at California.

The engagement of Miss Annie M. Gilman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman, and Henry S. Bailey, son of William J. Bailey, is announced.

Miss Bertha Clarke of the Chauncey Newhall school, at Boston, is the guest of Mrs. Parley Pierce at Grey-stones.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley and daughter Matilla enjoyed a family reunion at Manchester, Tuesday, celebrating the eighty-seventh birthday of Mr. Betterley's aunt, Mrs. Albina Jones.

Mrs. Clara Fairbanks and Miss Martha Parker of Nashua, who are spending the summer at the home of Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle, enjoyed an automobile ride of forty-eight miles, Monday, guests of Rev. George L. Perin and wife.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a social at Tarbell's hall, Tuesday evening, August 17. The program will consist of vocal and instrumental music, and Miss Edith Barber will give a talk upon her recent trip to Europe, followed by promading and a general good time. Ice cream and cake will be served and aprons on sale.

A tablet in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Drew has recently been placed in the family lot at the South cemetery.

Miss Evie Kelley of Somerville, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

Miss Emma Wright of Dedham, Mass., and Miss Katherine Tewksbury of Newton Highlands, are guests of Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle.

Miss Cora Bellows of Boston is the guest of Mrs. Llewellyn S. Powers.

Misses Rena D. and Edna A. Parker entertained a party of young friends at Inverport, Thursday evening, August 5, one of the happy events of the season.

Miss Edith Lawrence, sister of Mrs. Helen Corey, is at home from St. Louis.

Miss Mildred Kingman of Maplewood, Mass., is the guest of Mr. Phoebe Jenness Randall.

Earl Miller of Boston is enjoying a short vacation at his home here.

West.

Henry B. Hathaway, who has been spending a vacation with relatives in Kittery, Me., has returned to Dr. Boynton's.

West Townsend baseball team played the Greenvilles at Greenville last Saturday and were defeated by the score of 24 to 2.

While purchasing some meat at the butcher's cart last Tuesday morning, Mrs. Elbridge Haggood was the victim of a peculiar accident, for in pointing out the piece of meat she had selected she brought her finger under the cleaver, receiving a severe cut which required the services of the doctor, and which, though serious, is not considered dangerous, but she was very fortunate in not losing the finger entirely.

Rev. Louis A. Walker of New York city again occupied the pulpit last Sunday, affording great satisfaction to the large audience who enjoyed his able sermon at both services. It is expected that Rev. Maurice Levy, a former resident of this village, now a preacher in West Newton, will preach next Sunday.

Sunday proved to be the hottest day of summer on record in this village, the thermometer standing at 103 degrees at the station during the middle of the day.

Miss M. Abbie Taft from Lowell is visiting the home of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

The public schools commence the fall term Monday, August 30, with Miss Blanche Sprague of Readsboro, Vt., commencing her second year's work as teacher of the grammar school, and Miss Nellie Tower of this village as primary teacher.

Miss Grace L. Seaver has returned to Boston after spending a month at the home of her uncle, G. A. Seaver, and she will resume her duties as teacher in Montclair, N. J., the second week in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Bachelor from New York, and Mrs. Fred Terry from Dorchester, who have been spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. House, have gone to their camp at Hebron, N. H., for a few weeks.

Miss Marion Kellogg is visiting at her former home in West Swanzee, N. H., and Miss Inez McElligott is spending a few weeks with relatives in Boston.

Miss Lena Thompson, who has been spending a part of her vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Wright of Winthrop, has returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan returned last week from a few weeks' stop at their cottage in Ashbury Grove, South Hamilton, and are now traveling in New Hampshire, having made a brief visit to friends in Maine the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sawtelle, who have been spending their vacation with relatives in Lynn and vicinity, have returned and have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Athol. Miss Gertrude Smith of Waltham, who was caring for her grandmother during Mr. and Mrs. Sawtelle's absence, was called back to her home by the severe illness of her father, and Mrs. Clarence E. Streeter took her place.

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TOWNSEND.

Baseball.

The Townsend A. A. won easily from the Nashua Reserves at Townsend, Saturday afternoon. After the second inning, when the locals scored four tallies, the visiting twirler pitched indifferent ball. The local battery continued its fine work and but two hits were gathered off the local twirler, who also retired eleven of the visitors on strike-outs. With the exception of Ryan, each one of the visiting players contributed to the fanning bee. Arlin accorded his partner excellent support. With one exception the Townsends played faultless ball. Lane played finely at second, while Whitcomb, Morse and Miller contributed some good fielding. Whitcomb, Gurley and Morse each connected for a couple of bingles. The score:

TOWNSEND A. A.									
	ab	r	b	h	po	a	e		
Morse, cf	3	2	2	1	0	0	0		
Lancey, 2b	3	2	1	1	4	0	0		
Whitcomb, if	3	2	2	2	2	0	0		
Eastman, 1b	5	0	0	5	0	0	0		
Miller, ss	4	0	0	2	1	0	0		
Bourquait, 3b	5	3	2	0	0	0	0		
Gurley, rf	5	4	2	0	0	0	0		
Arlin, c	4	0	0	11	1	0	0		
Spaulding, p	4	1	1	1	0	0	0		
	37	13	8	10	27	7	3		

NASHUA RESERVES.

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	ab	r	b	h	po	a	e		
McAfee, if	3	1	0	0	1	0	0		
Towmbley, cf	3	2	2	2	0	0	0		
Ryan, c	4	0	0	6	3	1	0		
Sughrue, ss	3	0	0	1	4	1	0		
Schward, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hill, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Bolster, 3b	3	0	0	1	4	3	0		
Clements, 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
McCall, p	2	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Shattuck, c	3	0	1	1	0	2	2		
	29	3	2	3	23	18	9		

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 Townsend A. A. 1 4 2 0 0 1 5 1 3
 Nashua Reserves 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 3

Two-base hits—Whitcomb, Gurley, Towmbley. Double plays—Miller, Lancey, Eastman. Bases on balls—By Spaulding 3, by Shattuck 3. Struck out—By Spaulding 11, by Shattuck 6. Stolen bases—Morse, Whitcomb, Bourquait 2, Arlin, McAfee, Towmbley. Sacrifice hits—Lancey 2, Bourquait. Passed ball—Arlin. Wild pitch—Spaulding. Hit by pitched ball—Morse 2, Umire 1. J. Piner. Time—1 hr., 50 min.

Harbor.

Mrs. Amanda Dwight of Melrose visited her aunt, Mrs. Jane Tracy on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps of Athol have been guests this week at Mrs. Mary Spaulding's.

Miss Blanche Baldwin left on Thursday for Knowlton's Landing, Quebec, to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Spaulding on their house boat.

Helen Kelley is a guest at Harbor farm.

Harold Gray has spent a part of his vacation at Scituate.

Henry Lund of Fitchburg is spending a few weeks at G. H. Brown's.

New Advertisements.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us during the late sickness and death of our beloved son.

MR. AND MRS. W. A. PRESCOTT.
 Ayer, August 9, 1909. 48

For Sale.

Apple Barrel Staves, \$6.50 per 1000; good hardwood, \$4.00 per cord delivered; also, Pine and Chestnut Lumber from \$18.00 to \$20.00 per 1000 ft. All for cash. Address, LOUIS J. FARNSWORTH, Shirley, Mass. 47.

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Florence Wick, 2 Burner.....	\$1.69
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Union Wick, 1 Burner.....	\$0.55
Union Wick, 2 Burner.....	\$1.10
Union Wick, 3 Burner.....	\$1.59

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D., 1909.

On the petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Groton, in said County, praying that Martin's Pond road, in said town, from the property line between land of Charles H. Berry and land of Lawrence Brooks, easterly to the property line between land of said Brooks and land of Arthur W. Shattuck be relocated, it was adjudged that said relocation is of common convenience and necessity:

Said commissioners, therefore, give notice that they will meet at the Town Hall in Groton on the twenty-seventh day of September next, at 10.45 of the clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.
August 10th, 1909.

A True Copy. Attest:
A. A. FILLEBROWN,
Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—
Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Ephraim H. Burgess, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Adeline M. Burgess, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the seventh day of September, A. D., 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

JOHN W. MAWBREY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Asahel Webster Sawyer, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Edward Henton Brennan of Danvers, in the County of Essex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of September, A. D., 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of Hannah L. Colburn, late of Bartow, in State of Florida, deceased.

Whereas, Elias A. Colburn, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at public auction the whole of a parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the fourth day of September, A. D., 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, August 2d, A. D. 1909.

Taken on execution and will be sold at public auction at my office, East Main street, in said Ayer, on Saturday, September 11, 1909, at nine o'clock, A. M., all the right, title and interest (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) that Albert M. Richards of Leominster, in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth, had on the third day of January, A. D. 1908, at seven o'clock and forty-nine minutes P. M., that being the time the same was specially attached on mesne process, or now has in and to the following described Real Estate: A certain tract of land, situated in the northwest part of Townsend in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on Chestnut Hill, so-called; thence north about 46° East, bounded by land formerly of one Higman one hundred and sixty-eight (168) rods, more or less, to a stake and stones at a well; thence North about 44° West about eighty (80) rods to a stake and stones; thence North about 38° East, bounded in part by land formerly of Samuel Warner about sixty (60) rods to a stake and stones at the State line; thence North about 82° West on the State line eighty-four (84) rods to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of John Richards; thence by said Richards land, South about 33° East about fifty-one (51) rods to a large oak tree marked; thence South about 71° West eighty-three rods, more or less, to a stake and stones by an oak stump, at a stone wall; thence South about 19° East about one hundred and eleven (111) rods to a stake and stones by a pitch-pine stump; thence North about 64° East fifty-six (56) rods to a stake and stones at a corner; thence about 27° West, to land formerly of one Richards, about ninety (90) rods to the point of beginning.

Said property standing in the name of Ephraim H. Hildreth, at the time it was specially attached.

A. A. FILLEBROWN,
Deputy Sheriff.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Ayer, Mass., August 3d, 1909.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on **Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 1909, at ten o'clock, A. M.**, for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

Samuel Slavsky and Nathan Marshall.

A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Southerly side of West Main street, bounded as follows: Easterly by land of Bridget Brown; Southerly by Mrs. John Walsh and others; Westerly by land of Sarah and Bridget Sheedy; North-erly by West Main street, containing 2.8 acres, more or less.

Balance of Taxes for 1907, \$13.70.

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Notice.

This is to certify that I shall pay no bills contracted by my wife, May Eva Curdick, on and after this date.

CHARLES F. CURDICK,
Groton, Mass., July 30, 1909. 3147

BOSTON LETTER

Re-election of Senator Lodge Is Apparently Certain.

IS NO ONE TO OPPOSE HIM

Democrats Prepare to Accept Vahey For Governor Nominee—Second Councillor District Has a Contest

The adjournment of congress has diverted attention from the tariff bill to state politics. Notwithstanding the hot weather the political pot seems to be fairly active in its boiling.

There appears to be no longer any doubt in regard to the re-election of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. As a matter of fact, there does not appear to have been any doubt at any time, although a number of people have anticipated that ex-Governor Bates might be a candidate. However, Mr. Bates has declined to enter the lists and it is extremely unlikely that anybody else will undertake to displace the senior senator.

There are many people who regard Governor Bates as one of the most popular men in the Republican party in this commonwealth. There is no doubt that his hold upon the party is extremely strong. At the proper time he will undoubtedly make a strong candidate for the senatorship, although there is not a shred of evidence that he has had any intention of opposing Mr. Lodge for re-election.

Mr. Lodge will undoubtedly have a clear field for another six years in the senate and his splendid work on the Payne tariff bill, aided by the silent but masterful Senator Crane, has made him even stronger with the party than he was before. His term does not expire until March, 1911, but the legislature which is elected next year will choose his successor.

Vahey For Governor

Leading Democrats in the state have settled down to the conviction that it will be impossible this year to draft any prominent party man to accept the gubernatorial nomination. Consequently ex-Senator James H. Vahey of Watertown will undoubtedly be given the opportunity to canvass the state at the head of the party ticket. The hope that Colonel William A. Gaston would run has evaporated, notwithstanding the liberal contribution which he recently made to the Democratic state committee. It does not look, at the present time, as if the state campaign would be a very strenuous affair. Mr. Vahey is not regarded as a dangerous candidate by the Republicans, and Democrats feel that if nominated, defeat will be certain. There does not seem to be any confidence in the Democratic party that any other candidate would fare much better this year.

Of course it is an off year and a much smaller vote is likely to be cast than last year, when the presidency of the United States was at issue. The Democrats, who expected that they might make some capital out of the tariff bill, have concluded that there are no votes in that issue. They are free to confess that the Payne bill is as satisfactory as any tariff bill is likely to be and that no considerable number of people has been aggrieved by its passage.

Three For Councillor

There are several small contests on in various districts of the state for nominations. One of these is in the second councillor district, where the present incumbent, Hon. Albion F. Bemis, is not a candidate for another term, having already served three. The district comprises Attleboro, Berkley, Dighton, Easton, Mansfield, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk and Taunton, Avon, Bellingham, Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Dedham, Dover, Foxboro, Hyde Park, Medfield, Medway, Mills, Milton, Needham, Franklin, Holbrook, Norfolk, Norwood, Plainville, Quincy, Randolph, Sharon, Stoughton, Walpole, Wellesley, Westwood, Weymouth and Wrentham; also wards 20, 21, 23 and 25. There are already in the field J. Stearns Cushing of Norwood, manager of the Norwood Press, Representative Herbert W. Burr of ward 24, Boston, and ex-Representative Arthur P. Russell of Quincy, who at one time represented ward 16 in the house. There are other possible candidates, but they have not taken an open stand as yet. Each one has his elements of strength.

There has been some newspaper talk regarding a new candidate for state auditor, but nothing is likely to come of it. There is no candidate in the field. Since Auditor Turner has been in that position he has revolutionized the methods of business in the office of state auditor, and has won golden opinions from all quarters by the reforms he has inaugurated. He was an expert accountant by profession, and his experience in that line has suggested to him methods for saving money and for preventing waste in the departments which have saved the commonwealth thousands of dollars, and received the highest praise from state officials who were deeply interested in his work. If a candidate for the position were to appear it would be likely to be a fruitless task for him to attempt to displace Mr. Turner, in view of the facts which have been stated.

Parker Wants Another Term

There is a rather interesting situation in the eighth Suffolk senate district, where Senator W. Prentiss Parker is a candidate for renomination. Mr. Parker has not been on the best of terms with either the Republican state or city machine, and it is possible that they may not favor his candidacy, but on the contrary may be glad to see some other candidate go into the contest and win. Mr. Parker is a recent convert to Republicanism. He was serving as a Democrat on one of the boards of the city of Boston during the term of Mayor Fitzgerald, when the mayor removed him. Since that time he has been acting with the Republicans, having served last year in the board of aldermen, and this year in the senate. He is regarded as a very honest, conservative legislator, but as a diplomat not a success, giving offense to many by reason of his brusque manners. However, he is quite likely to be renominated.

