

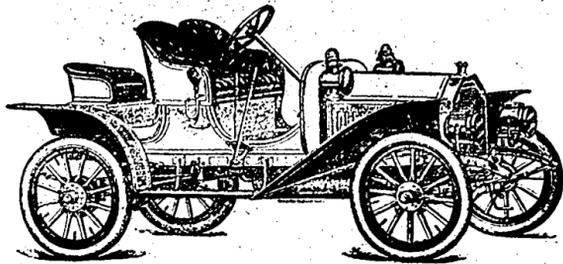
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### SHIRLEY.

#### Alliance Meeting.

The First Parish Branch Alliance held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward E. Edgerton last week Thursday afternoon.

A large number of members and invited guests enjoyed the very able paper on the subject of "American art and artists," by Mrs. Martha A. Cooper. Being an artist of much ability and enjoying a wide acquaintance among the fraternity, Mrs. Cooper is an authority on subjects pertaining to art, consequently her paper was unusually interesting and instructive.

At the close of the meeting the hostess, assisted by Miss Agnes Holden and Mrs. J. A. Deardon, served a collation.

All reported a very enjoyable afternoon. The next meeting of the Alliance will be at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden, Center road, Thursday, March 3. Topics, "Religious intelligence and current events," to be given by the members.

#### Basket Ball.

The Shirley high school played a game of basket ball last Saturday evening with the C. C. Jr. of Ayer at the Ayer town hall. The Shirley high won; score, 19 to 15. The special feature of the game was the great passing of the Shirley team. Score as follows:

SHIRLEY HIGH.	C. C. JR.
Miner, f.....	Reed, Wills, f.....
McGowan, Hooper, c.....	McGowan, Evans, g.....
Weeks, K.....	McGowan, Weeks, K.....
Goals from the field, Miner 3, Bowler 4, Wells 4, Brown 2, Weeks, Coughlin. Goals from free throw, Miner 2, Coughlin. Attempted goals from free throw, Miner 4, Coughlin 3, Brown 2, Fouis, Wells 3, McGowan 4, Bowler 2, Reed, Weeks, Score, 19-15. Won by Shirley. Time, fifteen minute halves. Referee, Merriman. Timer, McDonald. Scorer, Murphy.	

The girls' basket ball team of Shirley went to Clinton last Saturday afternoon to play a match game with the girls of the Clinton high school. There was some misunderstanding between the teams when the game was first arranged as to the rules governing the match, which was only discovered when the teams met to play the game. The Shirley team always plays the regulation rules, while the Clinton girls always play the Y. M. C. A. rules. The Clintons, of course, played their own rules, and as a result the Shirley girls were defeated by a score of 40 to 0. Miss Finan and Miss Grady started. The summary:

CLINTON HIGH.	SHIRLEY HIGH.
Miss Grady, rf.....	Miss Provost, Miss Finan, lf.....
Miss Burke, c.....	Miss Wills, Miss Altman, rb.....
Miss Cannon, lb.....	Miss E. Harris, Miss Cannon, lb.....
Goals from the floor, Miss Finan, 11, Miss Grady 8, Miss Burke. Referee, Hamilton. Timer, Felton. Time, 15 minute halves.	

#### Bowling.

Collyer's and Day's teams of the Shirley bowling league played a match game at the local alleys, Tuesday evening.

H. Collyer's team won out with apparent ease, taking three straight and the total pin-fall by good margins.

H. Collyer was the highest individual scorer, rolling 98, 98 and 101, which gave him a total pin-fall of 295.

Guy Cook came next with a total

pin-fall of 265, and Joe McGinniss was the second bowler to roll a century in the third string.

Eddie O'Neill rolled a total of 260. The summary:

COLLYER'S TEAM.		
R. Pomfret.....	72	83
Dumny.....	80	80
Leopold.....	84	82
Cook.....	89	84
Collyer.....	96	98
Total.....	431	446-1309

HOCQUARD'S TEAM.		
B. Bodah.....	73	79
E. O'Neill.....	85	85
Dumny.....	80	80
McGinniss.....	78	73
Hocquard.....	69	77
Total.....	384	410-1220

At the weekly roll-off for the cigars at the local alleys, Monday evening, Harry Collyer won the first prize by rolling a total of 302, and Joe McGinniss won second prize, scoring a total of 272.

#### D. A. R.

Old Shirley chapter held its regular meeting Monday evening with Mrs. Mary W. Hazen.

The weather being extremely cold, kept several of the members at home, but the few who attended were well repaid, as the entertainment was bright and interesting. The hostess served hot cocoa.

Alternates were elected to the annual congress at Washington, to be held in April. A nominating committee were also elected, as the next meeting is the annual meeting of the chapter. The date of children's entertainment was announced and plans made for further entertainment.

#### Regular Meeting.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held their regular meeting, Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells. At the close of the business session Miss Minnie Hobbs of the Center gave an informal talk upon missionary work in Africa.

Miss Hobbs has spent several years in Africa, and is fully conversant with the people of that country, their habits, modes of living, and what is being accomplished by the missionaries. Miss Hobbs has a pleasing personality, and her address was entertaining as well as instructive.

At the close of the address Miss Hobbs was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks.

#### Many Present.

The regular meeting of the Société l'Assomption was held at St. Anthony's hall, last Sunday afternoon. A large number were present and the meeting was one of special interest. Two new members were initiated and two members were admitted by transfer cards.

At the close of the business session the president read a short address from the history of their ancestors, beginning from the fatal Friday in 1755, when all the poor farmers and others were driven from their homes and were compelled to seek protection and shelter in the United States in large numbers, locating in Boston, while some went to South Carolina. Addresses on this historic subject will be given at all future meetings.

#### News Items.

Timothy Thomas and Miss Alice Carter are confined to their homes with sickness.

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### WESTFORD.

**Center.**  
Miss Ella Gill of Ludlow, Vt., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.  
Mrs. Ida M. Gould has been enjoying a week's vacation with her daughter, Mrs. J. Henry Colburn.  
Mrs. William L. Woods entertained the Thimble club at her home, Saturday afternoon.

After February 15 the carriers on the R. F. D. routes will not collect pennies for their customers' boxes, and with them buy and affix stamps on unstamped mail matter. The practice has grown to be a time-consuming nuisance. Three million cents have been so collected and employed in a single year, requiring a service from the carriers, which properly belongs to the public. So after the date named persons enjoying free delivery should see that all their letters are stamped when deposited for the carrier to collect.  
There was no school sessions, Friday, February 4, on account of the storm.

Monday the academy was closed and the teachers were away for the day visiting schools.

Miss Ruth Fisher enjoyed Saturday and Sunday with friends in Providence.  
Mrs. Caroline Atwood suffered an ill turn the first of the week, but is now improved.

The members of Hose Company No. 1, who went to Graniteville, Monday evening, were highly pleased with the treatment there. The Graniteville company showed themselves good sports. The meeting had a tendency toward promoting a good comradeship between the three companies that is desirable.

The annual appraisal of personal property at the town farm was attended to February 5, by H. L. Wright, Fred A. Blodgett and William McDonald. They found a substantial increase in value over last year. This occasion regularly gives the town officials a chance to go "over the hill to the poor farm." It is noticeable that an invitation from the overseers of the poor for this occasion is always accepted with alacrity. The guests also always take their appetites with them, for the spread has a reputation that is a great credit to the lady of the house.

Rev. William A. Warren of Peabody preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. David Wallace, recently of Presque Isle, Me., is expected to preach at the church next Sunday. Let us say right here that it is unnecessary to telephone around Sunday morning, as was done last week, asking "Is there going to be any service at the Orthodox church?" Of course, there is, and every Sunday evening the extremely extraordinary. The supply committee intend to place in the pulpit men who can preach efficiently. Candidates are apt to bring their best sermons, so everybody come regularly.

Mrs. Clarence A. Reid is resting more comfortably at her home at Harmon's corner, where she has been ill.