New Advertisements.

Auction

By virtue and in pursuance of the authority contained in an order and decree of the Supreme Judicial Court, sitting in equity for the County of Worcester, upon the petition of Joseph Holden et als, which decree was filed March 17, 1906, will be sold at public auction on Monday, the 18th day of August, 1909, at one o'clock, p. m., at the District Court Room in Ayer, the following described tract of land:

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TIME TABLE.
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Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Sunday—6.55 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. Sunday—7.02 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. Sunday—5.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20, 6.40, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sunday—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. Sunday—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.25, 6.50, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.15 p. m. Sunday—5.03 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. Sunday—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. Sunday—7.35 a. m. then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sunday—6.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Sunday—6.14 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

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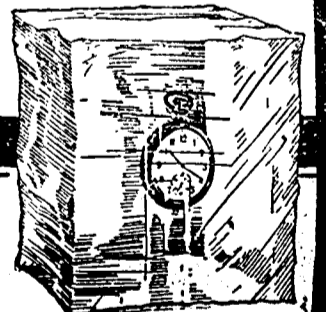
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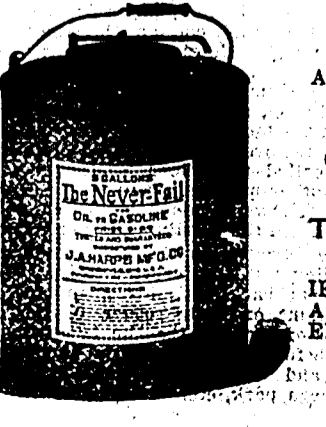
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Saturday, August 14, 1909.

GROTON.

Fell and Sprained Ankle.

From Boston Journal: Dr. Samuel A. Green, former mayor of Boston and secretary of the Massachusetts Historical society, was overcome by the excessive heat Monday and sustained a sprained ankle as he fell on the steps of the Boston public library. Dr. Green is one of the best known of the former political leaders in Boston, and has for many years kept his residence at 72 Harrison avenue through the several changes in that locality.

Dr. Green is the greatest historian in Boston and is an authority on subjects pertaining to Massachusetts historical data.

The ex-mayor was ascending the steps of the public library when the heat so affected him that for a second he staggered and then fell, spraining his ankle. He was taken care of by friends, who hastened him to the City hospital, where he was reported as resting comfortably.

Grange.

There was an interesting meeting of Groton grange, Tuesday night, with a fairly good attendance. William H. Whitehill was favorably voted on for membership, the first and second degrees to be conferred at the next meeting. Mrs. Whitehill who had been previously granted a demit, to be reinstated and Walter Winslow made application for membership. The subject considered by the members was "The origin of the grange." Francis M. Boutwell gave an interesting talk on the subject, particularly as applied to Groton grange. Mrs. E. P. Woolley read a paper, followed by singing by the grange. Myron P. Swallow and George L. Smith spoke on the subject, referring to the origin of the society as an organization. Another song was followed by a paper from Mrs. E. A. Barrows and remarks by Thomas Gilson. The program closed with a solo by Mrs. Woolley.

News Items.

William F. Wharton has been visiting his mother, Mrs. William C. Wharton, at Lenox. When Mrs. Wharton arrived there for the season at Pine Acre, her country estate, she became ill at the hotel and has not been able to be moved to her villa, which is open and waiting occupancy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Warren Sturgis, who have a cottage in Wilmington, are expected next week to visit Mrs. Sturgis' parents, Capt. and Mrs. John S. Barnes, at Lenox. Miss Charlotte Barnes has lately been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis.

Mrs. Shelby Sawyer has been visiting in Winchendon.

Mrs. D. Graham is spending some weeks at their farm in the Brown Leaf neighborhood.

Mrs. Barham with young child is spending two or three weeks at their relatives', Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson on Champey-st.

Rowan Allen of Townsend, blacksmith at T. Bywater's, is to occupy the tenement of Mrs. W. W. Ames, soon to be vacated by W. W. Potter, who, report says, is to move into Miss M. L. Hutchins' cottage on Elm-st.

Miss Josephine Randlett from Boston was up this week for a visit to her brother, Gardner Randlett of Hollis-st. They drove about the town and among other places called at her early home on North Main-st., where S. R. Mason now lives.

Mrs. Lizzie Floyd with her son Harry and daughter Ruth went on Wednesday, Aug. 11, to occupy Lakeview, their place near Baddcock. Mrs. Floyd's mother, Mrs. William Shattuck, also some younger friends, Roy Converse, the Misses Louise Boynton and Carrie Clark, are mentioned as adding to the pleasure of this vacation party.

H. Sanford Johnson of Boston remains another week at the Groton Inn enjoying the pleasure of his acquaintances here and other attractions of the town. His sister, Miss Grace Johnson, has gone to Michigan.

The "Jill" whist club, of which Mrs. W. W. Ames is a member, met with her at her camp "Idle-rest" at Long pond on Tuesday, Aug. 10. The only "Jack" present was Harry A. Floyd, of the U. S. navy, who is up from Charlestown on a nine days' vacation. His sister, Miss Ruth Floyd, and the Misses Hattie and Edith Messenger, were also of the outing, where fishing and boating and social good time filled up the summer day.

The "Jill" club went to Whalom park for an outing last week Thursday, driving to Lunenburg, where they took the electric to the park.

Last Sunday with its great heat seemed the hottest day yet for Groton, but the official record gave 93° as the highest mark of the day; other thermometers ranged from that mark up to 116° in the sun.

The item in this column last week, speaking of Mrs. Woodward, a former resident, as at present visiting old friends here, would have been more up-to-date and complete if she had been mentioned as Mrs. Rice, now widowed for the second time. Mrs. Rice is on east from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she has resided for the past twenty years and has seen the place grow within the past six years from two thousand to twenty thousand inhabitants, the city now having the best of schools, churches and in every way modern improvements. Her son Herbert is married prosperously and is happily situated there. Mrs. Rice speaks of the climate as much warmer there than here and smiled at any complaints of the heat as unusual last Sunday.

Mrs. E. P. Shumway gave her guests a delightful auto ride to Leominster, where they called on Miss Maria Woodbury, J. F. Peabody taking them over and back home again.

Mrs. Odey and children of Concord, N. H., were recent guests in the family of her sister, Mrs. Allen Woods.

Miss Emma Carr of Coshocton, Ohio, an alumna of Mt. Holyoke, who has supplemented with a course at Chicago university and recently continued study at Woods Hole, is a guest of her relative, Mrs. Emma P. Shumway.

Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell relinquished the plan of visiting her friend, Miss King, at Stockbridge, this week, owing to the illness of some relatives of the latter. Miss Boutwell is visiting her friend, Miss Fiske, at Malden at present.

The former young Groton friends of Miss Ethel Collier, daughter of Mrs. Estelle Collier of this town, were quite surprised and interested to hear of her recent marriage to Frederick Bald N. Ferris. They will reside in New Haven, Conn. Congratulations and best wishes.

Business is brisk at West Groton, the Hollingsworth & Vose paper mill giving employment to many workmen.

Ernest C. Willard has returned to his work in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Potter will occupy the cottage on Elm-st., when vacated by Mrs. Wagner and family, who will take the upper tenement of Mr. Frazee's house across the way on same street.

Miss Mildred Brown has returned home from her vacation visit to friends in Portland.

In spite of the excessive heat of last Sunday there was a good-sized attendance at the Congregational church when Rev. H. A. Bridgman preached an eloquent and forceful sermon on "Rest," making his hearers glad that they had braved the almost unendurable weather and gone to church. The same can be said of the Sunday evening service at the same church when Rev. P. H. Cressey of the First Parish Unitarian church conducted the meeting, speaking most earnestly and acceptably.

Rev. William Gussman of East Grafton, N. H., will preach next Sunday at the Baptist church, this being his second Sunday as candidate.

The committee on town electric lighting hold meetings every Friday night, making plans for future development.

A number from this town attended the picnic of the Spaulding light cavalry association, held at Nabbasset pond, Chelmsford, on Thursday.

The Book and Thimble club held its latest meeting with Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, that being the first time in her new home on Champey street. The subject was "Progress in modes of travel from earliest times to the present." It was the birthday of one of the members and the hostess provided ice cream and other delicacies.

Col. T. L. Motley, Dr. D. R. Steere, with Capt. G. V. Barrett of Ayer, enjoyed an outing to Whalom park Thursday.

Charles G. Shattuck is taking a vacation, which he is spending at the home of his aunt in Bath, Me.

The contract for putting up the poles and town wiring of the electric lighting has been given by the town committee to the Kendall Construction Co. of Boston. Arrangements have been made for the Ayer Electric Light Co. to furnish the lighting and the town committee expect that everything will be in readiness by November first. The committee who have put this deal through and so satisfactory, are M. P. Swallow, H. K. Richards, F. F. Waters, John H. Robbins and George H. Bixby.

Dea. and Mrs. Thomas Clough started for Seattle, Monday noon, to be gone three months.

Rev. Chas. W. Turner will preach at the Congregational church here Sunday, Aug. 15, both morning and evening.

An automobile passing through town Monday gave quite a novel exhibition of tunes played on his automobile horn or whistle while rushing along at a good speed.

Mrs. J. R. Hawkes was called to Foxboro, Wednesday, on account of the death of her sister's infant child.

Mildred Sartelle of Pepperell is visiting Mrs. L. V. Kemp.

Fred Tuttle has completed the work of remodeling a house for Mr. Hinchman's coachman, near Groton School.

Paul R. Mason from Boston was at home over Sunday, returning to his work on Monday.

Rev. H. A. Bridgman, who occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday, came over from their summer home in Shirley with his family for that service.

Thomas Bywater came home from the hospital in Boston, last week, as expected. He is feeling quite comfortable, but not able to see very distinctly yet.

Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood and daughters are camping at Spectacle pond, Littleton.

The church at West Groton is closed during the pastor's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bixby went last week on an excursion to Au Sable chasm, near Lake Champlain.

Mrs. Edward Balcom plans to visit among her folks in Athol and Gardner next week.

Henry Gilson, Sr., underwent an amputation of a leg, which had given him much trouble, at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital the latter part of last week.

Band concert at the bandstand next Thursday evening.

There are some variations to the story of the attack on George Tuttle, Monday night. This is one account: As Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were driving home from their camp at the dam near Cow pond meadows, and were near the town house, a bottle or some other missile from a bunch of noisy fellows was hurled at them, cutting Mr. Tuttle in the face. Using the whip he got his horse over the road at a quick pace and called up Officer Shattuck, who with other men soon rounded up some local fellows so much incensed, that they acted the hoodlums to perfection.

The schoolmates of Charles Roderick Woolley will be interested to hear how he went back with his grandmother and aunt on their return to Boston last Monday, and that he is having a delightful week, taking in the wonders and beauties of Wonderland, Norumbega park, etc.

The W. R. C. has made arrangements for a public entertainment to be given in town hall, September 27.

One of the pleasant events during the vacation visit of E. C. Willard in town was the marriage of his sister, Bertha Willard, which took place at the home of her aunt, Mrs. William Southern.

Mrs. William J. Gilson of Millbury comes this week with two children for a visit to Mrs. James T. Bennett. John Hart, who has been visiting them in Millbury, takes back his cousin, Robert Gilson, for a visit with him on his return to Newport, N. H.

Several teams have been at work grading the Lawrence playground.

Miss Ellen Potter of Palm Beach, Florida, a sister of the late R. B. Potter, M. D., being out of health, is coming to Boston for treatment and will be in Groton.

Baseball.

The Groton Alerts are still unvanquished, having made their seventh victory, last Saturday afternoon, in their game on Shumway field with Leominster A. A. It was a close and well-played game and seemed up to the last inning likely to be a tie. The score at finish was 3-2 in favor of Alerts. The score:

GROTON.	
McDonald, rf	1 0 0 0 0
Bruce, cf	1 0 0 0 0
Hodgman, 2b	1 1 3 0 0
Lawrence, lf	0 12 0 0 0
Needham, ss	0 4 1 1 0
Cook, 3b	1 0 1 3 1
Haley, p	0 1 0 0 0
Mason, p	0 1 1 2 0
Totals	3 27 16 1

LEOMINSTER.	
M. Markham, c	1 0 0 0 0
Hamer, lf	1 1 0 0 0
McCann, 1b	2 12 1 0 0
Merrick, 2b	1 0 0 0 0
Mella, 3b	1 0 0 0 0
Bird, cf	0 0 0 0 0
Stuck, rf	0 0 0 0 0
T. Markham, ss	0 0 0 0 0
Gaffney, p	0 0 2 1 1
Totals	2 5*25 11 2

*One out when winning run was scored.

Runners: Groton, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9; Leominster, 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 2.

Two-base hit, Merrick. Stolen bases, Cook, Mella, Bird. Bases on balls, off Mason 5, by Gaffney 6. Sacrifice hits, Sampson, Haley. Umpire, Tarbell. Time 1:25m.

The game of this Saturday afternoon is with the Fitchburg Wachusett, played here on Shumway field.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Lora Barnes, the popular teacher who has taught the west primary school with marked success for the past four years, has tendered her resignation to the Littleton school board and accepted a position in the new state normal school at Keene, N. H. The west school is now without a teacher in either room.

The high school principal and the superintendent will make out a card containing the high school courses with regulations and recommendations to be placed in the hands of each pupil, who in turn indicates his choice of course, on the same and signs his or her name, and then returns the card to the principal. For some time this has been the custom in other towns where it has proved very helpful and become almost indispensable.

The Newtown neighborhood was very pleasantly entertained at Walter Kimball's Friday evening of last week. The party took the nature of a lawn party. Mr. Kimball's new piazza was lighted by a number of Japanese lanterns. The guests enjoyed a game of cards and a pleasant social, after which refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and candy were served.

Frank Farmer, confectionery manufacturer in Boston, announces another of his popular picnics and candy-pulls at the usual place in his grove at the west end on Saturday afternoon, August 21. All the children in town with their parents and friends are cordially invited without further notice.

Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson went to Kingston, N. Y., last Saturday to visit for a week with Miss Annie's college room-mate, Mrs. Minnie Van Slyke Owens of Kentucky, at her father's home.

Miss Ruth Thacher went to Lake Winnepesaukee Monday to spend a week with her cousins, the Bradfords of East Weymouth, who have a camp near the lake.

Prof. Elmer Kimball of Worcester was an over-Sunday guest at Mrs. Mary J. Kimball's.

Mrs. Alonzo V. Moore is entertaining her niece, Miss Florence White of Jamaica Plain, and her niece and nephew, Ruth and Roy Harris of Leominster.