**Grange.**  
At the grange, Thursday evening, there was a good attendance and much routine business accomplished.

The program for the evening was in charge of the ladies, offsetting the gentleman's entertainment of the last meeting. First, there was a bright and witty farce which depicted human nature in various ways, entitled "Miss Susan's fortune," with the following cast:  
"Miss Susan Slant, the heiress."  
Mrs. L. W. Wheeler; "Mrs. Wiggs," "Mrs. Batters" and "Mrs. Green," fair weather friends, Mesdames Greig, Knight and Lambert; "Miss Charlotte Long," Miss Martha Grant; "Maria," Miss Susan's niece, Miss Beth Cushing.

There was also a vocal trio, Miss Laura Lambert, Miss Cushing and Mrs. Lillian Lambert; duet, Miss Cushing and Miss Lambert; piano solo, Miss Mabel Miller; reading, Mrs. J. E. Knight. The next meeting, February 17, will be Patriotic night with special music, and much effort will be made to make it a good program.

This grange was well represented at the North Middlesex Pomona grange, Lowell, the following day.

**About Town.**  
Rev. Seth W. Walker of the old Walker homestead, and well and favorably known as an Advent preacher of eloquence and more recently known as the California evangelist, is holding a series of meetings in Salem. Among the subjects discoursed upon is the "Eastern" or "Turkish question" and "Our paradise home."

George W. Bussey of Brookside is having another of his old-time lung troubles. This and the recent frigid zone weather has increased this close attraction for forming at the warm and cosy fire-side.

Alvin Palley makes no permanent gain towards recovery. A period of advance is invariably followed by reaction while the period of gain is of longer duration than the period of relapse, yet the latter like all destructive forces, tears down speedily what long patience and skill have constructed.

There was no service at the Unitarian church last Sunday, owing to the illness of Rev. Bailey, who was suffering from a severe chill with pneumonia tendencies. His attending physician, Dr. Wells, succeeded in making the pneumonia tendencies have tenderly leave to withdraw. With this out of the way the chill got a severely warm shaking up, and the

preacher of righteousness is expected soon to proclaim as of old, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

H. E. Fletcher & Co., the Oak Hill stone contractors, have the United States government contract for building the new postoffice at New Orleans.

Along with the sunny social business life of Oak Hill, there is an occasional reverse situation. This cloud on the fair sky of clear sailing occurred last week when Harold Fletcher, eldest child of Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, was taken suddenly ill at the Lowell high school. He was removed to the Lowell General hospital, where a consultation of physicians decided it was a case of appendicitis and a surgical operation was decided upon, which was performed by Dr. Leahy, son of Thomas H. Leahy of the firm of Fletcher and Leahy, assisted by Dr. J. B. Field of Lowell. He is making a steady gain towards early recovery. At present it seems reasonably certain that he is beyond the ordinary danger point.

The Flynns are improving the appearance of their already neatly-trimmed farm buildings by shingling the sides of their barn at the old homestead on Pigeon Hill, Stony Brook road.

Miss Jennie S. Hamlin, who died in Lowell last Saturday, was an aunt of Lyman Wilkins, one of Westford's farmer citizens. The funeral took place, Tuesday afternoon, from her home in Lowell. Rev. R. A. Green officiated. Singing by Mrs. Nettie Roberts. The bearers were Messrs. Wilkins, Fish, Worthen and Sharkey. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Westford, under the direction of C. M. Young of Lowell. To the older residents of Westford Miss Hamlin will be remembered as a resident here many years ago. She was 75 years and 8 months old.

Mrs. Horace Hamblett is seriously ill again at her home at Brookside. Considering age, well to be sure, she has rally reserve.

The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting with Mrs. Homer Seavey, last week Wednesday, fourteen members being present. A letter was read from the state president and work laid out for the future.

The Academy scholars gave one of their hopping good times, last week Friday evening, at the town hall. The Columbian orchestra of Milford, Vt., and new to the town, were lively and made hopping easy. About thirty-five dollars was laid up for future baseball necessities. Many were present from Forge Village, Graniteville, West Chelmsford and the surrounding towns. It was a most enjoyable affair, and it is hoped that there will be in the near future.

A large elm limb was twisted from its bearings at the homestead yard of Frank C. Drew, Wednesday evening, dislocating the telephone service. The electric wires being dislocated by choice of management, the limb was unable to further delay travel.

### Farmers' Institute.

The next Farmers' Institute will be held at Chelmsford town hall, next Wednesday, February 16, at 10.30. It is expected that Professor Sears will speak on fruit culture. The afternoon program has met with a sudden change of front, and the long expected discussion of the milk standard has been abandoned for the present, and the old fighting question of Resolved, "That capital punishment should be abolished," has been substituted, and the same college graduates as come the circus act on this subject, are expected to perform at Chelmsford. As the writer had no part in laying these plans, he would much prefer to be a silent side issue. If anyone in Middlesex North desires this place with salary and glory attachments, apply as soon as loaded for the contest. Following this Institute Middlesex North will hold an Institute at Littleton, Thursday, February 24. The afternoon will be devoted largely to a drawing contest between Littleton and Westford schools.

### Deaths.

Jonathan Collins died suddenly last Saturday evening, at the home of his son, Frank Collins, at Brookside. He had been taken to North Chelmsford, where he was taken ill and returned on the electric cars, being assisted to his home by the conductor and motorman, and died about two hours later.  
The funeral was from the home of his son at Brookside, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher of the Episcopal mission at Forge Village, conducted the services. Mrs. John Carmichael, Jr., and Miss Theresa Lowther sang several favorite selections. The bearers were Myles Collins, James, Albert and John Dugdale. He was 76 years and 4 months old, and leaves a widow and two sons, Myles Collins, superintendent of the Abbot worsted mills at Forge Village, and Frank Collins, superintendent of the George C. Moore mills at Brookside, at one daughter, Mrs. James Dugdale of Haverhill, and seven grandchildren. The floral tributes were the beauty and fragrance gathered and arranged as charms from his life by relatives and friends who knew the wise stewardship of his life. Burial was at Fairview under the direction of Undertaker David L. Greig.

Elizabeth McBride, who died last week Friday, February 4, at Cleveland, Ohio, will be remembered by Westford as the daughter of Walter and Lydia (Richardson) Wright and was a niece of Miss Sarah Richardson on the Lowell road at Brookside and of John Wright, for several years the chief factor resulting in death was a grippe. Besides her husband, Harris McBride, she leaves four children and seven grandchildren, one brother, Charles Wright, and a sister, Miss Ella Wright, who has purchased the Richardson-Fletcher homestead at Brookside as a summer residence.

Mrs. McBride was sixty-three years old the Sunday previous to her death, and Mr. McBride sixty-seven, same day. The funeral took place from the residence in Cleveland on Monday.

While at the breakfast table last week Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Warren P. Sweetser, James Harrop fell to the floor and died in about ten minutes of heart disease. The funeral was from the home

of his daughter on the Acton road, Parkerville, Monday afternoon. Rev. Dane of South Chelmsford officiated. The bearers were Warren P. Sweetser, Almon S. Vose, William L. Butterworth, William F. Seifor. He was a native of England and leaves a widow and three daughters. He was a stone cutter by trade and belonged to the union. The floral tributes by relatives and friends was liberally appropriate. Burial was in Fairview by Undertaker David L. Greig.

### Graniteville.

The members of St. Catherine's Temperance society held a largely attended meeting in their rooms on Wednesday night. Considerable business of importance was transacted, two members were initiated and three applications for membership received. The society is now planning on holding an entertainment in its rooms in the near future for the members and a few invited friends.

The committee in charge of the Ladies' Aid society entertainment that was held recently, has settled all bills incurred and report a balance of thirty-one dollars, that is now in the hands of the treasurer. The Ladies' Aid is very grateful to all those who helped in any way toward the success of the affair, special mention being made of Fred K. Blodgett, who disposed of a large number of tickets and helped in various ways for the good of the cause. Andrew Johnson and Willie Gilson also deserve a word of praise for their good work.