Mrs. Wilbur Shattuck and her daughter, Frances Kimball, have returned to their home in Leominster after a visit of two weeks with Mrs. Shattuck's mother, Mrs. Fannie Sherburne at Littleton Common.

The Littleton baseball team covered themselves with glory last Saturday in a game with the Lancaster Bandits, which resulted in a score of 8 to 7 in the former's favor. The battery for Littleton was made up of Prouty, Goucher and Whitcomb; for Lancaster Stevenson and G. Martin. Among the good features of the game were a grand catch by Crane, first base, good batting by Prouty and Whitcomb, a fine bunt by Falconer that tied up the score, and a winning run that was scored on a wild throw.

J. W. Ireland and family went into camp at Forge pond last Saturday, and will remain there throughout this month.

George Conant, who has been located in the south for several years, came north in time for the celebration at Gloucester last week. He will visit among relatives in this section of the country for a short time.

Miss Dorothy L. Roberts is spending the month of August with relatives in Annisquam.

Many of the sheep belonging to Mr. Harding of Wisconsin were shipped for the west last week from the U. S. quarantine.

Margaret McDonald went to York Beach last Monday, where she will remain a week or more.

Prof. Whiting arrived in town Tuesday for his annual two weeks at Miss Marshall's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Proctor and children went to Milford, N. H., last Saturday with their cousins, the Abbott Turners by automobile.

Mrs. C. F. Johnson and son Frederick and Dorothy Smith went to Gloucester Tuesday for a visit with the D. H. Woodbury family.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Brennan stopped at their Littleton home Monday while en route by automobile for New Salem. They were accompanied by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Danvers, owners of the touring car.

Miss Marlon Whitcomb entertained at her home last week Friday Misses Priscilla Harriman, Ethel Fletcher and Evelyn Hersey of Stow.

Robert, youngest son of Herbert J. Harwood, fell from a load of hay while riding from field to barn last Saturday, and sustained a severe scalp wound, which necessitated twenty-five stitches. The young lad displayed wonderful courage and bravery in walking unaided to the house and waiting for the surgeon, who was detained on the way by an automobile break. Robert is making as rapid improvement as possible, and will, it is hoped, soon be out with his playmates in his usual haunts.

A. H. Gilmore went with two trotters belonging to Coughlin Brothers of Maynard, to the Woonsocket races last week Friday. It is reported that one trotter in his charge broke his leg soon after arriving in the city.

Frank Stone of Concord Junction spent Sunday in town. He speaks very encouragingly of his new position with Adams & Bridges.

Thomas Eliot of Lowell and Westford occupied the Unitarian pulpit last Sunday, reading with few changes Markham's essay on "Worry."

F. S. Kimball, while digging a cesspool last week came in contact with a fine spring of clear water eight feet below the surface, and has a well for his pains.

Capt. William H. Sawyer started Friday for Orange, where he will visit a few days with his brother Orville. Afterwards he will visit his niece, Mrs. E. H. Brennan, in New Salem, attending during his stay the New Salem academy reunion, where he hopes to meet some of his former schoolmates.

Miss Persis Jacobs will spend a few days next week with friends in Lynn. During her absence Miss Gladys Kimball will visit at Mrs. E. H. Chamberlain's.

Miss Katherine Kimball has been spending a few days with her classmate, Miss Lorna Chandler.

Thursday the E. H. Chamberlain and the Everett Kimball families visited the historic and literary points of interest in Concord and enjoyed a family reunion and picnic.

Tax collector Kimball began Wednesday to distribute the ever welcome tax-bills.

Miss Ella Grimes has a beautiful night-blooming cereus whose blossoms have attracted much attention from neighbors and friends this week.

Evelyn Hamlin of Westford is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball.

Mrs. Franklin Skillings, mother of Mrs. Frank E. Briggs, passed away at her home in Portland, Me., last Sunday.

The Baptist Y. P. S. C. E. subject for Sunday evening is Pilgrim's Progress, series eighth, "The valleys." Leader, Dr. J. W. Godfrey.

Mrs. James Crowley of Littleton Common is entertaining her mother and sisters, Mrs. A. E. Trumbull and the Misses May and Lauretta Trumbull of Jersey City. Miss May is a teacher in the public schools of that city.

A party of girls in the Everett Kimball, Dr. Godfrey and Edgar Woodbury families enjoyed a day at Whalom park Tuesday.

Rev. H. B. Drew has returned from his vacation at Old Orchard and will preach tomorrow.

Miss Lucinda Jeffrey, who has spent the summer with her parents in Nashoba, returned Wednesday to her home in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eaton of Melrose are spending the week with Mrs. E. A. Cox. Mrs. Sargent of Malden is also the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Cox.

Daniel G. Houghton and Frank B. Priest will take A. T. Kimball, F. C. Hartwell, Osman Needham and J. W. Ireland in their automobiles today to Hillsboro Bridge and other places of interest in New Hampshire, returning Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. M. Parker, librarian, is at Ocean Park, Old Orchard, Me.

The W. H. P. club held a social dance in the town hall last evening. The music was furnished by the Colonial orchestra.

George Hutchinson fell from the top of an apple tree Wednesday, but fortunately escaped with slight bruises and a rather heavy jarring.

Mr. Sawtelle, for a few years resident of the Common, was in town this week.

About Town.

Mr. Jones and daughter of Waltham were week-end and over-Sunday guests at N. H. Whitcomb's.

Miss Cora W. Davis has spent the past week with relatives in Haverhill and Bradford.

Mrs. Adeline Knowlton went Tuesday morning to visit the Barnes family in Gill, where her son Heywood has been awhile.

Mrs. Annie Nye Smith last week was in attendance at the Nye family reunion in Highgate, Vt. She was re-elected treasurer of the association.

W. E. Cate, a former high school principal here, has accepted a position in the high school at Pottsville, Penn., at a salary of \$1600.

E. H. Priest has just had a steam-heating plant installed in his house.

Mrs. Hartwell Whitcomb and daughter, Mrs. Carrie Gardner and Mrs. Anna Brown, with granddaughters, have spent the past week in the Whitcomb-Nixon camp at Wellfleet.

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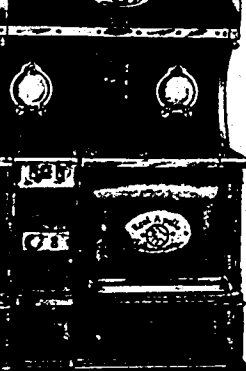
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AYER.

News Items.

Rev. Michael F. Callahan of Hingham has been transferred to this town by Archbishop O'Connell, coming Wednesday, as curate to Rev. P. J. Sheedy, pastor of St. Mary's church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Reeve moved this week from the Rolfe house on Cambridge street to the Silas Stone house on East Main street.

Charles W. Mason, tax collector, who is at his summer home in Center Harbor, N. H., was in town Wednesday, being called on business, and left Thursday.

Sterling camp meeting and Epworth league assembly at Sterling Junction is from Saturday, August 14, to Sunday, August 22. Tickets at reduced rates good going August 14 to 23 inclusive, returning August 16 to 23 inclusive, at the following stations to Sterling Junction and return: Ayer 65c., Groton 70c., East Pepperell 85c., Hollis 95c., Harvard 55c., Still River 45c.

Mrs. Lillian E. Lawton, with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richards, will go, August 18, to Maine for a four weeks' stay.

J. I. Mills, one of the twenty-three deputy game commissioners of the state, is now working over a defined district, the state fish and game commission having recently divided the state into twenty-one districts, this town being the central point of the district, with Mr. Mills in charge, and his territory is: Ayer, Ashby, Acton, Berlin, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Hudson, Littleton, Maynard, Pepperell, Shirley, Stow, Townsend, Tyngsboro and Westford. In this way the state commission expects to better look after fish and game protection and the deputies agree in this opinion.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning and children leave Monday for Hampton Beach where they are to take a cottage until after Labor day.

Kate L. and Jennie Walsh started Wednesday morning for the White Mountains, where they will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dudley left Friday morning for Sprague's Mill, Me., to be gone for three or four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Burgess, Albert F. Arlen and Miss Edna E. Robbins enjoyed a visit to Wachusett lake and mountain this week.

The new house of Percy N. Lawrence on Nashua street will be completed in a couple of weeks.

Miss Rebecca Plerce had the operation upon her knee last week Friday at the Groton hospital. It was quite successful and the patient is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Phelps and daughter Bertha go Monday to North Scituate for a week.

Mrs. Eudora S. Draper is at the hospital in Waltham, where she has had a surgical operation.

A baseball team composed of railroad men played a team in Pepperell, Thursday, August 12, and were defeated by a score of 5 to 3. The game was well played by both teams and the Pepperell team won their game on an error. The Pepperell boys are to play here Saturday afternoon, August 14, at three o'clock. A good game is expected and there will evidently be a crowd of "rooters" on both sides.

Rev. Albert Clark of Schenectady, N. Y., is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Lyman Clark.

Mrs. George Puffer and her daughter, Miss Mabel, were called to Hollis, N. H., Wednesday to the funeral of Mrs. Puffer's daughter, Mrs. Myra Blood.

Frank P. Griffin is the new boy employed at George H. Brown's in place of Herbert Hardy.

The Helping Hand society of the Methodist church had a very pleasant lawn party Thursday evening on their grounds adjoining Columbia street. The place was lighted with Japanese lanterns. Mrs. George B. Turner sold tickets, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lentz served ice cream, and Miss Mildred Andrew did a good business at the candy table. Miss Ethel Andrew and George Scott were general assistants.

The regular meeting of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., was held Tuesday evening. Miss Nellie Carrigan was installed as financial secretary. Grand vice-warden Hubbard of Winter Hill, Misses Shaw and Naylor of Waltham were present.

Augustus Lovejoy returned last Monday from his extended trip to the maritime provinces. He is very much pleased with his trip and visited Halifax, going through the Annapolis Valley, stopped at Digby, crossed the Bay of Fundy, went up the St. John river at Fredericton, and visited other places of prominence in New Brunswick and Maine.

There will be a special meeting of George S. Boutwell Relief Corps Tuesday, August 17, to rehearse for inspection and all members are requested to be present.

Joseph H. Richardson has his brother, Rufus B. Richardson of Woodstock, Conn., and his sister, Mrs. May Perham of Oxford, at his cottage this week. Mr. Richardson's daughter, Mrs. Aiden B. Heber, and family, were with him the early part of the week, but returned Thursday to prepare for a trip to Boothbay, Me.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Evans went to Harvard Wednesday, where they will camp in their tent during the remainder of the month.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday, August 15, as usual. Preaching at 10.45 a. m.; Sunday school at twelve; evangelistic service at seven in the evening.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church have engaged Willard Gordon, the royal entertainer, for the evening of September 15 in Page hall.

The alarm of fire Thursday forenoon was for a fire in a car on the track, foot of Columbia street, caused by the burning of a large wooden box of matches. There was considerable smoke and it was easily extinguished, and the damage very slight from water.

W. E. Bissell, manager of the Ayer Telephone office here, attended last week Tuesday a meeting of the district managers and managers of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., held at Hotel Somerset, Boston, which lasted from Tuesday to the following Friday, winding up with a grand banquet. Mr. Bissell is a level-headed business man and the company is fortunate in having a gentleman so capable to manage their business in Ayer and the other towns nearby in this district.

Charles Warren is the spare engineer of the Greenville branch who took the place of Mr. Crosby, who died at his home in Greenville suddenly Tuesday morning of last week from heart trouble. The engineer before Mr. Crosby was Mr. Cushman, who occupied the same home in Greenville and who also died suddenly of heart trouble. The engineer before Mr. Cushman was Mr. Muzzey, and he died suddenly at his residence in that town of heart trouble.

Douglas C. Smith was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital on Thursday. He has had some trouble in the upper part of the bowels since spring, and this was aggravated by a strain several weeks ago, since which time he has been growing worse. The doctors here thought the trouble might be an abscess. He was examined at the hospital and it was decided to place him under the X-ray today, Saturday.

Leonard Felch, one of the oldest conductors of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine, on the Greenville branch, is on his vacation of two weeks, commencing from last Monday, and E. Hills of Waltham, spare conductor, takes his place.

A new little minister arrived at the new parsonage of the Swampscott M. E. church, 4 Ellis terrace, Tuesday morning, August 10 at two o'clock, and in consequence Rev. and Mrs. W. Gladstone Colgrove are receiving the congratulations of a host of friends. The young man weighed seven pounds, and both mother and babe are doing nicely. Mr. Colgrove was the former pastor of the M. E. church here, and both he and his wife had a host of friends.

Mrs. Frank Sanders and her daughter Mildred start Sunday night for Niagara. They will be gone ten days or more.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray Lynds started Friday noon for Montreal, from which place they will go to Buffalo. They will be gone one or two weeks.

Mrs. C. H. Hardy and daughter Helen have spending the last three weeks in Amesbury and Lee, N. H. They will return next week.

Broken Into.

In the small hours of last Sunday morning the Chinese laundry was entered by a rear window, while the Chinaman was sound asleep in the upper part of the laundry, and the thief took from the money drawer a small amount of money, just how much is not known. About the same time a light of glass was dug out in a rear window of the Public Spirit office, and the fellow who did it was not aware that a newspaper office was the last place to enter to make a haul where there never is a haul. The drawers of the office desk were all ransacked, the papers scattered everywhere about the floor, and the safe which was not locked was thoroughly searched and papers cast about, but not a copper did he get for his trouble and haste. Two insurance policies were lugged out and afterwards found on a pile of lumber in the lumber yard of L. W. Phelps, near the office. Edward H. Elmer, formerly of Ayer, who was wandering about at that early hour, was arrested and locked up and a colored man who hailed from Philadelphia was pinched with him. They both were charged with being vagrants and on examination were discharged from custody, and requested to flee the town.

A Great Improvement.

The cross street by C. H. Hardy's house on Pleasant, extending to Washington street, is being closed and filled in. It is a part of Mr. Hardy's house lot. Mr. Hardy also owns the lot adjoining, and between his two lots Mr. Phelps has reserved twelve feet for a street, which will connect Washington and Pleasant streets. Mr. Hardy has just had two large cesspools put in his grounds, and he is extending the lawn at the south side of the house, which was rather narrow. It will be a great improvement, and with the addition just completed to the house, will make the whole a very fine place.

Will Move to Providence.

Mrs. F. W. Moses went to Providence last week and selected her house. It is located on College Hill, in the residential part of the city. Her youngest son Carl is to enter the Moses Brown school, formerly called the Friend school, which is near the place where the family will reside. Carl will take a four years' course to fit for the Armour Institute in Chicago, where he will take the course in insurance engineering. The school opens in Providence on September 22, and the family will go from here just before its opening. Miss Kathleen graduated from Quincy Mansion school in June, and will be at home. Mr. Moses will be with his family at daily meals, a privilege he has not had for twenty-five years.

District Court.

Joseph A. Wainwright of Littleton, on complaint of his wife, Fannie M. Wainwright, with assault and battery,

was tried, found guilty, ordered to pay costs of court, to furnish sureties to keep the peace for one year, and case placed on file.

Thomas Kane of Ayer, drunkenness, was on trial, found guilty and sentenced to the house of correction at East Cambridge for one month.

John Quinn of Pepperell, drunkenness at Ayer, and who has been before this court several times, was fined ten dollars.

Wedding.

Harry Irving Slack, the baggage master on the Salem train, and for the past three years a resident of Ayer, was married at the Park avenue Methodist church, West Somerville, Tuesday evening, to Miss Alice Owen of that place. The Episcopal service was used. The eight bridesmaids met the bride, with the two matrons of honor, at the entrance to the church, entering while the wedding march from Lohengrin was played on the organ. After the ceremony an informal reception was held at the church. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Slack will return to Ayer, where they will reside. Mrs. Mary Hume and daughter, Harriet, Mrs. Henry J. Zoller and daughter, Ruth, and Frederick G. Philbrick attended the wedding, returning on the late train.

Death.

Willis Prescott, aged fifteen years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Prescott, died August 6 at the Massachusetts General hospital of complications that set in from pneumonia, where he had been for treatment for a month or more. Mr. Prescott is a freight conductor and resides in the Charles Wood place on the Groton road. The brother of this lad was taken ill with pneumonia a week before Willis was stricken with it, and he was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, where he died a week after being taken there. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church, Monday August 9, Rev. A. D. Stroud officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

Tennis Tournament.

Drawing was made Tuesday morning for the matches in singles and doubles in the Wachusett Valley Tennis League tournament, which will be started on the courts of the Alpine and Leominster clubs Saturday morning, August 14, and finished on the following Saturday. These were the drawings: Singles. Preliminary round: Hill of Leominster vs. Marcy of Fitchburg; Jackson of Leominster vs. Gay of Fitchburg; Crocker of Fitchburg vs. Lowell of Gardner; Hamblen of Fitchburg vs. Hopkins of Ayer; Fairbanks of Fitchburg vs. Manning of Ayer; Merriam of Fitchburg vs. Collester of Gardner.

First round: Cutler of Fitchburg vs. winner of the Crocker-Lowell match; Peabody of Gardner vs. Wilson of Fitchburg; Shaw of Leominster vs. Atwood of Fitchburg; Harrison of Leominster vs. Rice of Fitchburg; Godfrey of Fitchburg vs. Robbins of Leominster; Dillon of Fitchburg vs. winner of Hamblen-Hopkins match.

Doubles. Preliminary round: Lowell and Peabody of Gardner vs. Hamblen and Crocker of Fitchburg. First round: Robbins and partner of Leominster vs. winner of preliminary round; Godfrey and Fairbanks of Fitchburg vs. Jackson and Harrison of Leominster; Merriam and Atwood of Fitchburg vs. Collester and Bancroft of Gardner; Marcy and Cutler of Fitchburg vs. Pierce and Walcott of Leominster.

Play will begin at ten a. m., and will be continued through into the afternoon. The big field precludes the possibility of finishing the tournament in one day, and the final matches will be played on the following Saturday. The entry list is a fine one, taking in the best players in the four clubs and some warm contests are expected. Last year Collester of Gardner won the singles championship and he and Bancroft, also of Gardner, carried off the doubles.

Tennis League Clambake.

The first annual outing and field day of the Wachusett Valley Tennis League comprising the tennis players of Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner and Ayer, was held, last week Friday, at Wachusett lake, when over forty members of the league, and several invited guests, took the day off and spent it in the pursuit of pleasure at that popular resort. The day was given over to a general good time, with athletic sports, a couple of interesting ball games, and clambake accompanied by all the fixings.

The sports and clambake were on Marsh's field, and the committee of arrangements left nothing undone that would in any way contribute to the pleasures of the event. The first of the several sporting events was a stilt race. This brought out a large number of contestants, and to prolong the fun, the race was run off in heats, the final heat being captured by N. A. Cutler of Fitchburg. The next athletic stunt was a three-legged race, which also proved a side-splitting event to the non-participants. Robert Marcy and Walter S. Dillon of Fitchburg won this event in a hot finish. A sack race followed which was not so closely contested, Fred Morse of Gardner having a walkover in this event and ran away from all of his opponents. The Hamblen and Robbins combination was more fortunate in the next event, which was a pickaback race, in which the contestants worked in pairs, one carrying his teammate the length of the course, and riding back on the back of his companion for the return trip.

An obstacle race was won by Harold King, and a relay race with teams representing the four towns of the league brought the list of events to a close. The Fitchburg combination won this, the three runners who participated being W. S. Dillon, Charles Hamblen and Ralph W. Robbins. Dinner followed in the big tent that had been erected for the purpose and Caterer Read did himself proud in the tempting list of edibles that was offered and the excellent way in which they were prepared and served. Clams, baked just as they should be baked, were the main item of the spread, but the further menu variations were ideal in every respect and all contributed to the making of a dinner that, of its kind, could not be surpassed, either in quality or quantity.

The baseball games followed, and occupying the greater part of the afternoon, brought the formal day's program to a close. The first contest was between teams representing Gardner and Ayer, Ayer combination including Leominster and Fitchburg players, which trimmed the aggregation from the chair town, 6 to 1. Morse and Maloney were the battery for Ayer, and Morse and Greenwood for Gardner.

The winners of the first game played a team representing Fitchburg and defeated them by the decisive score of 12 to 2. Cummings and Fairbanks did the receiving and pitching stunts for the Fitchburg combination. The features of the game were the fine battery work of Morse and Maloney, and the snappy infield work of the Ayer team, which comprised Hayes, Manning, Shaw and Robbins, three double plays being successfully negotiated and two runs being cut off at the plate by line throws. Maloney, Morse, Hayes and Manning batted finely, making fourteen hits with a total of thirty-one out of seventeen hits made by the Ayer team.

Several of those who participated were old-time ball players, a few of whom have attained prominence in college or professional teams. The balance of the day was given over to an informal good time. The members of the gathering leaving as fancy dictated, late in the afternoon or in the early evening. Much credit for the enjoyable outing will be given to Robert Marcy of Fitchburg and Walter W. Manning, who comprised the committee of arrangements, planning and carrying out the event to its most successful conclusion.

Those attending from Ayer were Dr. B. H. Hopkins, J. M. Maloney, P. H. Hooley, W. W. Manning and William Brown, and George B. Morse of Boston and Francis G. Hayes of Pepperell, guests of President Manning. The remaining fixtures of the league will be an annual banquet at the Sterling Inn in November and a full dress ball at Fitchburg in January.

Bowling.

The Leominster bowling team started the next to the last week of the Whalom bowling league by trimming the Ayer aggregation in the last two strings, after the boys from the end of the line had defeated the combi combination in the first string by a good-sized margin. But the Ayer team wasn't strong enough to keep up the pace with Leominster striking its best score of the season, so victory moved over to the shirt shop bunch. Like the majority of the recent matches in this league the losers showed surprising form in the first clash and won by good scores, as their opponents experienced a decided slump. But after that there was nothing to it but Leominster, as the score mounted higher and higher by leaps and bounds till Ayer was unmercifully buried.

In the first string Ayer was at its best, every man on the team remaining in the 80 column, while some of the Leominster boys flirited around 74 and 75. This sort of work enabled the shirt shop team to just pass the 400 mark, while the others went up to 428. In the middle game things were reversed. Here G. Filibrown, the first man up for Ayer, went down to 72. King of Leominster wasn't much better, getting 74, but after that things began to happen. The Ayer team had trouble getting over 80, till Fitzgerald at anchor ran up an even 100, which boosted the score up to 425. This was not quite good enough, as Reagan had touched 101 for the Leominster team, and Abe St. George had contributed a 92, helping the score to reach 438.

Then in the final game Ayer went to pieces, Fitzgerald with 81 being the only man to get 80. The others went to the "Dummy's" 62 up to G. Filibrown's 79 making a total of 372. Leominster was some better, getting 432, aided by Reagan's 106. Although Reagan began the match with 75 his scores in the next two strings showed him way up with a score of 282. Fitzgerald with 270, led the Ayer bunch. The summary:

Table with columns for Leominster and Ayer scores. Leominster: King 74, Baker 75, Boynton 82, Reagan 106, St. George 92. Ayer: G. Filibrown 72, Lambert 84, W. Filibrown 80, 'Dummy' 89, Fitzgerald 89.

Items of Interest.

Catkill's water system will require 58,000,000 yards of excavation, 23,000,000 more than the Panama canal.

Japan has ten medical colleges.

In Prince Edward Island the annual catch of lobsters is 20,000,000. Of these 600,000 are spawn lobsters. The average number of eggs per lobster is 20,000, a total of 12,000,000 eggs. This means that what would go to produce 12,000,000 young lobsters yearly is ruthlessly boiled up and destroyed.

Last year's gold production was the largest in history, \$409,000,000, against 400,000,000 in 1907 and \$330,000,000 in 1906.

During 1908 Egypt exported over \$124,000,000 worth of merchandise, as against \$100,000,000 in 1904. Exports in 1908 exceeded those of 1904, but were less than in 1907 and 1906.

Fifty years ago the exports of rice from Siam were below 100,000 tons, whereas now they reach 700,000 to 900,000 tons yearly. Rice and fish form the principal staples of food among the people.

TOWNSEND.

Center. The moving picture and illustrated song entertainment given at Memorial hall, Thursday evening, was a very pleasing entertainment, the singing of Mrs. Winnifred Symonds and John Manchester, always favorites here, receiving much applause, and also that of Charles Rogers, who made his first appearance here that evening. A crowded house greeted the entertainers. Dancing until one a. m. followed the entertainment, Richard Noonan's orchestra of Lowell furnishing the music.

Mrs. Ai Richards has been visiting relatives in Concord, N. H.

Mrs. A. S. Howard and son Albert are at Boone pond, Hudson, this week. Nathaniel Hartwell is visiting at H. B. Hildreth's.

Mrs. Hattie Smith is enjoying a vacation at Temple, N. H., at Miss Marlon Hodgkins'. Miss Lillian is taking her place in the postoffice.

Mrs. Anna C. Bliss, d. d. g. m., and Mrs. Alonzo Blood, p. d. g. m., attended with others a past deputy grand masters' picnic at Whalom this week.

Mrs. A. J. Atwood and other former residents of Ashby attended their town picnic Thursday. W. F. Rockwood and family are at Brookline, N. H., for a few weeks at their former home.

The T. A. A.'s play the Maynards here Saturday. Mrs. Sarah Ball is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hastings, at Lunenburg.

Mrs. Mary Sherrin is enjoying a vacation among relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stearns and family are visiting at Somerville.

SHIRLEY.

Birthday Surprises. A double birthday surprise party was celebrated last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaisson on Main street. The event proved to be an evening of family surprises. The affair was originally intended for the celebration of the birthday anniversary of Joseph Chaisson, Jr., who had just reached his nineteenth birthday, and with this in view his sister, Miss Minnie Chaisson, interested a number of his relatives and friends, who assembled at the home and presented him with a gold watch fob. His sister, Miss Minnie, presented the anniversary token and read a brief presentation address, voicing the sentiments of the guests of the evening. However, this did not end the surprise, as Miss Mary Chaisson then stepped forward and in behalf of all present presented her sister Minnie with a combination pair of hair combs set with pearls, and at the same time read a neatly-prepared address suitable to the occasion.

The motive prompting this was the fact that on Monday Miss Minnie Chaisson attained the twenty-fourth year of her birth. Thus the idea of a double birthday surprise party was conceived by the family and friends. Both brother and sister very cordially and appropriately thanked all present. The festivities of the evening then commenced, and games and music and the serving of refreshments were heartily indulged in and much enjoyed. The affair terminated at twelve o'clock, after hearty congratulations had been exchanged; goodbyes were said, and the happy guests left for their homes. Nearly two score of guests were present, also relatives from Lawrence.

News Items. J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held its regular meeting Monday evening, a goodly number being present. Deputy Albert W. Allen was present and installed John M. Leopold as the financier of the lodge, and Jacob C. Beach was installed into the office of overseer. A brief address was made by Deputy Allen, which was followed by remarks from the members. Alfred E. Jenner, the retiring financier, who soon leaves for his future home in St. John, N. B., was given a unanimous vote of thanks by the lodge for past services, and also a cordial sendoff by the members who regret very much his leaving Shirley.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will preach as usual at the Baptist church Sunday morning, at 10.45 and evening at seven. Public invited.

About a dozen boys have arrived at the Shirley Industrial School for boys.

Miss Emma Knowles is spending this week with Miss Kolowrath of East Taunton; Miss Etta Gately with relatives and friends in Boston, Providence and New Bedford.

Miss Blanche Goddard of Revere is visiting the Misses Knowles of Harvard road.

Miss Arline Wilbur is spending a few days in Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Winterbottom spent first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cox of West Fitchburg.

Miss Ethel Cleverly of Beverly is spending a week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Phelps.

Misses Bessie and Gladys Eisner spent a few days this week with relatives in Cambridge.

Mrs. Louise Butler spent first of the week with Rev. and Mrs. Bronson at their summer home, Pocasset.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collyer of Cambridge are spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer.

Frank Peasley of Valley Forge, R. I., has arrived at the home of his uncle, H. O. Peasley, for a month's vacation.

Miss Alice Flynn, one of the office staff of the C. A. Edgerton Co., started on her annual vacation Thursday, which will be spent in Lawrence.

Mrs. William Watson of Torrington, Conn., with daughter Mabel has arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Wilson of Harvard road for a vacation.

Dr. Charles J. Pierce will again occupy the flat in the residence of Mrs. Louise Livermore, on Chapel street, as soon as it is vacated by the Jenner family, who leave Shirley for St. John, N. B., the latter part of this month. Dr. Pierce occupied this flat for many years previous to its being rented by Mr. Jenner.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hocquard are happy over the arrival of a son, born Wednesday, August 11.

At the regular meeting of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., held Thursday evening, Alfred E. Jenner resigned his office as noble grand, and past grand Charles H. Wear, Jr., was elected to succeed him for the remainder of the term.

William Trembley of Cowdrey Hill has entered the motor race at Lowell. "Billy" has quite a reputation as a scorcher, his friends are banking on him to bring home first money.

Frank P. Rugg has purchased the Warner place in Davis street. Mr. Rugg will rent the house to Mrs. Warner, who will continue to remain in the old homestead.