The large willow trees that have stood for years near the corner of Broadway and Main street have been cut down, and this makes a much-needed improvement, as the walking was unusually very bad under these trees, particularly after a heavy rainfall. Besides it gives a good, clear view of both streets from the mill pond bridge, and make it much safer for teams and automobiles coming around the corner.

At the 9.45 o'clock mass celebrated in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning, the celebrant, Rev. J. J. McNamara, read the rules for the coming holy season of lent, and also gave a very instructive talk, principally on temperance. His sermon, though short, was very timely and covered the ground thoroughly. His sound logic made a deep impression on his hearers, and those who attended this mass should feel that they were fortunate in being present.

The service for the distribution of ashes were held in St. Catherine's church on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. W. O. Hawkes on Thursday afternoon, February 10, at three o'clock.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks of this village on Sunday, February 6.  
Rev. Lewis T. Havermale of Boston preached his first sermon in the M. E. church here on Sunday morning, and made a good impression. The evening service was also largely attended, and the congregation had the pleasure of listening to an eloquent sermon delivered in a very able manner.

### F. of A.

Court Graniteville 179, F. of A., held a very largely attended meeting in its rooms on Thursday night, with Chief Ranger T. G. Sullivan in the chair. Business of importance was transacted, and three propositions received. After the meeting was over a very enjoyable smoke-talk was held, in charge of the following committee: Fred M. Defoe, John Boyd and Edward M. Riney. A very substantial luncheon was served, after which the cigars were lighted and the following program was given: Opening remarks by the toastmaster, John Boyd; harmonica solo, Charles Eaton; song, Thomas Hughes; recitation, A. R. Wall; songs by the Imperial quartet, composed of R. J. McCarthy, Henry LeDuc, J. B. Riney and George McCarthy; recitation, "The cremation of Sandy McGee," John Boyd; songs, Fred Defoe, David H. Shattuck, Thomas Hughes and John Boyd. The affair proved to be very enjoyable, and the committee in charge are to be commended for the able manner in which everything was arranged. The general verdict was that it was the "best ever," and the next committee in charge of a similar affair will have to "go some" in order to equal the good work that was performed by this committee on Thursday night. The court is at present enjoying prosperity and looking forward to another entertainment in the near future.

### The Oldest Citizen.

The subject of this sketch, James Collyer, is the oldest citizen in this village, and it is thought the oldest in the town of Westford. Mr. Collyer was born in Erith, Kent, England, on March 5, 1824, and will be eighty-six years of age next month, and is therefore eligible for the gold-headed cane that is to be awarded to the oldest citizen in Westford. He is a brick mason by trade and worked at this business for several years in England before coming here. He has been a resident of Graniteville about twenty-six years. When a young man he married Miss Susan Crowther of his home town, and of that union fifteen children were born to them. Of that number seven are dead and the others are scattered in various parts of the world, some being in England, Australia and America. Mr. Collyer has sixty-one grandchildren now living and several great-grandchildren.  
His first wife died several years ago, and a few years after he was married to Mrs. Mary Bowers. There were no children from this second union.  
Mr. Collyer retired from active work a few years ago and now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. William Welch. He has numerous relatives in Lowell, Ayer, and a few in New Hampshire, and visits them all occasionally. He is a great man for taking long walks, and always enjoyed good health. He likes to be in the open air as much as possible. He is a constant reader of the newspapers and often reads them without glasses. He is a well-informed man and a great student of the bible. A short time ago, "Don't get into a religious argument with Mr. Collyer, for he knows the bible from cover to cover, and he never forgets it." Mr.

Collyer is at present visiting relatives in Ayer, but is expected home shortly in order to fittingly observe his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Welch in this village.

It is sincerely hoped that the Graniteville people may enjoy the genial companionship of this young old man for many years to come, and that the town officials will not forget that he is one of the oldest if not the oldest citizen in the town of Westford. He has always voted the republican ticket.

### Forge Village.

The members of the John Edwards hose company held a supper at their club rooms, Saturday evening. The menu consisted of steamed clams, boiled ham, baked beans, cake and coffee. Those in charge of the affair was George Sanborn, Edward T. Hanley, R. D. Prescott and William Hunt.

There was no sessions held in Cameron school, Friday, February 4, owing to the storm. The teacher's meeting, which was to have been held in the afternoon, was also postponed.

The members of the I. O. O. F., M. U., held their regular meeting Monday evening in Abbot's hall. After the lodge business was completed, a short entertainment was given, which included the following numbers: Harmonica solo, Charles Eaton; piano solo, John Shackleton; song, selected, William DeRoehn; recitation, "Casey at the bat," Charles Hanagan.

The grammar school children of Cameron school enjoyed a sleigh ride through the adjoining towns, Wednesday.

The services in St. Andrew's mission will be conducted by Rev. Edward Sturgis of Andover. An interesting part of the program will be the singing of the vested choir of small girls. The service will commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the Episcopal church.

### Deaths.

Benjamin F. Parrott, an old and respected citizen of this village, passed away early Wednesday evening at his home on Beaver Brook road after a long illness, aged eighty years.

Mr. Parrott was one of the first to build a summer cottage on the shore of Forge pond. He built what is known as Lakeview cottage, which he occupied with his wife for a number of years. A few years ago he assisted his son in building a beautiful home on Beaver Brook road, where he resided until his death.

Before coming to this village, Mr. Parrott was a resident of Lynn, where he was chief engineer of the Lynn fire department for eight years and was clerk for over twenty years. He was the last surviving member of the company of which he was chief.

Besides his wife Susan he leaves one son Arthur B. and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held at his late home Saturday morning, February 5, at 10.30 o'clock, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher of Ayer reading the beautiful and impressive service of the Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Fisher and Miss Theresa Lowther sang, "Lead kindly light" and "Abide with me." The body was taken to Lynn, where the burial took place in Pine Grove cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrott were married forty-eight years ago and were looking forward to the time when they would celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Catherine Holbrook died at her home Wednesday evening, February 2, aged ninety-two years. Funeral services were held at the home Friday morning, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher conducting the services. Burial in the family lot at Waltham.

### Concert.

The Groton school orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Griswold, musical director of the school, gave its annual concert in Recreation hall, Thursday evening, February 3. A very attractive and varied program was given, which was greatly enjoyed by the large number present. The program included "Teddy Bears' picnic," orchestra; song, "Posseni numi," Kenneth Hadden; Genee waltz, orchestra; song, selected, with piano and violin accompaniment, Norman Sturgis; La Trasquita, orchestra; violin solo, Cantilene, Charles Russell; song, "Drink to me only with thine eyes," Kenneth Hadden; march, "Colonial cavaliers," orchestra; song, "The little Irish girl," Kenneth Hadden; selections from "The dollar princess," orchestra; hammock love song, quartet and orchestra; Sweetheart waltz, orchestra. After the concert refreshments were served to those who took part. The affair was for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

### Birthday Party.

A very pleasant birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett at "The Ridges," Saturday evening, February 5. The occasion being the twenty-first birthday anniversary of their daughter, Miss Annie Blodgett. Miss Blodgett received many valuable presents, among them being a gold watch and pin presented by Miss Sarah Precious on behalf of those present. Miss Blodgett thanked her many friends for their kindness. The party then walked to the hall, a short distance away, where a very merry time was enjoyed by all. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and choice fruit and confectionery were served. About one hundred guests were present from Worcester, Pepperell, Groton, Littleton, Westford, Graniteville and this village.