Herbert E. Lawrence, who has been confined at home for some weeks past with nephritis, is improving.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team was defeated by the Westfords on the Civic grounds at Ayer last Saturday afternoon. The Shirley team played a good, fast game and lost the day through errors in the ninth inning. Score 5 to 3. A large number witnessed the game. The score:

Table with columns for Westford and Shirley scores. Westford: Bartlett, c 1, Hayes, cf 1, Spiller, ss 1, Shaw, 3b 1, Mulvanity, 1b 1, Hartford, lf 1, Webb, 2b 1, Donovan, rf 1, Butler, p 1. Shirley: Sibley, rf 1, Connor, ss 1, St. George, 2b 1, Gaudette, lf 1, Ayer, 1b 1, Cook, cf 1, LaBurr, 3b 1, Woodcomb, c 1, Warner, p 1.

Two-base hits, Hayes, Hartford. Three-base hit, Sibley. Stolen bases, St. George, LaBurr, Warner. Ease on balls, off Butler 3. Struck out by Butler 4, by Warner 2. Sacrifice hit, Connor. Doubled ball, Spiller. Mulvanity. Incomplete. Donahoe. Time 1h. 40m.

The Shirley baseball team will play a Worcester team on Davis field; Saturday afternoon, August 14, game to be called at three o'clock. The Shirley players at this game will appear in their new uniforms.

Monday evening, August 16, the Shirley team will play the "Indians" on Davis field, game to be called at eight o'clock. This promises to be one of the novel games of the season. The Indians will illuminate the grounds with fifty arc lights, so the players of either team will have as good a substitute for daylight as it is possible to obtain. The results of this game are anxiously-awaited.

Center. Miss Harriet Winslow is visiting at Mrs. H. F. Wood's.

Mrs. F. L. Wood and son Hamilton are here at the center for the summer. Norman Warren recently visited his grandfather, Charles Longley.

It seems too bad that some of our beautiful trees are disfigured by advertising signs. There is a state law which prohibits any signs, posters or other advertising matter to be nailed to trees in the highway.

Rev. Wesley Desjardins will preach at Trinity chapel, Sunday, August 15, at 3.15 p. m.

Miss Ruby and Merle Crockett are visiting their cousin, Miss Alice Gould, at Lunenburg.

Mrs. Wichsel and daughter Olga are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild's.

The First Parish (Unitarian) society is fortunate in having for its minister at the present time the noted writer, Rev. George Willis Cooke. His subject last Sunday was "Optimism." Mr. Cooke will supply the pulpit Sunday, August 15. Hour 11.15 a. m.

The Alliance will hold its annual picnic at Whalom park on Thursday, August 19. Members are requested to take basket lunch and meet at the piazza of the woman's pavilion at twelve o'clock.

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The Girl That Helped John's Mother in an Emergency.

By CLARA LOUISE OTIS.
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"Six o'clock and all's well. Wind's in the east and blowing like everything."

caroled a masculine voice.

The woman in the kitchen smiled in spite of herself. "The dear child," she murmured happily, "so much like his father," then to the "child," a tall young man of twenty-four, just entering the kitchen: "You're early tonight, dear. Supper won't be ready for ten minutes."

"Oh, that's all right," John Williams gave his mother a vigorous hug. "How is mother?"

"Well. And John?"

"Fine. Say, mother!"

"Yes, dear?"

"How would you like a daughter-in-law?"

Mary Williams set down the frying pan and faced her son with a dazed expression. "A daughter-in-law?" she repeated blankly. A blinding rust of tears came to her eyes, and the little room seemed to be whirling around.

"Oh, John," was all she said, but the bitter disappointment of those two words was not lost on the young man.

"I'm sorry," he said briefly and left the room.

Memories one after the other crowded fast before her. Her husband had died when John was three, and they had been so happy! And since John had grown to manhood how happy he had made her! Yet—yet he was going to bring another woman there—another woman! The odor of scorching meat made her start.

"Come, supper's ready," she called in what was intended to be her natural voice.

"Tell me about it," faltered Mary after they had sat in silence for some minutes.

"Not if you don't want to hear, mother."

The hurt, proud tones brought contradiction to her heart.

"I do want to hear." The words were true in more ways than one.

"Her name is Kitty—Kitty Marvin."

"And—"

"Oh, mother, mother! I've wanted to tell you so! Are you sure you want to hear?"

"Yes, yes!" She flashed out the words lest John should divine her sinking heart. She smiled too.

Seeing only his mother's smile, John launched into the dear topic. "She hasn't lived here long, only since May. I didn't tell you because—well, to tell the truth, I was afraid you'd be all cut up about it. Besides, it wasn't settled until last night. Why, mother, you're crying! Are you sorry?"

"No, no, I'm glad! Go on!"

"I met her last year out at the lake. Do you remember my speaking of those girls out there? I knew then she was the only one in the world for me." John spoke very softly.

So he had cherished this girl in his heart a whole year, and she had thought herself to be his all in all!

"Wasn't it strange, mother," went on the young man in a subdued voice, as if his happiness was still a wonderful thing, to be revered and held in awe—wasn't it strange that she should move here, not knowing it was my home?"

"Yes. Tell me everything, dear."

"All right. She is little and slim and has gray eyes." Mary Williams was built on generous, capable lines, and her eyes were brown. "Her hair is like yours—brown and heavy. She gives music lessons." Mary had no accomplishments except housekeeping.

"She sings, too—oh, mother, you ought to hear her sing! And she is as quick as a bird and the prettiest dancer."

"Can she cook?"

"Well, I don't know, but she can do everything else. You see, there are so many in her family that it's hard to tell just who does the work. I know she can sew, for she showed me a dress last night that she made."

After the supper work was done and John had gone off whistling Mary sat down by the fire. "O God, give me strength to bear it!" she prayed fiercely, holding tight to the arms of the chair, then relaxing in a sudden burst of resentful tears. "How can he—how can he bring that girl here—that Kitty?" ran her rebellious thoughts, and she forgot about her prayer.

"Why, her very name sounds good for nothing. If I was an old woman it would be different, but I'm only forty-seven and as strong as ever. This is my house, my own house, and I keep it by my own way. Yet a girl is going to come in and shove me back—me, who loves John more than she ever could! Don't I always come home early from sewing society so as to have John's supper on time? Don't I make his shirts, when almost every man buys them ready made? Wouldn't I do his washing if he would let me? Oh, she can't love him as I do? Probably she won't even let him smoke in peace. Oh, she can't come—she just can't!"

For an hour she poured out the rebellion in her soul to the leaping, sympathetic fire, then sank back exhausted. "How selfish I am!" she cried aloud. "I'll have to bear it. John's a man now." As she grew more calm she looked with disgust at her outburst. "I act like a baby! I guess I'm made of better stuff than that, and this is the last foolishness you'll hear from me. If my son's going to be

married, why, he's going to be married—that's all."

But she forgot to be on her guard the next morning when John enthusiastically remarked that she should have heard Kitty sing "Dearie" the night before. "Dearie"—what a foolish name for a song! And with that one contemptuous thought all the bitterness of the thing came back to her.

"Do you always have to talk about her—even at the breakfast table?"

John's lips came together in a straight line. "I thought"—he began, then stopped abruptly. Ten minutes later he left the house in silence.

Mary would have given all she possessed to recall those words. A sort of hopelessness came over her. If she could control herself no better than that now, what would she do later?

If she only could be sure that the girl would be sensible! From John's description it didn't seem as if she could possibly be. "He has lost his head over some little flirt," she told herself, "and I can't stop him. I wonder if he will forgive me. I—I'm afraid not."

At supper that night her doubts were confirmed. John talked steadily about the weather, the shop, the garden—everything but Kitty. She longed to break in herself with the subject.

Two days passed. Then she could stand it no longer.

"John, I'm sorry!"

He motioned her to silence. "You have let me know very plainly that you don't want me to talk about her, and I won't."

Nor did he. A week passed by, then two—distressing weeks for them both.

"You came near losing your supper tonight," announced Mary one evening.

"Why, how is that?"

"I was downtown, waiting to take the 4:30 car, when, all at once, I dropped one of my parcels and everything in it rolled into the street. The car was in sight, and you know there isn't another until 5:30. I knew I couldn't get all the thread and buttons picked up in time, and I was thinking, 'Oh, dear, John won't have any supper until 7 o'clock,' when, all of a sudden, it was some young girl, and I declare, I never saw any one pick up things so fast in my life! I knew just enough to open my bag while she shoved them in. Then the car stopped, and she helped me on—not as she would some old lady, but just as if I was one of her girl friends. I never expect to see any one so handy and sweet as that again. I didn't notice what she looked like—I was that hurried—but I did see that she had on an odd, foreign looking ring."

"What sort of ring?"

"Silver. It had two bands joined together by little crosspieces, and there was a big green stone. Wasn't it funny that I should notice all those little things, and—my, what's the matter?"

"Nothing, mother, only—that was Kitty!"

Quite Different.

"Maria," said Mr. Rawlins, laying aside his hat and overcoat and rubbing his hands gleefully together. "You know that for years we have been wanting to buy a building lot in Kennedy's subdivision, but couldn't afford to do it on account of the high prices they ask for land out there. Well, I've just learned that Quinlan, who owns one of the best lots in that entire neighborhood, will sell it for half what it cost him if he can get the cash. He needs the money and can't get it any other way. I have a great mind to buy it tomorrow morning. It comes easily within our means."

"I don't think you ought to do it, Joshua," said Mrs. Rawlins.

"You don't think I ought to buy it? Why not?"

"It would be taking advantage of his necessities."

"But, Maria—"

"Besides, I have just learned of a splendid opportunity to buy some furniture that we need. Grigson & Mullins are advertising parlor sets at one-third less than cost because they are overstocked and can't afford to carry them through the season. I'd like to buy about \$200 worth of parlor furniture. We'll never have as good a chance again."

Being a man of excellent self control, Mr. Rawlins merely smiled.—Youth's Companion.

Love in the Kitchen.

Among the domestic servants of a Germantown woman is a very pretty Irish girl, not long in this country. Now, Bertha had not been at work more than a couple of months before she became engaged to a plumber's apprentice. She confided to her mistress, however, that she had no intention of marrying at an early date, but wished instead to save her money and incidentally afford the apprentice time to become a regularly registered plumber.

The mistress good naturedly assented to the girl's request that the lad be allowed to visit her in the kitchen. It was observed that on such occasions only the voice of Bertha could be heard coming from the kitchen.

"Your sweetheart doesn't seem to be much of a talker," said the lady of the house to Bertha.

"No, mum," said Bertha; "jestsways not yit, mum. But he'll do better as toime goes on. He's too bashful yit, mum, to do anything more than eat!"—Philadelphia Press.

A Handy Man.

"Why so sad?" queried the young man, looking at her fondly.

"Oh, nothing special; only I have troubles of my own," said the frail young thing, sighing.

"I insist in taking a hand in them," he said, seizing a dainty palm that was wasting its time in her lap.—Boston Globe.

TRAVELING ON SLEEPING CARS

How to Prepare For a Journey and Be Comfortable.

Preparations for a night's journey differ much from those for a day's trip, because the same articles are not required; hence the selection for the former must include comfort, and to secure this one must have personal experience or suggestions from some traveler.

A long dressing gown—a thin one in summer and a warm one in winter—is better than a night robe for sleeping. It is a mistake not to remove all the clothing when going to bed, but at the same time one should be in condition to go to the dressing room if necessary, so a wrapper fills the bill completely and is incidentally comfortable.

Toilet articles resolve themselves into a box of cold cream; also either some toilet water or saturated solution of borax. The water to be found in sleeping car toilet rooms is not only lacking in qualities for cleansing, but the basins are so abused by careless travelers that a very neat woman will not care to use them. So with her own cleansing agents she is independent. A box of toilet powder, a nail-brush and soap and a brush and comb, with toothbrush, complete this outfit. She must carry her own soap. There is no greater danger of contracting skin trouble than by using soap that has been applied by others. For use on trains a pair of big soft gloves is necessary to traveling comfort and cleanliness. Wear these through the night, because the grime and dinginess that are rubbed into the hands through long hours of travel and from contact with the berth blankets are such that it often takes time to get them white again.

In the morning undergarments are put on in the berth, and then, drawing on the dressing gown and taking the hand bag and frock, the journey is made to the dressing room, where there is a reasonable amount of room to finish the toilet properly. Instead of wetting the face with water, it and the ears and neck should be smeared with cold cream. This must be wiped off with a fresh towel. Another portion of the towel must then be wet with either toilet water or borax solution and the greasy surface cleansed. This application removes all trace of cream and dust. If the hands have been protected at night by gloves they will not need washing, and one is saved putting them into a basin that looks unattractive. On completion of the toilet a woman may look as fresh as though dressed in her own room.

How to Use Crude Oil on the Scalp.

The use of coal oil on the scalp is quite common, but not every one who knows the value of petroleum realizes that crude oil is even better. The former, being not so heavy as the crude product, works farther into the scalp and may affect the color glands.

In using either the crude oil or petroleum it is much better to have some one else apply it. It is almost impossible to put it on so it does not get on the long hair, giving it a sticky, ugly look.

Crude oil should be applied at least a day before the hair is to be shampooed. Instruct whoever makes the application to get the oil on the scalp only, working it in well with the tips of the fingers. If this is done the hair is much improved; otherwise it is a dust collector and does more harm than good.

Be sure after applying crude oil that the shampooer uses hot enough water to remove it. If it appears to stick, rub a little pure white soap over the head to assist the removal of the grease.

How to Iron a White Skirt.

To iron a white underskirt begin at the strings and waistband, then take the bottom of the skirt. Iron all round on the right side with a very hot iron, then iron the first frill. This frill will probably have sewed work or lace. In either case it must be nicely ironed on the wrong side. Probably above the frill there will be tucks or hems. They must next be ironed over the wrong side and afterward on the right. Rub the iron the way of the hem. If there is a second frill the cloth under the frill is ironed at the same time as the hem or tucks and the frill again ironed on the wrong side. Put skirt board into the skirt and place each end of the board on the table, thus allowing the skirt to hang over the board. It can thus be easily ironed and nicely finished. Afterward fold it lengthwise and hang up to air.

How to Preserve Your Sight.

A noted oculist advises against using the eyes immediately after waking. Therefore the habit of many young girls of reading or studying in bed is injurious. It is harmful to use the eyes when sleepy, as it is a great strain upon the muscles. If one must read or write when drowsy rise occasionally and bathe the eyes with hot or cold water. Remember that a quick change from a dark room to a brilliant light is a strain upon the eyes.

How to Clean Bottles.

To clean bottles fill them with scraps of newspaper torn into small bits, and put a little soapuds in the water. Shake the bottle vigorously until the paper has been dissolved to a pulp, and then rinse the bottle thoroughly. You will be surprised how even the dirtiest bottle can be cleaned easily and thoroughly and made bright and shining.