### An Hour More of Daylight.

It is an interesting idea that is proposed: To change the clock from May first to October first of each year, so that time will be advanced one hour. In other words, on May first we would all move the hands of our clocks at five o'clock in the morning, say, to six o'clock and go about our usual work, say, at six o'clock in the afternoon. But instead of getting dark at seven or eight o'clock, it would not become dark until nine o'clock. We would have, in other words, an additional hour of daylight, and yet we would have the same hours for business and sleep as now. But where we would gain in an earlier hour in the cool of the morning for work and an additional hour of daylight in the evening. The only point at

which there would be a loss is during the night of the last day of April, when we would lose an hour's sleep. One can easily figure out what this would mean to the business man coming home, especially if he lives in the suburbs. It would make outdoor exercises, too, after the evening meal possible, which would certainly be an untold benefit to school children in May, June and September. The idea, at its first glance, seems foolish and impossible, but one cannot study it long before the tremendous advantages gained by the change become apparent. Of course, it is like cheating at solitaire; you cheat only yourself. But inasmuch as we must live by the clock, as we judge every action by it, it is certainly a pertinent question that asks: Why not change the clock, particularly as we do not actually change time? It looks as if the British and Canadian parliaments would pass the bills for one more hour of daylight, and it is an interesting question: Why shouldn't we do likewise in America?

### New Advertisements.

**FOR SALE**—1½ tons Horse Hay, 1 Fine Sleigh, 1 Democrat Wagon, 2 Harnesses, Light and Heavy Collars, and a Street Robe. S. N. STONE, Ayer, 1910

**FOR SALE**—2 Two-horse Team Sleds, 1 Two-horse Team Wagon, 1 Two-horse Tip Cart, low forward wheels. WM. L. WOODS, Ayer, 1910

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Pepperell, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 31, 1910.**

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$125,899.10
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	31.78
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	700.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	86,970.75
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	810.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	22,936.84
Notes of other National Banks	355.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	46.55
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,059.35
Legal-tender notes	9,600.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,500.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$305,364.37</b>

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	3,300.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	8,139.89
National Bank Notes outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	192,311.48
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,613.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$305,364.37</b>

I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. F. TARBELL, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of February, 1910.  
George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: I. J. Rowell, E. D. Howe, H. F. Hobart, Directors.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 31, 1910.**

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$264,916.65
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bond house, Furniture and Fixtures	34,893.81
Due from approved Reserve Agents	20,571.56
Notes of other National Banks	3,956.33
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	5,173.00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	16.79
Specie	\$3,144.00
Legal-tender notes	5,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$448,681.14</b>

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	27,869.43
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Dividends unpaid	99.00
Individual deposits subject to check	200,712.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$448,681.14</b>

I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
HENRY A. HILL, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of February, 1910.  
E. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: Clarence Stickney, J. W. Eastman, Chas. B. Stickney, Directors.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Ayer, at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 31, 1910.**

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$381,865.84
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	231.63
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	88,997.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	65,256.38
Notes of other National Banks	1,100.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	115.37
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$17,385.30
Legal-tender notes	5,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$581,955.02</b>

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	35,074.47
National Bank Notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	1,422.85
Due to State and Private and Bankers	1,495.45
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	20,482.88
Dividends unpaid	108.00
Individual deposits subject to check	401,464.11
Demand certificates of deposit	1,257.25
Cashier's checks outstanding	630.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$581,955.02</b>

I, Hobart E. Mead, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1910.  
D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: Howard D. White, D. W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

## Sour Stomach.

**Mi-o-na Puts the Stomach in Fine Shape in Five Minutes.**

If your stomach is continually kicking up a disturbance; if you feel bloated and distressed; if you belch gas and sour food into the mouth, then you need Mi-o-na Stomach Tablets.  
Mi-o-na Stomach tablets give instant relief, of course, but they do more; they drive out the poisonous gases that cause fermentation of food and thoroughly clean, renovate and strengthen the stomach so that it can readily digest food without artificial aid.  
Mi-o-na stomach tablets are guaranteed to cure indigestion, acute or chronic, or money back. This means that nervousness, dizziness and biliousness will disappear. Druggists everywhere and William Brown sells Mi-o-na for 50c.

"I was under the care of four different doctors during nine months and was cured of dyspepsia by Mi-o-na."—Mr. Joseph Grondine, 197 Fountain Street, Fall River, Mass.  
Booth's Pills for constipation—25c.

**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 JOHN A. KIMBALL, 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 JOHN H. KIMBALL and CHARLES A. KIMBALL, of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.  
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.  
And the petitioners are hereby directed to publish notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in 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 second day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
3121 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

## Dinner and Tea Set Prices Drop

**61-Piece Dinner Set.**  
Green and Gilt Decoration  
\$9.98

**109-Piece Dinner Set.**  
Blue and Gilt Decoration  
\$8.98

**112-Piece Dinner Set.**  
Wild Rose Pattern  
\$12.98

**60-Piece Tea Set.**  
Blue and Gilt Decoration, with glass, sugar and cream  
\$4.98

**50-Piece Tea Set.**  
Green and Gilt Decoration with glass, sugar, cream and butter  
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All these dishes are High-Grade English Ware.

Box Paper, 25c. and 15c. per box, now 12c. and 7c.

## Ayer Variety Store

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
IN  
Pepperell, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in certain mortgage deed given by Elwyn F. Kemp of Groton to Moses P. Palmer, dated March 19, 1900, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, Libro 2806, Folio 361, will be sold at public auction at Palmer's Block, Groton, Wednesday, March 2, 1910, at Ten o'clock a. m., for default in performance of the conditions of said mortgage, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:  
A certain parcel of land, situated on the Easterly side of the South Road in Pepperell, Mass., and containing Thirty-one acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeasterly corner of the premises at the corner of said South Road and the Road to said Pepperell; thence Northeasterly by said Road to Pepperell, about thirty-seven rods to land now or formerly owned by Charles Gerrish; thence Easterly by the said Gerrish land about ten rods to a ditch; thence by said ditch to land now or formerly owned by James Lawrence; thence Southwesterly by said Lawrence land about one hundred and six rods to the aforesaid South Road; thence Northwesterly by said Road about ninety rods to the point of beginning.  
Excepting, however, from the above parcel of land four rods in width extending from said South Road to land of said Gerrish, and being the same strip of land included within the location of the Brookline and Pepperell Railroad, being the same premises conveyed to Elwyn F. Kemp by deed from Moses P. Palmer, mortgagee, bearing even date herewith.  
Terms cash.  
MOSES P. PALMER, Mortgagee.  
Groton, Mass., Jan. 28, 1910. 3t22

**SWEET CIDER**—For Sale at McLAUGHLIN'S, Harvard, Mass. 11t

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**This Contractor Got Results.**  
Some years ago a contractor building a railroad in a warm climate was troubled a great deal by sickness among the laborers.  
He turned his attention at once to their food and found that they were getting full rations of meat and were drinking water from a stream nearby.  
He issued orders to cut down the amount of meat and to increase greatly the quantity of Quaker Oats fed to the men.  
He also boiled Quaker Oats and mixed the thin oatmeal water with their drinking water. Almost instantly all signs of stomach disorders passed and his men showed a decided improvement in strength and spirits. This contractor had experience that taught him the great value of good oatmeal.  
The cost was small; 10c. for regular size packages; it is also packed in large size family packages at 25c.

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**MRS. LILLIAN E. LAWTON**  
**EAST MAIN ST., AYER.**

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
**In Ayer, Mass.**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Charles F. Rand of Ayer, to Moses P. Palmer, dated April 24, 1899, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Libro 2731, Folio 277, will be sold at public auction upon the premises in Ayer, Wednesday, February 23, 1910, at ten o'clock A. M., for default in the performance of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Ayer, on the Western side of the Highway leading from said Ayer to Harvard, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at the Southern corner thereof at said Highway at a corner of land of Mary Priest; thence Northerly by said Highway to the Brook; thence Westerly and Southerly by high water mark to land of said Priest; thence Easterly by land of said Priest to the point of beginning, being the same premises conveyed to Charles F. Rand by Euribus B. Blim by Deed dated April 24th, 1899, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, and containing about one acre, be the same more or less.

**MOSES P. PALMER, Mortgagee.**  
Groton, Jan. 24, 1910, 3t20

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of J. EDWARD B. JEWETT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, testate:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to JOHN L. BOYNTON of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of February, A. D. 1910, 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 Turner's Public Spirit, 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 devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Colic Cure  
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**HARLOW & PARSONS**  
Ayer, Mass.  
Telephone 21-2

**ORDERS FOR COAL**

All orders for Coal left at the H. A. Stone Jewelry Store, Ayer, will be promptly attended to.  
H. C. HARLOW, Ayer, Mass.  
Telephone, 8020. 3m20\*

**A BLACK HAND LETTER**

By M. QUAD.  
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Major Cleveland, retired, was in the wrong of it. He had permitted and tacitly encouraged young Mr. Herbert to visit the house and listen to his war stories and fall in love with his daughter Janet, and then when he asked for her hand he had drawn himself stiffly up and replied.

"It cannot be, sir! I am of the army, sir, and, though retired on half pay by a grateful country, once of the army always of the army. My dearest hope is for Janet to marry a colonel in active service. I shall speak to her at once, sir—at once."

"Janet," the major said the next day to his daughter, "there must be no more of this nonsense between you and young Herbert."

That was all. The major congratulated himself that his order would be obeyed, and Miss Janet put on a look and assumed the attitude of a broken hearted girl not long for this world. The mother became worried and protested, and the major became a little bit anxious and talked about spring tonics, though he had no idea of countermanding his order. All might have gone well if the grocer who supplied the house hadn't called his delivery boy a slouch and a lazybones and if the said boy hadn't fired up and quit his job. Another took his place just as Miss Janet wanted to send a note to her lover real bad. The change of boys perplexed her for a moment, and she hadn't time to go into explanations further than to hand him the missive and 10 cents and mention Mr. Herbert. The boy grinned and nodded, and the wagon rattled away, and ten minutes later he was perusing the letter. His name happened to be Herbert, and he happened to be a vain boy, and he further happened to believe that Miss Janet had got struck on him. It was a proud moment for him, for he already had another girl on the string. She worked in a shirt factory, and she wasn't a tony girl, but he loved her. He was also jealous of her, and now was his chance to get even.

Mr. Herbert did not get the note intended for him; Miss Janet did not get a reply as expected; the mother saw new cause to believe that her daughter was not long for this world, and the major sighed and wished that some one would come in and listen to his war stories. That grocer's boy had brought butter, eggs and potatoes, but he had left a load of carking care behind him. Next morning brought something like a sudden thunderclap. Miss Janet received a letter mailed at the village postoffice the night previous. It was ill spelled and was not capitalized or punctuated at all. It was signed "Black Han," and it contained some dire and awful threats. If she did not change her course she would be shot, stabbed, clubbed, boiled in oil and die many other ways. It was to be a first and last warning, and there were many "beware's" in it. Janet was frightened, her mother was more so, and the major swore by the bloody sword he had used at Gettysburg that he would get at the bottom of the mystery if he had to call out the entire army of the United States.

The village marshal was consulted, and he struck a clew. That clew led to a tin peddler, who fainted away when arrested. Other clews were struck and followed, and before night of the first day five persons had been hauled to the lockup. The Black Hand had reached Clifton at last, but it was to be routed out forthwith. On the second morning after receiving the letter Janet saw the grocer's boy at the back door again, and as she took a bunch of asparagus from his hands she found a missive with it and also received a wink from him. She passed the wink by and ran up to her room with the letter. In a moment she had the Black Hand by the throat. "I showed her your luv letter to me," read the letter, "and she took on awful. She was jesus, and I guess she wrote you last nite. Don't mind her. I will shake her for you."

Herbert, the grocer's boy, had taken over the ownership of the missive for Herbert, the lover. He had shown it to the shirtmaker, and her jealousy had been aroused. She it was who had written the "Black Han" letter. Major Cleveland was plunging around and telling the whole town what he was going to do when his daughter put him on the right track. He rushed off to see the shirtmaker and frightened her into owning up, and he had returned home to tell what punishment was to be inflicted when Miss James inquired: "Papa, do you want everybody to think I am in love with that grocer's boy?"

"By heavens, no!" he shouted.  
"Or that a shirtmaker is jealous of your daughter?"  
"Don't talk that way!"  
"The note I wrote was to Mr. Herbert, the lawyer. The grocer's boy has the same name, and he thought it was for him. Can't you see that you had best drop the matter at once?"  
"But the village marshal has arrested five persons and is after others."  
"But he can let them go."  
"But I told you to have nothing more to do with that Herbert!"  
"And it is right that all you have gone through as a brave soldier should be kept locked in your own bosom? Can't you see how much better it would be to drop this Black Hand business and its gossip and invite Mr. Herbert up to hear you tell how you took the enemy in flank at South Mountain?"

The major thought it over, and Mr. Herbert was invited to return, and as one of the family he has got to be quite a war talker himself.

**TOWNSEND.**

**West.**  
Rev. Charles Upton from Greenville will occupy the Baptist pulpit Sunday, February 13.

Everett W. Seaver, who has been spending a few weeks' vacation with relatives in town, has resumed his duties in Boston.

Rev. J. H. Cox left last Friday for a visit to his daughter in Dorchester, and Mrs. Cox and her sister, Miss Jennie Lemont, went to Boston for a few days the first of the week, attending the Oakledge reunion in Chipman hall, Terment Temple, Wednesday evening.

Miss Blanche Sprague visited Miss Mabel Flint, a former teacher here, at her home in Everett, last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mabel Patch has resigned her position as assistant postmistress, and Miss Agnes Thompson is being initiated into the business as her successor. Mrs. Fred A. Patch is assisting at present.

George A. Seaver, who has been confined to his home with an attack of grippe for the past week, has resumed his daily trips to Boston.

F. D. Parsons and her mother, Mrs. Parkes, are recovering from severe attacks of grippe.

Miss Lena Thompson celebrated her birthday last Saturday by entertaining a party of her young friends from this village and the Center at afternoon tea, and she was the recipient of a number of beautiful remembrances of the occasion, and the event was heartily enjoyed by all.

A junior league has been formed at the Baptist church under the supervision of Miss Marion Kellogg, with eleven members, and the following officers: Ian Rusk, pres.; Milton Wilder, vice-pres.; Clyde Hannant, sec.; Ina Wilder, treas. Meetings held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the vestry.

Mrs. Atwood Burnham, known to many friends here as Mrs. Florence Billings, daughter of Mrs. Kate Nutting of Bayberry hill, is seriously ill in the Nashua hospital with an attack of appendicitis.

**Wedding Anniversary.**

On Monday evening a party of about thirty-five of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wilder of Joslynville, met in the Baptist vestry and helped celebrate the anniversary of their wedding, which took place fifteen years ago. The affair was in the nature of a surprise to Mr. Wilder, who arrived at the vestry expecting to attend the usual rehearsal of the choir, but upon seeing the festal appearance of the rooms and receiving the greetings of the party, rose to the occasion with his usual adaptability and conducted his part of the program in a pleasing manner. After a social season the following program was presented: Reading of a poem, "Side by side," composed for the occasion and read by Miss Alice Seaver; solos, "Maire, my girl;" and "Three for Jack," by James Dodds; a select reading, "A little piece of calico," by Mrs. Fred A. Patch. This was followed by the presentation of a gift of a sum of money by Perry W. Sawtelle, who acted as master of ceremonies, and a graceful response by both Mr. and Mrs. Wilder. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, and Mrs. Louise McElligott, members of Mr. Wilder's Sunday school class acting as waitresses. The remainder of the evening was spent in congratulations to the happy couple, who were assisted in receiving by Miss Marion Kellogg and Charles Hodgman. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder are very popular members of the church and Sunday school, and have a host of friends in all circles, who were pleased to have this opportunity to express their friendship and esteem.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goss and Mrs. Henry A. Shattuck attended the Pomona grange meeting at Nashua this week.