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BRISBAIN'S LESSON.

By HARRISON SMITH.
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A young gentleman in a neat traveling suit alighted from a stagecoach in a frontier town. His baggage was handed down from the "boot," and he entered the office and bar of the tavern. Taking out his gold watch, he glanced at the time, then went out on the porch and looked about as though expecting some one. Not seeing what he wanted, he returned to the barroom, took a cigar out of a case, lighted it, tilted a chair up against the wall and sat down and smoked.

On one side of the bar stood the landlord, on the other a red faced, stubble bearded man in a fannel shirt and a revolver slung to his hip. From a back room came the occasional sound of "keno" indicating that a game was in progress.

"Tenderfoot!" remarked the stubble bearded man.

"Reckon," replied the landlord.

"Wonder what he's goin' to do in them fine clothes out yere?"

At that moment a man who may be similarly described as the one at the bar, except for two revolvers instead of one, each a foot long, staggered out on the porch and looked about as though expecting some one. Not seeing what he wanted, he returned to the barroom, took a cigar out of a case, lighted it, tilted a chair up against the wall and sat down and smoked.

He stopped short and ran his eye from the golf cap at the top of the picture down to a pair of "toothpick" shoes at the foot. The stranger, apparently all unconscious of the attention he excited, sat in his chair, tilted up against the wall, his cigar standing straight out before him. The man from the gambling room seemed paralyzed with indignation that any such specimen of gentility should desecrate the spot. Raising one of his revolvers, he aimed deliberately at the stranger's cigar, fired and knocked it into small fragments.

The landlord dodged behind the bar, and the stubble faced man now ducked. The stranger took another cigar from his case, put his hand in his trousers pocket, fumbled for something, took out a silver match safe, lighted his cigar and proceeded to smoke as though nothing worthy of notice had happened. The man with two revolvers stood staring at him with a look of blank astonishment. That a tenderfoot from the effete east should disregard his warning not to insult the place with his effeminate presence, cigar case and Havana cigars was too much for his emotional nature. He raised his weapon and fired a second shot, removing the offensive cigar in the same manner as the first.

The equality of the stranger remained still unruffled. He did not even glance at his instructor in western manners. For a third time he drew forth his cigar case, selected another cigar, replaced the case and put the cigar between his lips. The landlord and the stubble faced man looked at him with an intensity of interest far greater than they had thus far shown, marked as that interest had been. They felt sure that if the young tenderfoot again disregarded the kindly warning given him as to what the wild west would accept he would pay for his obstinacy with his life. The man who had done the firing after each shot replaced his revolver at his hip, having no idea that this girl man, as he considered the stranger, was armed.

The stranger stretched out his legs, let his chair down square on the floor and thrust his hand in his trousers pocket as he had done before for his match safe. The landlord and the stubble faced man changed position so as to be farther from the line of fire of the man who was giving instruction in western manners. The pupil drew his hand from his pocket, inclosing as it was supposed his match safe, but no one saw what it was, for there was no time. In a fraction of a second a "bulldog" .45 caliber revolver barked, and the professor of western manners fell dead.

The surprise of the lookers-on was not that somebody had got killed, but that it had been the wrong man. They looked at the victim, then at the stranger, then at each other. Then the stubble faced man said:

"Would y' mind, Mr. Tenderfoot, showin' me that weepin'?"

The tenderfoot displayed a short, ugly looking pistol.

"Who mought y' be, stranger?" asked the landlord, eying the owner of the gun curiously.

"I'm Brisbain, owner of Brisbain's ranch. I've been down east on a visit to my folks. Just got back. Expect to find my man here about now with a horse. Seen anything of him?"

At that moment a mounted man and a led horse darkened the door of the cabin. Mr. Brisbain returned the salute of his man, mounted the led horse, and both rode away, leaving the instructor in western manners lying on the floor to be attended to by the landlord and the stubble faced man.

"Reckon," said the latter, scratching his head, "y' can't most always tell by a man's clothes how safe it is to fool with him."

"Specially if y' don't know the kind of gun he carries. Them 'bulldogs' is turrable dangerous at short range. D'y' know who the feller is?"

"Brisbain he said his name was."

"And do y' know who Brisbain is?"

"No."

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THE WOMAN WHO SUED

By M. QUAD.

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The Widow Colville of the village of Quincy had ever been known as demure and bashful. She was so as a wife, and she was so as a widow up to a certain date. One day three years after the loss of her husband she was going to the postoffice when she came across the village cooper and the village butcher engaged in a wrangle. The wrangle became a fight as she approached, and she was so frightened that she had to lean up against the fence and gasp for breath. The butcher brought an action against the cooper for assault and battery, and the widow was summoned as a witness. She took the oath and the stand, but that was all. She was so affected that she had to be removed from the courtroom.

A few days later Mrs. Colville was left a legacy of \$5,000. Men, women and children rejoiced over it and congratulated her, but not for long, however. Within a month she developed an idiosyncrasy that soon surprised the whole county. She fell in love with the law—she who had never been in a court of justice but once and then to be carried out in a fainting condition. It was a thunderclap to the villagers to hear one day that she had sued Elder Johnson for trespass. For ten long years the elder had been in the habit of cutting across a corner of the Colville property on his way to and from the store. He was on good terms with the widow, and she had not warned him. She had simply applied for a summons and engaged a lawyer. The elder called to see her, summons in hand; but, while she was demure, she was also obstinate. She had long felt that she did not have her rights in law, and now she was bound to get them.

As the elder had not been warned personally and as there had been no notice to the public the widow's case was quashed. She was not a bit disappointed or cast down. She simply looked around for some one else to sue. In a couple of weeks she brought suit against a widower named Solomon Lee for breach of promise. Mr. Lee lived at the other end of the village and was never in her house. On a certain occasion a year before the suit he was passing her place as she was trying to drive a strange hog out of the garden. The hog was an artful dodger, and the widower volunteered his services. He not only drove out the hog, according to the widow's testimony, but he patted her on the shoulder and observed that a little woman like her ought to have a husband like him to keep the garden clear of hogs.

In a breach of promise case there has got to be something more than a hog incident to nail the lid down. The widower denied the gentle words attributed to him, and no fond letters or other thrilling incidents were brought forward. The case was therefore dismissed. The widow seemed to revel in being called to the stand, and she paid the costs without losing her smile. Two weeks later came the turn of Deacon Tracy. He lived near the widow and had known her since her marriage. Wanting a hoe one day, he called to borrow hers. She happened to be out, and he took the hoe along. He hadn't returned it yet when a summons was served on him for trespass and unlawfully converting property to his own use. He hastened over to see the widow, but it was no use. She said she had come to just love the law and the suit must go on. It did go on, and the widow was nonsuited and had the costs to pay.

By this time the citizens of Quincy had begun to sit up and take notice. There were laws, and there was a widow. The query of whether she had had enough of it was soon answered. She hadn't. Half a dozen women had criticised her for bringing the suits, and so she brought half a dozen more. The local justice of the peace refused to issue the papers, but a justice over at Perry's Corners did. The six women asked forgiveness, and their husbands tried to fix things, but it was no go. The suits had to go on. They caused the defendants considerable trouble and anxiety, but when they came to trial the verdict was in their favor. They had criticised instead of scandalized. The widow, however, longed for more suits, and it wasn't long before fortune favored her.

She was buying some calico at the store when a clerk who was known for his humor expressed the hope that she would not sue him for breach of promise, as he was already engaged to three different widows and more coming. Next day she had him summoned for assault and battery. Under the law one can "assault and batter" with the tongue alone. Under the law undue levity or humiliating any person is a misdemeanor. The humorous clerk was haled into court and fined \$5. The winning of that suit incited the widow's ambition. She sued the parents of children that stole her apples; she sued two farmers for throwing stones at her dog; she sued the cooper because her vinegar barrel leaked; she sued a woman for saying that her bonnet was ten years old; she sued the town for maintaining a mud puddle in front of the postoffice. As a matter of fact, she had twenty-one suits on hand at once, and as they came to trial she lost every one but that against the humorous clerk. The lawyers and the law got a good share of her money, and after two years had elapsed and there was no one else to sue she sold out and moved into another country, where, as she expressed it, things were lively and something going on all the time. Quincy was a pretty little town, but too sleepy.

INFLAMED EYE TREATMENT.

How to Make and Apply Soothing and Healing Lotions.

The preparation of soothing and healing lotions for the eyes should be known to every housekeeper, for the reason that acute pain often arises from trifling accidents, and to prevent inflammation until professional treatment is secured timely application is necessary. If there is tendency to weakness of sight or to swollen eyelids, the latter sometimes due to a low condition of the system, applications may be beneficial.

Of simple home remedies hot water is one of the best applications that can be used when the eyes are inflamed, whether from crying or from irritation caused by a foreign particle lodged on the eyeball or lid. The water should be as hot as can be endured, and two soft cloths are necessary for the treatment, as one must be wrung out and put over the eyes, while the patient lies down, and as the compress cools the other is immediately laid on. Twenty minutes of this will usually reduce the redness from a prolonged fit of crying.

Camphor water eye wash, of which one hears so much, is easily prepared by putting a grain of borax to an ounce of camphor water. It is safest to filter this or any other mixture containing a powder through brown paper, that no smallest particle shall remain. The lotion may be dropped into the eyes several times a day and at night. In extreme cases of irritability a tiny piece of linen is soaked with the solution and laid directly over the lids, renewing as it dries. If this treatment is continued through the night, as may be done with little trouble, the eyes will be improved in the morning.

Tea makes a better eye tonic than many persons know, for the tannic acid which is extracted from the leaves is an excellent astringent. For this use a strong decoction is brewed with boiling water, and the infusion stands until the liquid is cold. It is then strained and the eyes are freely bathed.

For acute inflammation that often appears when a foreign particle is not quickly removed from the eye an alum mixture is strongly recommended. A grain of the powder is put into an ounce of water, and after the former has dissolved the lotion must be filtered through brown paper. A few drops are put into the eye immediately and at night. Equally soothing is sulphate of zinc and rosewater, a grain of the former to an ounce of the latter. This, too, is dropped in night and morning.

How to Make a Sewing Box.

One of the most convenient articles a roomer can have is a sewing box—not a large affair, but something large enough to hold the numerous little articles needed every week and which really take up too much space in the bureau or trunk. It can be slipped under the bed and will not be unsightly in the room if covered. Get a pretty green and pink striped cretonne and cover the box neatly, tacking the cretonne on the inside of the box. Then line it with green linen, tacking it around the inside of the box with little white headed tacks. On the lid, which should be hinged, have a little pincushion, a place for scissors, tape measure, tracer and ruler. The heavy elastic holds them in place. Button boxes, boxes of thread and dress patches can be kept in the box portion. Save your pieces of white dimity to patch shirt waists and underclothes and have darning cotton, silkoline, also wax and a crochet hook, in the box. If one has an old suit case it could be made into an ideal sewing box, but the lining should be fastened in with trunk glue. Trim the edge of the lid with a fancy rope cord and tassel.

How to Take Olive Oil Easily.

A young woman who had suffered for years with gastric troubles was advised by her physician to take olive oil three times a day. As the pure olive oil was extremely distasteful she compromised by buttering her bread, shaking the salt and pepper over it and then soaking it in a tablespoonful of pure olive oil. In this way she easily swallowed the required three tablespoonfuls. In a comparatively short time her digestive troubles wholly disappeared, though she had stopped all medicines and treatment save deep breathing, where she used the abdominal muscles steadily and regularly for five minutes at a time. When oil is ordered medicinally it will prove less distasteful if eaten on cress or lettuce. At first a little vinegar may be taken, the amount gradually reduced until the pure oil can be eaten without nausea.

How to Remove Lint From Mahogany.

When pieces of felt are pasted to the bottom of ornaments that are to stand on a polished surface care must be taken that the surface is not damp or the varnish fresh or the lint from the felt will stick to the wood and be worse than the scratch. This happens quite often in the slides of old mahogany desks. The unsightly mark on the top can only be removed by scraping gently with a piece of fine sandpaper and then rubbing up with sweet oil and vinegar. Do not scrape hard or the varnish will be scored and the surface of the mahogany be ruined.

How to Restore Chamois Skins.

An excellent way to restore chamois skins that have become stiff and soiled is to rub them through a strong solution of cold water and household ammonia, later rinsing thoroughly in clear cold water to soften. Pin to the line to dry in the sun and then rub through the hand slightly.

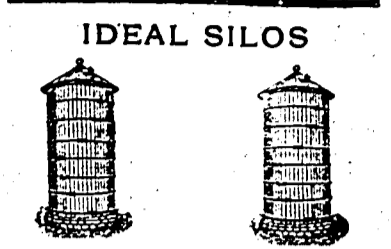


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Camper's Unique Bag.
Common twenty-five cent grain sacks make good duffle bags for campers. They should not be tied at the mouth when ready for shipment, but sewed shut. This method is a damper to curiosity and pilfering. These sacks serve many uses in camps. They take the place of and are better than baskets for carrying provisions, etc. Stuffed with browse, they make a good pillow, long enough for two. They make good sleeping bags also, for, after wrapping up in a blanket, pull a bag over your feet and you can roll from side to side without losing covers. One of these bags can be made into an easy chair very nicely as follows: Sharpen two poles at one end and tie them together loosely at the other end. Plant the sharp ends in the ground, three feet apart, and lean the roped ends against a tree. Lash each corner of the bag to the poles with cords at a comfortable elevation. Tie pebbles in each corner to keep the cords from slipping. If you don't make a chair sit on a folded bag; don't sit on the ground.—Recreation.

The First English Bible.
The first complete Bible printed in English was issued in 1535 without any publisher's name on it. It was the work of Miles Coverdale, who incorporated, with revisions, Tyndale's books of the New Testament of the Pentateuch and of Jonah and for the rest translated from German and Latin versions. It was thus only partly original and in that part just a translation of a translation. No perfect copy of this Bible is known to exist.

Coverdale's Bible is called both "the treacle Bible" and "the bug Bible," from two curious renderings. The passage in Jeremiah which we now read, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" is rendered, "Is there no more treacle in Galahad?" And in the Psalms, "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terrors by night," reads "Thou shalt not need to be afraid for any bugges by night." In the Ninth Psalm, "Put them in fear, O Lord," is rendered by Coverdale as, "Set a schoolmaster over them."

Undue Haste.
No doubt Dennis appreciated to the full the excellent qualities of Cella, his wife, but he occasionally indulged in a sigh for the liberty of his years of single blessedness. "Yes, 'tis a good wife she makes me," he said to a returned traveler during whose absence the wedding had occurred. "And we was courtin' seventeen years. Aileen an' all o' the rest said 'twas time I married or Terry Leahy would be getting the prize away from me."