The harvesting of ice by the Fresh Pond Ice Co. was resumed Tuesday, February 8.

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood was held Friday evening, February 4. The entertainment consisted of phonograph selections, Frank W. Jenness; piano and violin solos, Llewellyn S. Powers; a play, "New England poets," Stephen T. Marshall; remarks, Rev. Warren T. Noyes; singing in which all joined.

Fred A. Hall, Arthur A. Goss and Carl Clifford went to Milford, Saturday, February 6, to take the examination under the civil service rules for the position of census enumerator.

Mrs. Ernest W. Nye and daughters, Ruth and Constance, of Sandown, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence are at Hillcrest for a short vacation.

Mrs. Eva Elliott is improving from a severe attack of tonsillitis. Her little son Chester has also been ill.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the parsonage, Tuesday afternoon, February 8.

An individual communion service is contemplated at the Congregational church. Mrs. W. L. Noyes, Dr. Holcombe and Mrs. William Hall are the committees in charge.

Ralph Greeley and Miss Maude Taylor spent Sunday at Amherst.

Miss Winnie Hall Nye of Keene, N. Y., is at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. A. Hall, for a few weeks.  
A Lincoln anniversary service will be held at the Methodist church, Sunday evening, February 13. The program will consist of a patriotic song service, recitations by the children and an address by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Hickey, the subject being "The task which Lincoln has given us." A collection will be taken in aid of the southern schools.  
Miss Eliza J. Parker and Mrs. Wendell Parker of Lowell, Mass., are spending a few days at Four Pines.  
The selectmen will be in session Saturday, February 12, also Monday and Tuesday, February 14 and 15, from eight to twelve in the forenoon, and from one to five in the afternoon to settle accounts with the town.

**EVER NEW HAT QUESTION.**

**As the Season Advances Models Become More Attractive.**

You may plunge as often as you will into the fathomless depths of the hat question and yet bring up fresh and captivating spoil each time, partly because the original source is so bountiful and partly because fashion is launching new specimens every day, each with special attractions of its own.

The tricorne, chic and beguiling, but seldom becoming, gives place to an amazing variety of turbans, with hints of the nearer east and reminiscences of every period of history. Then there are statements that small hats are to be largely worn, which amounts to just this—that it is now possible to find a modish small hat, but large hats still hold their own triumphantly if you include the large turbans in the hat list. Hats are flat or high, gay or somber, airy or ponderous and are alike in only one quality, a sort of magnificent simplicity.

Before the fashion is killed by popularity it will be interesting to note the enormous use made of gold and silver tissues and laces in the makeup of all sorts of hats. These sumptuous fabrics are, of course, usually employed for dressy hats, though by no means exclusively. They are at their best on



A FRENCH CREATION IN DULL SILVER.

wide brimmed hats with a marked crown, though there are some good looking turbans, notably a large swathe of gold lace over tulle, with two gold colored ostrich feathers at the left side.

This piling of luxury on splendor by trimming the gold and silver fabrics with fur produces a rare effect. The large hat of the picture, for example, is made of somewhat heavy dull silver lace and is mounted on the frame without lining. Around the full, extremely high crown is draped a soft brownish gray felt and at the side a huge swirl of gray algreets.

**LABOR LIFTS.**

When cooking a chicken or game in the oven roast it in the usual way until nearly browned, then turn back upward and let it remain so until done. This causes the gravy to run into the breast, making it soft and tender.

When peeling potatoes put them in hot water, and you will be able to take the skin off easily. A few drops of camphor added to the water will remove the shining appearance.

Castor oil mixed with an equal amount of tallow or other oil is an excellent dressing for leather. Besides this, neither rats nor other vermin will attack leather so prepared.

The secret of success in baking is always to test the yeast before adding to the flour. Mix the yeast with half a teaspoonful of flour and half a pint of lukewarm water. Good yeast will froth sharply in less than ten minutes.

White of eggs is an excellent dressing for patent leather.

If the tired housekeeper will try cleaning the bathtub with gasoline she will find it to be a great time saver with surprisingly good results.

To keep linoleum, hardwood and stained floors clean cover the broom with soft flannel and moisten with kerosene. Have one broom, and the same cover can be used repeatedly.

Save fuel by burning soup bones or any large bones that always are thrown away. I can keep a good slow fire in the range for five hours on a fifteen cent bone after it has been boiled all day.

**Words For Women.**

A bachelor is a man who either has too much sense to marry or not enough.

The wise man keeps his temper even when he is getting the worst of it.

A man will confess to one bad habit for the purpose of hiding a dozen others.

You can estimate the value of your reputation by trying to induce a pawnbroker to advance you something on it.

**Honor In Wall Street.**

One would hardly consider the New York Stock Exchange exactly in the light of "a communion of saints." Indeed, to judge by much that appears in the daily papers and the muck raking magazines, this might be the last place to look for the very soul and spirit of integrity. But there it is "in the midst of them." Between members of that marble mansion of trade in securities on New York's famous Broad street no paper writing passes certifying to the blinding obligation of a transaction. In the very fiercest rush and maddest vortex of the wild corner of a word, the merest sign, amply suffices. What- ever it may lead to—irreparable loss, ruin, bankruptcy, no matter—the deal is closed. I am not professing to be an apologist for whatever crimes may be committed in the name of honor. I simply record the fact, to be easily verified, that the dealings on that exchange are "on honor." The Corinthian fairness of its pillared and entablatured front is not shamed by the constant and consistent uprightness of the traffic within.—Christian Register.

**A Tragedy In Writing.**

Illegible handwriting, which has given rise to so many comedies, led to a tragedy in the case of Bacher, a musical enthusiast of the last century who devoted several years to the composition of a history of Viennese music. His task finished, he submitted the manuscript to the Austrian imperial academy, which he had been led to believe would defray the cost of its publication. After three months his manuscript was returned. Despite their best efforts the members had been unable to decipher it. Bacher then endeavored to have his work copied, but every professional copyist who undertook the task had to confess himself baffled. He thereupon attempted dictating the work, only to find that even he could not decipher it, and heartbroken at the discovery that his years of toil had proved fruitless, he attempted suicide and finished his days in a lunatic asylum.

**Her Cab.**

Mary Ann of Lancaster Gate, basement, was having a week off and had arrived back at her little native village in all her metropolitan paint and feathers.

It was a very little native village, and Mary Ann, after her many months' service in town, didn't think so very much of it. Even James, the station porter and her old sweetheart, seemed hopelessly insignificant, and instead of staggering him with the kiss that he expected she looked him up and down, comparing him with a certain gentleman whose acquaintance she had recently made and who wore plush breeches and silk stockings.

"Porter," she said grandly, "do you know if there is a cab here to convey me and my luggage home?"  
"Well, I don't know about a cab," responded the staggered yokel, "but there's yer mother outside w' a 'barber'!"—London Scraps.

**A Strong Prescription.**

Menelik, emperor of Abyssinia, often dabbled in medicine. Some years ago Mme. Stevonia, the wife of a prominent member of the French colony at Addis Abeba, was laid up with fever. Menelik inquired what treatment she was undergoing and expressed disapproval when he learned that she was being dosed with quinine. The following day a messenger called with a large pot of very rancid butter, accompanied by a letter from one of the emperor's secretaries stating that his royal master hoped that madame would take three glasses daily of the butter stick, which had been stored for two years and would be found an infallible remedy. The present was gratefully acknowledged and promptly buried, and when madame recovered Menelik took to himself the credit of her cure.

**Effects of Drugs.**

Persons employed in India rubber factories sometimes inhale bisulphide of carbon and suffer from frightful dreams of being murdered or of falling over precipices. Opium stimulates imagination; alcohol in excess excites dread and suspicion; hashish, from which the word assassin was derived, produces homicidal mania. These drugs have a distinct effect upon the moral sense. Sometimes, as from alcohol, a coarse and stupid brutality is stimulated, or, as from morphia, a gloomy and morose temper, or, as from cocaine, while the manner remains gentle, the victim develops thieving and lying habits.

**Blind Justice.**

We meet our philosophical friend and observe that he is smiling contentedly.  
"What has gone wrong now?" we ask.

"Nothing has gone wrong," he explains. "Something went right. Spriggans owed Hennett \$10,000 and put his property in his wife's name so that Hennett couldn't collect."  
"But that isn't anything unusual."  
"And last night Mrs. Spriggans eloped with Hennett!"—Life.

**Uncertainty.**

"I am always horribly nervous when I buy a suit of clothes from a strange tailor."  
"Yes; a person you don't know is hard to stand off."—Houston Post.

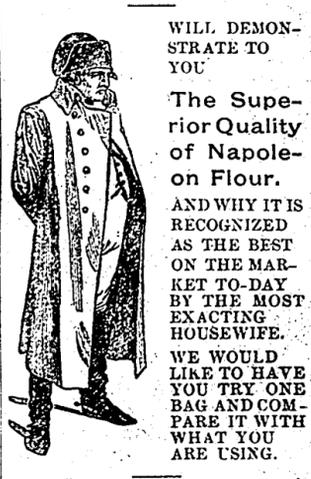
**A Leading Part.**

"My brother has a leading part in that drama."  
"What part?"  
"He leads a horse across the stage in the last act."

Some people are born foolish, some acquire foolishness and others thrust their foolishness upon us.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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Saturday, February 12, 1910.

### GROTON.

**News Items.**  
The item in this column last week about Miss Riley, the district nurse, was not entirely correct and doubtless was very misleading. We are glad to give the facts and thus correct any wrong impressions. The District Nurse association had granted Miss Riley a leave of absence, commencing on January 29 and extending indefinitely. The association had hired Miss Flynn to fill the position of Miss Riley during the latter's absence. This will explain why Miss Riley was at liberty to take the private case which came unexpectedly and which could not have been taken if she had been then in service as district nurse.

Prof. Frank P. Chisholm of Tuskegee Institute will speak on the work of Tuskegee at the Unitarian church, Sunday morning, February 13. Mr. Chisholm will also discuss the broader aspects of the negro problem in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, the wealthiest and most prominent members of Groton society circles, are stopping at the Hotel Wolcott in New York city, while visiting with their many metropolitan friends.

Married at Norton, February 4, by Rev. C. A. Ratcliffe, Leonard E. Williams of Groton and Miss Pearl I. Tennant of Norton.

Daniel N. Pressey met with an accident while about his work at the mill of the Nashua River Paper Co. last week Friday evening, about 6.30. He had just commenced oiling the machinery when somehow he hit against the revolving belt and was thrown violently against the shafting. Superintendent McMurray took Mr. Pressey home and went for the doctor, who found that one rib at least was broken.

Marshall Swallow, who has been ill and kept at home by a bad cold and severe attack of lumbago, is getting out again.

Mrs. William A. Moore is enjoying a visit from her brother, Erving Davis of Acworth, N. H.

Dr. Gobie has recently taken the former telephone room over Torrey's store as an additional office, thus making very pleasant office rooms and better accommodations for his patrons.

Miss C. A. Hammond of Hampton, Conn., a guest of Mrs. E. P. Shumway, met with a serious accident last Saturday night. She had been attending the entertainment in the town hall, and, at its close, going down the flight of stairs leading out to the entrance to the town house, she made a misstep or slipped in some way. Not able to walk, she was obliged to be taken over to Mrs. Shumway's. Dr. Kilburn being called, found that she had broken her hip and took her to his hospital, where she is now a patient.

The ladies of the Shakespeare circle meet once a week at their different houses. So far they have met with Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. Higley, Mrs. Sturgis and Mrs. Abbott.

A petition is being signed by a large number of citizens asking the county commissioners for the relocation of the road leading from Groton to Shirley, near Groton School gymnasium, also from Groton to Ayer, near premises as above.

Rev. H. A. Cornell attended the New England conference of Baptist churches held in Boston last week.

B. B. Lovett is very popular in Groton and it is prophesied that he will see a good turnout of friends at his next party, which is in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 17.

In the Plouffe trial, being held in Worcester, Ransom H. Morse of Groton was one of the witnesses and testified about the finding of Dr. Stone's body behind the stone wall on September 17.

Owing to bad colds and the severe snow storm, all the school children in the old Prescott school neighborhood were not out to school last week Friday.

In the relocation of the two miles of Martin's pond road made last fall stone bounds were set to mark the lines. The road is laid out at a width of forty feet. Walls and fences serving to mark the old lines are to be removed by January 1, 1912.

Mrs. Mary Louise French, wife of Moses French, died at her home in West Groton on February 8 of bronchitis. The burial was in Townsend.

Born in Malden, January 28, a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Messenger. This is the third son of "Eddie" Messenger, a Groton boy now located in Malden. His brother, Archibald H. Messenger, writes to his parents in Groton from Montana, 2000 feet above the sea level, and having a splendid time. He is traveling with the H. W. Savage Co., with which he is connected.

The lively stable of H. A. Johnson & Co. is equipped with electric lights.

Rev. Charles A. Merrill spoke last Sunday morning at the Baptist church on "The work of the Massachusetts Anti-saloon league." In the evening his sermon was on "The mission of Jesus."

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge, with children and maid, are guests at Groton Inn. Mr. Coolidge was for several years at Groton school.

Nesbit Woods was operated on last week Thursday instead of Wednesday, as was first intended. Drs. Goodwin of Clinton, Kilbourn and Priest of Groton were in attendance. Mr. Woods endured the operation well. His friends have reason to believe that after this recovery he will enjoy better health than for many years.

During the Alaskan cold, which came suddenly upon us last Sunday night and Monday, the Groton thermometers registered generally eight or ten degrees below zero. This was not nearly so low a temperature as in the cold snap of January, but the piercing wind made it seem even colder than that of January. Many persons here expressed the feeling that it was as hard a cold to bear as any they had ever experienced.

Mrs. George L. Smith of North Groton was called recently to the home of her father by his illness and subsequent death.

Frank Dilbert, employed at Johnson's lively stable, was kicked by a horse the other day. It happened in this way. He had stooped down to tighten an interfering strap without first speaking to the horse. The suddenness of it frightened the horse and he kicked Dilbert square in the face, knocking out some teeth and otherwise injuring his features.

There will be a supper and entertainment at the Baptist church, Thursday evening, February 17.

Obder Folkins, who drives a bread and cracker team for the Boynton Co., is going to start Sunday night for New Brunswick. He hasn't had a vacation for three years, and is very much pleased to visit his parents at his old home. Joseph Messenger takes his route while Mr. Folkins is away.

Clarence J. Hemenway, while at his work at the brakes in the Ayer yard, Wednesday night, was jostled and thrown down with such force that he was quite badly shaken up, but it was nothing serious. He laid by for only a day or two, to recover from the soreness caused by the blow.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., a graduate at Groton School, 1906, is engaged to Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander, daughter of Mrs. Henry Addison Alexander. The marriage will not take place till the return of his father from Africa.

### A Great Improvement.

A new door appeared this week at the entrance to the postoffice. Postmaster Torrey has made a very noticeable improvement in replacing the old door by this up-to-date new one with its large upper panel of glass. This will prove a matter of convenience and safety. The mail boxes are seen through the glass panel from outside the door, and, what is more, persons going in and out are readily seen and the collisions avoided that were so frequent when the old door was in place.

Now, if an improvement could be made along these lines at the main entrance to the town house it would be a good work. For there, as everybody knows, someone is very liable to be hit, if not knocked down, anytime by a person opening the door as he quickly enters from outside. There is one known instance where an injury was received in this way, and required two operations on the injured wrist.