"Well, man, you've no regrets, I hope?" said the friend, who had just enjoyed a delicious supper at the hands of Cella. "She's a fine woman."

"Didn't I tell you that?" said Dennis impatiently. "The only thought I ever have is wance in awhile whin it comes over me that I might 've waited another year an' still have got her, for Terry was not near so high in her estimation, after all, as thim women made out 't me."

"A man in love is always hurrying, hurrying, ye mind."—Youth's Companion.

Prevaricating Figures.
Those to whom the mathematical mind has not been given will appreciate the fun an Irishwoman. Mrs. La Touche of Harristown, has with numbers in "The Letters of a Noblewoman."

"I do hate sums," Mrs. La Touche confesses to a friend. "There is no greater mistake than to call arithmetic an exact science. There are permutations and aberrations discernible to minds entirely noble, like mine; subtle variations which ordinary accountants fail to discern; hidden laws of numbers which it requires a mind like mine to perceive."

"For instance, if you add a sum from the bottom up, and then again from the top down, the result is always different."

Enough to Scare Any One.
While out walking with her papa and mamma one day Florence, aged four, ran some little distance ahead. As she got near a mule hitched to a farmer's wagon the animal began to bray. She wheeled instantly and, running to her mother as fast as she could, said in round eyed astonishment, "Oh, mamma, sum'n" said sum'n!"—Delineator.

A Mean Revenge.
"You seem to be considerably elated over something."

"Yes. I have a friend who is almost stone deaf. I took him out home with me last night, and my wife had to sit there all the evening and merely nod and smile while he talked."—Chicago Record-Herald.

She Knew Him.
George (dramatically)—You have decided that I must give her up? Farewell, then, mother! There is nothing left for me but to go out and destroy myself! Mother—Goodby! Not a minute later than 6 for dinner, George!

A Foible.
"Father," said little Rollo, "what is a foible?"

"A foible, my son, is something somebody else is interested in and you're not."—Washington Star.

His Means of Support.
Magistrate—Have you any visible means of support? Prisoner—Yes, yer washup. (To his wife, a laundress) Hemmer, stand up so's the court can see yer.—Throne and Country.

Don't try to drown your troubles in the flowing bowl. Troubles are expert swimmers.—New York Life.

THE USE OF ROUGE.

The Cheap Variety Should Never Be Bought.

Skin specialists, and surely these people ought to be authorities on the subject, claim that the use of rouges and paints can only injure the skin. Many of the rouges on the market merely fill up the pores and give the face a pasty look. Many are the serious cases of skin disease that have resulted from using rouge. Although the use of rouge is never to be recommended, there are certain times when its use might be said to be permissible. No woman ever should make it a practice to use rouge regularly, for it will not be long before her skin is coarse in texture and the pores are open and coarse. On occasions, however, a little rouge may be used on the face, but it must be applied carefully.

The art in applying rouge to the face is to put it on to look like the best imitation possible of nature and not to plaster it on until there is no mistaking what it is. It is best never to use liquid rouge, for it is almost impossible to apply this successfully; and in any case the only time it should be used is at night. The least harmless of rouges are those that come in the form of grease. Rouge that comes as a powder also is injurious to the skin.

As in the case of all cosmetics, cheap rouge should never be bought. If you must use rouge, use that which is prepared by some reliable house. Women do not seem to realize that nature is wiser than we are and that if our skin naturally is delicate and white it mars the beauty of it to try to make it red.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Lady Laurier, in speaking of the women of Canada recently, said that it still is fashionable there, "be you rich or poor, plain or aristocratic, to be known in your community as a fine housekeeper."

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth was one of the first women in the country to wear a "rat," and it is said she wore the biggest ones too. The fact that she no longer wears a pompadour, but dresses her hair in the simplest fashion, is proof positive of the fact that this is now the style.

The smart houses of London now have waitresses and parlor maids where manservants were once in demand. It is found that the women are much more ornamental in their black frocks and white aprons and caps. The caterers supply them, and it looks more like the servants of the house when the retinue appears. The women do the work as well, if not better, and the caterers find they are more likely to be permanent and can be depended upon.

Miss Lillian Roff is the first woman to take the degree of bachelor of divinity in the London university. She entered for the examination against the wishes of many members of the faculty, as only a few women have ever desired the degree. Miss Roff, however, persisted in going in for the distinction. The examination is unusually rigid. Miss Roff was the only woman in fifty taking the examination, and she came out with the highest percentage.

At St. Paucras, in England, there is a school where fathers are taught to take care of the house and the children in anticipation of the time when women go out to do the work and men must sit at home and mind the house. There used to be a time when a man out of a job would have to let his wife go out and do washing or cleaning and when she came home at night she would have to get her own house in order. Now the men will be expected to do that for their wives. The course in housekeeping will also be of benefit to men whose wives are sick or absent.

Mrs. Robley D. Evans, wife of "Fighting Bob," lets in a curious little beam of sidelight on American naval history in a story to one of her friends in Washington, telling how it came to pass the wives of officers were barred from accompanying them on warships. When she was young, Mrs. Evans says, a deeked South American revolutionist sneaked aboard an American battleship when it was in one of the tropical ports on a neutral mission. Making his way to the wife of the commander, he told such a tale of his wrongs that she consented to hide him in the ship's hold. It was not until he was many miles out at sea that the commander learned the revolutionist was stowed aboard, in violation, of course, of international law. There was a mighty outcry, Mrs. Evans says, when the facts reached Washington. The authorities then made the rule banishing women from warships.

A Good Poultice.

A good poultice that gives relief in many kinds of sudden pain is one well known to our grandmothers, but now little used because few know how to make it. It is made from dried hops.

Put a cupful of the hops in a cup of hot water and let it boil until the water is reduced to half a cup, then stir in enough cornmeal to thicken. Apply very hot between thin muslin cloths. Poultices when needed at night can be made on an alcohol lamp with a tin cup on top. A new poultice can be heated in this while the old one is cooling on the patient. It saves many trips to the kitchen.

A Laundry Hint.

Did you ever try leaving elderdown baby blankets or wrappers out of doors on the grass in a driving rain? Turn from time to time until it gets clean without getting lumpy.



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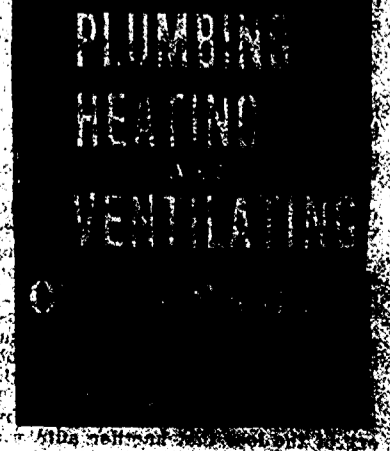
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To Our Patrons.

Since we assumed control of the subscription list of the Peppereil Advertiser, fault has been found that some of our subscribers to the Peppereil Clarion-Advertiser do not receive their papers promptly, some not until the Tuesday following Saturday, the day of publication, and now and then one who does not get the paper. The bag containing the Peppereil Clarion-Advertiser goes regularly from the office in Ayer every Friday afternoon on the six o'clock express to East Peppereil, and there is no reason why the subscribers in Peppereil should not get their papers promptly every week. We are pleased to furnish the missing papers when requested. The publisher, in making this announcement, is desirous of placing himself rightly to our patrons in Peppereil.

East.

News was received in town last Friday that the Champion International mill, No. 1, would start up this month. Nothing could occur which would give greater courage to the people as a whole, for the enforced idleness of the mill and the general business depression in town has been keenly felt all over town for the past eighteen months.

William H. Mansfield, accompanied by Mr. McKesick of Carter, Carter & Neigs, enjoyed Sunday at Provincetown.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. E. Boynton of Watertown have spent several days in town among their many friends.

Saturday's ball game here was of the kind that kills the game. The home team was defeated 14 to 2 by Townsend. Errors were responsible for this result, not singles but in bunches. It is apparent that the young fellows are not to make good in this line. "Funny, funny," was the way one enthusiast was heard to speak of it. And it is queer; fine grounds, balls, bats, everything furnished except their clothing and ambition, and they can't play marbles.

Mr. and Mrs. McManmon and son Edward of Galveston, Texas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Buck and son arrived Saturday from Ohio, where Mr. Buck has been employed in a large mill. He has accepted a position at West Fitchburg and intends moving there with his family.

The firm of A. J. Saunders & Son supplied complete furnishings for a number of the rooms at the hotel of J. F. Regan. It is noticed that some newly-married couples also were fitted out of Mr. Saunders' extensive stock, which occupies three floors in his large building.

Harold Farley is now out and apparently none the worse for his serious bicycle accident.

Mrs. Ada Simmons of Westminster is guest of Mrs. Alvin Wright of Brookline street.

Albert Wood is going to leave the employ of Courtland Hill, where he has been for four years. He has purchased the Charles Flagg farm in Littleton.

Mrs. Sarah Patch, who has been suffering from neuralgia, is improving.

The families of Joseph Davis and Carroll Robbins enjoyed an all-day outing at Flynt's pond last week.

Albert Harrod is erecting a new milk room, preparatory to installing the Peppereil water.

Vida Patch has applied for Peppereil water.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thayer are spending a part of their vacation with Mr. Thayer's parents, Pleasant street.

The family of Raymond K. Burns are moving from Main street to the Hutchinson place on Pleasant street, which was recently purchased by F. H. Ward.

Miss Hazel Ames is assisting in the office of A. J. Saunders & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wright have gone to York Beach, Me., for a couple of weeks. Miss Edna Tarbell is assisting Miss Harrington at the post-office during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright have returned from a two weeks' visit at Hartford, Conn. Charles F. Spaulding attended to the work on R. F. D. No. 1 during Mr. Wright's absence.

William Scanlon is home from R. H. White Co.'s, Boston, for his vacation.

Accounts from the different parties camping out are of the splendid type. In some instances lots are drawn to choose the messenger who takes the trip to the village for supplies. As is usual, the appetite is far beyond all estimates at time of starting.

Another incident of the owner of a fine auto and his companion walking home from the borders of a nearby town is related of two of our citizens who took a trip to Groton a few days ago. The fun is particularly funny as this owner gave very explicit directions and advice to the owner of the other machine.

Mrs. C. A. Conant is enjoying a visit with friends at Babouic.

Frank Hall is in town for a part of his vacation. Saturday the Nashua baseball team, of which he plays second base, leaves for a series of games with strong teams in Vermont cities. Ernest Bartlett has also been secured to play. The fans will look for victories from a team so strengthened.

The connecting of water takers has slowed up for lack of necessary connections of pipe.

One of our summer residents whose pocket-book was lost from his auto had it returned to him as the result of a search made by a stranger who was riding a ride with them. It was found to contain the discovery of the loss that another auto was

seen to stop some distance behind them to pick up something from the street. But when it passed them no one noticed the number. However, our observant youth remembered the style and color of the machine, and when the next day he saw the same machine at the garage he found the owner and after a few questions and explanations the pocketbook was in the hands of its original owner.

Arthur Bolles is home from Boston for his vacation with his parents on Head street.

Frank Hills is doing as well as can be expected recovering from the injuries of his recent accident.

By far the hottest day of the summer for many years was last Sunday. The thermometer registered near the hundred mark with ease.

W. W. Blood attended to the shipping of the furniture of Leslie Buck by freight to Moosup, Conn., where Mr. Buck is employed, and the family have moved.

The Warrens have been having some good practice work, the largest number turning out being thirty-nine. In addition to the preparations for practice and the many particulars looked after, the officers of the veterans have arranged for a special train to leave on the W. N. and P. division about seven a. m., Thursday, August 19. Round trip to Lawrence and return only ninety-nine cents. This very low rate should draw an unusually large number to attend and cheer for as fine a crew as ever went to muster.

Three cheers and a tiger for Peppereil! Special practice meeting Monday evening, August 16.

There is no one person or gathering of beings whom the playground gives greater beams of pleasure to than the youngsters. One hears them inquire, is there to be a ballgame and how much, and it is good to hear them shout when you tell them the grounds are free to all.

The reporter accepted an invitation to Massabog lake Thursday. The ride was delightful, but only a glimmer to the pleasure experienced as the beautiful surroundings of nature found near the camps appeared. The large sheet of unrippled water, the inviting sandy beach, the shady nooks, make it the vacationist's paradise. Camp Comfort, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, was our destination, and the short stay was made more memorable by ice cream and cake and a cordial jolly welcome. The young men and ladies and the younger ones all gave evidence of a joyous vacation.

Edward F. Kemp assisted the firemen at their practice by the use of his fine team. He was able to take the engine from the department and also place it just where they wanted it without any assistance of the firemen. Usually there has been a good amount of tugging and pulling to place the machine just where needed and also to put it back.

Miss Belle Russell of Pawtucket, R. I., is a week-end visitor at Mrs. Lucy B. Page's farm on Townsend street.

The woman's club picnic is to be held at Canobie lake, Thursday, August 19. Train leaves Peppereil at 5.19 a. m. Box lunch.

Mrs. John Cullinan and Miss Mary Cullinan went on a trip to Whalom park, Thursday.

It is understood that the horse which was stolen from Mr. Hayden at Hollis, has not been found. It was traced as far north as Concord, but little hope is entertained of its recovery. Word was received that a fine colt belonging to S. Blood broke its leg in the pasture up in Washington, N. H. Just how it happened has not yet been learned.

M. McDonald of the H. M. Meek publishing house, Salem, is in town revising the street and residence directory. This is necessary to keep the book up-to-date, and it is expected the new book will be an improvement over the late one.

Miss Mildred Shattuck has been spending several weeks at Beverly with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Greenlaw.

The E. V. S. C. will hold a picnic at the home of Mrs. Alan Parker, Brookline street, Wednesday afternoon, August 18.

Charles Harris of Lowell spent Sunday with his nephew, A. H. Harris.

The O. H. I. S. announce a dance for Monday evening, August 16, Thayer's orchestra.

A very narrow escape was experienced by Mrs. H. N. Tower and two young children in the team with her. While driving down a steep hill near Head's pond, the shaft became detached from the wagon and the horse ran for some distance leaving the passengers behind. The wagon gained speed on its downward course and ran into the stone wall, throwing the occupants out. The youngsters were unhurt, but Mrs. Tower was painfully bruised and lamed. That they had not collided with a tree right near where they stopped seems a miracle.

Mr. Reed of the N. E. T. & T. Co. was in town Tuesday, securing data in regard to the cables.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lynch and wife of Leominster are at William House's, River street.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herrig returned Tuesday morning from Old Orchard, Me., having spent a week. Their daughter, Miss Laura Herrig, has charge of an orchestra there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Holt were recent visitors of Mr. Holt's brother, John H. Holt, Mt. Lebanon.

Mrs. E. A. Johnson, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. McManmon and Master Edward McManmon, are enjoying a trip to New York.

It is understood that a call has been extended to Rev. Dudley Childie of Charlestown, N. H. Also that he was much appreciated during the recent services.

An alarm was sounded last Friday night from Box 37 for a fire on Tarrbell street. The regular whistle was a little off, so the N. R. P. Co. were requested by phone to sound the number. It was a small fire in what was known as the Buckley place, unoccupied. Much speculation as to cause, but probably incendiary.

Miss Gladys Johnson is seen driving a large motor car, and seems as much at home as when riding her fine saddle horse, of which riding she is an expert.

Miss Harriet Chinn returned from Nashua, Tuesday, having been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hall over Sunday.

N. W. Appleton has added another of his characteristic additions to his beautiful place on Mt. Lebanon, a new drive called the southeast drive, starting at the highway through a deep cut circling to the cottage.

G. F. Anderson and Joseph E. Valcour of the I. C. schools are in town this week, and have a very attractive illustrating display in the windows of Mansfield's pharmacy.

By necessary changes in the cable department, a number of phone calls have been changed. Miss C. M. Shattuck, 48-4 to 34-6; W. S. Woods, 48-3 to 34-3; James Starr, 48-2 to 34-2; Jos. Wiley, 34-5 to 71-12; Dr. E. D. Howe's residence, 41-4 to 101-4.

Miss Helen Winslow of New York is at her mother's, Mrs. H. C. Winslow, Pleasant street.

Miss Priscilla Leonard, Miss Margaret Carpenter and Miss Ruth Thresher have returned to Pawtucket, R. I., after ten days' camping out as the guests of Miss Helen Greenhalge at Camp Strongheart.

Necessary repairs in plastering, woodwork and painting are being effected on the schoolhouses, high, grammar and center.

Francis C. Hayes is enjoying a few days' vacation. Last week Friday he enjoyed a trip to Wachusett and a game of ball while there, as a guest of W. W. Manning of the Middlesex County club of Ayer.

A large party of young folks are enjoying outdoor life near Head's pond. Among them we notice Boynton Merrill, Oscar Anderson, Arthur Tower, Winford Boynton and Lee Tower of Barre, Misses Marion Ames, Catherine Carter, Royetta Boynton, Margaret Anderson, Gertrude Carter, Anna Boynton, Fanny Tower. The place where they have pitched their tents affords an ideal view of the country around and the fine pond below.

The new laws on fish and game passed by the legislature and now in force will soon be ready for public distribution. These contain nine provisions regarding fish and sixteen on game. Our sportsmen will no doubt make themselves acquainted with the changes.

A Prospective Industry. Charles M. Gage, Jr., of New York, formerly of this town, is receiving greetings from his many friends. Mr. Gage represents the Standard Paper Bottle Company. He is exhibiting the single service paper milk bottle, which is so highly recommended by boards of health, physicians and bacteriological experts. It is planned to start a plant here for the manufacture of these goods, and the vacant mill property at Blakesmere is suggested. Capital, of course, is needed to start this business, and it is understood a large number of our townspeople have pledged assistance. This is as usual with local industries, and as Mr. Gage's father and he are responsible for the start of the Champion mill, success is prophesied.

A Town Fair. The meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club was held in the assessors' room, at the town house, Wednesday evening, about a dozen being present. It was voted to appoint a committee to look up particulars as to a fair, where and when to have it. It was voted to hear the committee's report Saturday evening, August 21, at the same room. It is hoped that whatever is best may be done and that a crowd will be at the next meeting to show they are willing to help. If this falls it would seem quite opportune, as suggested by some of our bustling business men, that some one be observed, when all will have a holiday and more or less of a celebration. It has been a number of years since the town has observed old home week. The committee appointed Augustus S. Shattuck, S. R. Merrill and C. F. Spaulding.

Good News. The news of the starting of the Champion card shop came as a surprise and was so generally received with some doubt, that the reporter made a trip to the factory and found many indications of business activity. By the kindness of Superintendent W. E. Drury, the entire plant was seen. And when it is remembered that almost two years have elapsed since the shut-down, it speaks well of the men in charge during this idle spell that all of the pipes, pulleys, belts, etc., were received last Saturday to assemble the large Rollins engine, which had been dismantled. It is in the main building and was set up and running as smooth as could be desired the following day. This mill is equipped with two of these engines, and as one looks around everything has a look of freshness and readiness for business. That Superintendent Drury is the right man in the right place seems proved by the glad words heard upon his return, and the statement that he will be able to start with his old help at a moment's notice, denotes loyalty to the man as well as to duty. When this factory runs full force it employs about two hundred, and has had a weekly payroll of \$1500 to \$1800. Just what the return of these prosperous conditions will mean can best be appreciated in the coming prosperous era, which is about to come, and is now appreciated by the entire townspeople, who speak in praise of the management.

Field Day. The fourth field day of the Odd Fellows of Massachusetts, to be held at the Point of Pines, Revere, on Saturday, August 28, gives promise of surpassing the event of last year, which was the largest of its kind ever held. From present indications the attendance will reach 20,000 people, composed of local Odd Fellows, visiting members of the order, their wives, families and friends.

Delegates from lodges in every state of the union are sending in word that they will be present at the great celebration of the order. Although this field day is nominally given under the auspices of the Odd Fellows of Massachusetts, many lodges, cantons, encampments and Rebekahs will come together on this day at the Point of Pines from all points in the United States.

Closing Out Sale

CLOTHING AND SHOES STOCK AND FIXTURES

Nothing reserved. Every article tagged with a plain price mark showing reduction of this sale.

- \$4 00 Oxford Shoes, \$3 00
3 50 Oxford Shoes, 2.50
3.00 Oxford Shoes, 2.25
2.50 Oxford Shoes, 1.85
2.00 Oxford Shoes, 1.49
1.50 Oxford Shoes, 1.19
1 00 and \$1.25 Oxford Shoes, .79

- \$5.00 Odd Pants, \$3.69
4.00 Odd Pants, 2.79
3 50 Odd Pants, 2.42
3 00 Odd Pants, 2.19
2.00 Odd Pants, 1.49

Straw Hats at Half Price
Boys' Suits 5 to 16 years, Knee or Knicker Pants for about one-half the regular price.

Geo. H. Swift East Peppereil, Mass.

This invitation includes the general public as well as the members of the different branches of the order, and has been spread throughout the land. The thought of a man on the Pacific coast receiving an invitation to come and partake in the festivities near Boston, and not only that, but to meet Odd Fellows from every section, shows that railroad mileage does not count in comparison with the size of the order and its bonds of good fellowship.

The grand sire and all the grand masters from the New England states have received an invitation to become the guests for the day. A grand display of fireworks with many new and novel features has been provided for by the committee on fireworks.

Arrangements have been made with the management of the new up-to-date hotel, Point of Pines, to serve a special shore dinner. The committee has also made ample arrangements to serve a light luncheon to those not desiring full dinner.

General Edgar H. Emerson will have charge of the dancing pavilion. His experience as a master of dancing academies and as manager of the popular dancing pavilion at Paragon park, Nantasket, and the popular Emerson's Saturday evening dances, Boston, promises to make that part of the day a success. The chairman of the committee on bands and orchestra has procured the services of the leading bands in Massachusetts. This gala day will begin at ten a. m. and continue until ten p. m. All trains will stop at the Point of Pines between these hours.

A Red Cross hospital, with a staff of nurses, physicians and attendants, will be established on the grounds to administer to the over-fatigued and to be prepared for all and any emergency. Up to date, over one hundred lodges have accepted the invitation to come in a body, and there will be thousands of friends outside the order who will accompany them in order to take advantage of this wonderful occasion. Visitors, especially from a distance, will be received in newly fitted quarters. Mothers and children will be given special attention. Basket parties will find good accommodations. There will be a dress parade, exhibition and competitive drill by the Canton branch of the order, and the degree of chivalry will be conferred on a number of the sisters of the order. Over \$50,000 have been expended this year on the improvements of the grounds and buildings. As such a crowd is expected, great preparations have to be made to satisfy this festive gathering and suitable decorations are being made.

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Double plays, La Bean to Sullivan, T. McGuane to Dugan, Bases on balls. Soule, 3, off Daley, 1. Struck out, by Soule, 7. Daley, 3. Hit by pitched ball, Wilson, 2. Sullivan, 1. Stolen bases, Morrissey, Sullivan, Lawrence, Hager, McCord, 3. Shattuck, Soule, 2; by Ayer, Wilson, Empire, Frank Hall. Time, 1 hour, 20 minutes.

Saturday, August 14, Peppereil vs. Ayer at Ayer. A good game is anticipated.

Center. Mrs. Alice J. Spencer of Roxbury is at her early home on Townsend street, for the month of August.

Miss Hutchins of Boston is a summer boarder at Mrs. Reed's on Mt. Lebanon street.

Charles H. Jewett has been at the farm, his native home, on Jewett street, this week.

Miss Gladys Johnson has a new automobile.

Some of the young people, with Boynton Merrill, are camping at Head's pond.

The annual picnic of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., was held on Thursday, August 12, in the grove on the north side of the Cutter retreat. A pleasant occasion was enjoyed.

Marshall Merlam, educational director of the Y. M. C. A. of Providence, R. I., conducted the Christian Endeavor meeting of last Sunday evening. The Sabbath bell was silent during the day.

The thermometer on Sunday indicated 90° within doors. Notwithstanding the heat, some from the center walked to the service at Oak Hill. In the afternoon Miss Emily Burns favored the audience there with vocal music.

Misses Annah P. and Margaret G. Blood will accompany their guest, Miss Jennie Whitney of New York city, on a trip along the Maine coast next week.

Julius Gage's family of Andover are at the Cutter Retreat. Lulu Gage and her brother and his family are at Marshall Merlam's.

News Items. Absolom B. Gale, our oldest citizen, has been presented with a souvenir cane by the courtesy of the Boston Post. The cane, which is of ebony with a gold head, is given Mr. Gale through the hands of the selectmen and is to be continued on to the oldest citizens of the town. Mr. Gale is ninety-five years old.

Mr. Hall, who owns the so-called Ellis Wetherbee farm, has sold his interest there to parties from New York. John Bagster and family of Somerville are visiting for two weeks with their mother, Mrs. Thomas Bagster.

Last week Wednesday, August 4, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers gave a birthday party to a number of young people. Master Tyler was the host, it being his fourteenth birthday. Those

present were Mildred Carman, Helen Whitney, Olive Houghton, Josephine Baker, Bernard Foss, Newton Armstrong were also present. Refreshments were served. The young people played games and all report a jolly good time.

On Friday last Mrs. Royal, Miss Susie Davis, Mrs. Cora Houghton, with a party of young people, spent the day at Canobie lake, N. H. They had a very pleasant outing.

Miss Bridget Gallagher of Lowell is visiting with her nephew, M. McMahon, at West Bare Hill.

Miss Mary Donnelly of South Boston is visiting for a week with Miss Nell Mongovin.

Thomas Lee has been entertaining his daughter Margaret with her family from Winchendon, for the past two weeks. They returned home this week.

On Monday night a night-blooming cereus belonging to Mrs. Emma Atherton put out three blossoms, and on Tuesday night twelve more, making fifteen in all. It was certainly a very pretty sight and many called to witness the opening.

William Hanna has resumed his work on the coach.

The grange hold their annual picnic and field day on Tuesday, August 17, at Fuller's grove. Neighboring granges have been invited and it is expected that a large number will attend. A Mr. Warren of Worcester, well known in educational work, will speak in the afternoon on the subject, "What the state has done for the public schools." The public are invited to attend.

Miss Mary Davis is visiting her friend, Miss Wheeler, at Royalston for a few days.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Friday, August 2, at nine a. m., the cows, horses, harnesses, all the tools, wagons, carts, forty tons of hay, together with quite a variety of household goods, belonging to Ernest Hall, at the farm known for years as the Eli Hosmer place, just off the road from Harvard to Littleton depot, and near the Samuel Whitney farm.

Shaboken. Dr. Dow of Reading has purchased the Shaboken schoolhouse and will move it onto his grounds, the Farwell lot, where he will fit it up for a summer home.

Mrs. William Bancroft of Clinton was a guest of Mrs. Brown at Pine Knoll cottage last week.

Mr. Brown of Clinton has a motorboat which plies between Still River and Mitchellville.

Christian Endeavor society of Marlboro meets with Rev. A. H. Wheelock on Shaboken lake, Saturday, August 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Clinton are at their cottage, Pine Knoll, on the Nashua river for the remainder of August.

Our popular and obliging station agent, Guy W. Benedict, with his family are spending a month at his old home in Underwood, Vt.

Henry P. Mead went to Boston Saturday for a short visit.

Saturday, August 14, W. S. Dudley will hold a family reunion and picnic at Camp Idehurst on Shaboken lake. A good time is expected.

STILL RIVER. News Items. Nearly everybody in the village who could get away on Thursday attended the picnic at Turner's shore. It was an ideal day and it goes without saying that everyone had a good time.

A. W. Robinson and W. B. Willard have this week put in a solid cement foundation around the village pump, and have also made a cement trough, which will be a great improvement on the former half-barrel.

Miss Mary Morrow, who for quite a number of years was housekeeper for the late Humphrey Atherton, and who has been in Ireland and Scotland for the last year, returned to Still River Monday, and will probably make her home as long as she wishes with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stone of Ayer, who are now at the Atherton home-stead, Mrs. Stone being a daughter of the late Mr. Atherton. Miss Morrow has many friends in Still River, who are giving her a glad welcome back again.

Miss Ethel Parker has returned from her stay at York Beach.

Mrs. George Cross and two children are visiting at her former home at Concord, Vt.

Mrs. J. R. Bigelow has a sister and two children visiting her.

Mrs. Nourse of Harvard has been visiting her brother, A. W. Robinson, this week.

Luther H. Bateman and children, Louise, Dorothy and Eleanor, of Arlington, are guests of his mother, Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman.

Mrs. Adella Turner has been spending a few days this week with friends in Worcester.

Mrs. Ralph Vaughn and daughter Viola are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vaughn.

Mrs. Annie Conohan and her little daughter, who have been visiting at I. H. Marshall's for several weeks, returned to their home in Somerville Thursday.

Mrs. George S. Hudson of Winchester is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Willard.

LITTLETON. News Items. Mrs. Gardner Prouty is having a delightful outing at Hyannis.

Edward F. Chamberlain spent Sunday here with his family. James Ireland and family members are in his camp this week. Mrs. Favor's mother is improving.

Items of Interest. Candles are said to remove seven times and kerosene five times as much oxygen from the atmosphere as acetylene lamps of equal brilliancy. Maryland's store of unmined coal is estimated by geologists at 7,716,000,000 tons. It costs \$600,000 to equip a first-class battleship with modern electrical apparatus.