### Large Party.

The concert and ball of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., was held in the town hall, Thursday evening, February 3, was one of the fullest attended and most enjoyable parties of the season. The weather was no drawback and an estimate of three hundred were present. The orchestra was very fine. The eighty couples in the grand march were led by noble grand George E. Hodgman and Mrs. Hodgman. A first class turkey supper was served with all the other nice dishes that go with a bountiful spread.

Besides the members and friends here of the local organization there was present a large number from other towns.

Everybody had such a good time that they will look forward to future similar parties of the Groton lodge with pleasant anticipations.

### Grange News.

At the regular meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening, the district school was kept busy by Schoolmaster George S. Knapp. Henry Adams was the skule committee. The class in arithmetic was very brilliant, Jimmie Starr of Pepperell being the smartest and best boy in the class. Little Myron Swallow was another smart boy, but a little bashful. Two of the girls, Elizabeth Sawyer and Hannah Whitehill, were real, bright too. The large spelling class had hard words, but stood up pretty well. Mary Boynton stood the longest, with Blanche Brown a close second. After the spelling, the dinner-pails were brought out and all had a good time emptying them of their goodies. After the nooning there was speaking of pieces and singing. The girls had on some pretty, long-sleeved aprons, striking neckties and collars, and wore their hair for the most part hanging loose or in braids tied with ribbons or white string. They looked real pretty.

The next regular meeting of the grange will be on Tuesday evening, February 22, and will be Colonial evening.

Among those attending Pomona grange at Lunenburg, Wednesday, were Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, Miss Hattie Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mrs. E. O. Collier, Mrs. Blanche Brown, Mrs. Kierstead, Miss Elsie Bailey and Mrs. Lizzie Starr.

### Corn Raising.

The following announcement made in the daily papers comes very apropos to the "Corn" item in this column two or more weeks ago and tells of prizes offered:

The best single ear of corn grown in New England and exhibited in the New England corn show in Worcester during the week of November 15, 1909, worth \$240 to the man who raises it. For the best ten ears prizes of \$100 will be given. For the best ten ears raised by boys or girls under sixteen years the prizes are \$150; for the best ten stalks, \$300; for the best acre, \$300.

These are only a few of the generous prizes offered to stimulate interest in the cultivation of the "good old crop."

### New Railing.

The following communication has been received from the postoffice department at Washington, D. C., by F. H. Torrey, postmaster:

In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Patrons should enclose loose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.

The announcement of this new railing is hereby made to Groton patrons of rural delivery, and they will please notice that it goes into effect next week Tuesday, February 15.

### West Groton.

The home of Martin O'Mealey was the scene of a pleasant gathering of many relatives and friends last Monday. The occasion was the marriage of her youngest daughter, Miss Mary

O'Mealey to Patrick Haley. The ceremony was performed at nine a. m. by Rev. C. H. Finnegan. The bride was becomingly gowned in crushed straw-berri. The bridesmaid was Miss Kate O'Mealey, sister of the bride, while the brother of the groom performed the office of best man. Mr. and Mrs. Haley left Tuesday evening for a trip to New York and Washington. They will reside in this village.

Mrs. George Webber returned on Tuesday from a week's visit in New York. After spending a few days in the city she visited her sister, Miss Evelyn Fernald at Vassar college.

The L. A. society met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Bowles at the town farm. The ladies of this organization feel that the work of last year was highly successful, and they are hoping for a like enthusiasm and readiness on the part of members during the present year. Mrs. Roy, who proved a most able president, being unwilling to serve longer in that capacity, Mrs. G. H. Bixby was elected to the position at the beginning of the year with Mrs. A. Adams, vice-president, and Mrs. C. Bixby, secretary and treasurer.

A farce, "The rural ruse" was presented in Squannacook hall, Friday evening, under auspices of the I. O. O. F. M. C., by H. M. Adams, H. L. Gilson and the Misses Souther, all of Groton. The play was followed by dancing until twelve. Music was furnished by the Ideal orchestra of Groton, assisted by Mr. Barrows of Ayer, violinist.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Meara, January 30.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pogg on February 9.

A little daughter was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Melish last Tuesday, but grief and disappointment soon followed the transient joy, as the little life went out after a few brief hours. The child was named Gladys May. A service of prayer was held at the house Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge officiating.

Alice, youngest child of John D. and Margaret Long, died Wednesday afternoon, after a short illness from pneumonia. Her age was two years, two months. Funeral services were held at the home on Friday, conducted by Rev. C. H. Finnegan. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Long have the sympathy of many friends in this sad loss of their little one.

### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

Roger Gionet has resigned his position at the C. A. Edgarton Co., and has secured employment with the Sampson cordage works.

Oliver W. Balcom of Post 48, G. A. R., respectfully requests through the column of the "Oracle" that flags be displayed on February 12, in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

Joseph Chaisson is ill at home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Wednesday at nine a. m. and at 7.15 p. m., at St. Anthony's church, Rev. Fr. Coté placed ashes on the forehead of all his parishioners as a solemn reminder that they are dust and will return into dust.

The ladies of the Universalist church held their annual fair Tuesday at Oddfellows' hall with supper and entertainment in the evening. The sale commenced in the afternoon and in the early evening. A supper was given, followed by an entertainment. The patronage was large, the hall being crowded to the doors. A large sum of money was netted. At the close of the supper a two-act drama was presented, entitled "A black diamond," which was immensely enjoyed by the large audience present. Dancing followed the play.

The Franklin Independent club held a whist party at their hall last Saturday evening to replenish their treasury. A large number were present. Refreshments were served. The following were the happy recipients of prizes: First prize, Alex Gionet; second prize, Frank X. Gionet. The consolation prize was awarded to Arthur Morin.

Two games of basket ball will be played in Oddfellows' hall, Saturday evening, February 12. The first game will be played by the Crescents of the Fitchburg Y. M. C. A. and the Crescents of Shirley. This will be followed with a game by the Leominster high school freshmen and the Shirley high school team. Harry Collyer has assumed the management of the Shirley Crescents.

After undergoing extensive repairs the auditorium of the Universalist church will be opened for regular service, Sunday, February 13. In recognition of this event a special union service will be held Sunday evening, February 13, at seven o'clock. Addresses will be made by Rev. Charles R. Conklin of Boston, Dr. Howard A. Bridgman of Boston; Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins, and by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker. Special music will also be given, and the evening will be one of exceptional interest and enjoyment for all who attend. The public are very cordially invited.

Mrs. Sydney Carter has been obliged to go to the hospital for further treatment and the sympathy of her friends and neighbors is extended to her and her family.

The teachers of the Center school have been obliged to go to the village for board, as on account of Mrs. Carter's illness they were compelled to leave there and no one else could be found to take them.

Shirley grange was well represented at the Pomona meeting held in Lunenburg, Wednesday.

The next regular meeting of the grange will be held Tuesday evening, February 15. State master Chas. M. Gardner will be present and deliver an address.

A social dance at town hall, Shirley Center, Saturday, February 12. Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Miss Bernice Renfrew is visiting her sister, Miss Marion, here, stopping at the Kerley house.

A social dance will be given in the town hall on Tuesday evening, February 22, to which all are invited. Music by King and Coles orchestra.

Mrs. C. R. White's reception and ball for Harvard "Dancing class" takes place in town hall, Friday evening, February 18. Matrons, Mrs. Harry Whitney, Mrs. Warren Fairbank and Mrs. A. H. Turner.

Pauline Harlow is on a visit to New York city, guest of her aunt.

Friends of Mrs. D. McKay Morris, nee Pollard, of this town, will be pleased to know of the birth of a son, born January 28, at Pittsburg, Penn.

Cedric Houghton of South Boston visited his sister, Miss Alicia Houghton, a teacher in Bromfield, a few days last week and over Sunday.

The ladies of the Congregational Orthodox church will hold a supper and social at the church vestry on Thursday evening, February 17. Supper from six to seven. Entertainment at eight o'clock.

Pupils of the Bromfield school with the teachers, Professor Leonard and Misses Renfrew and Houghton, enjoyed a sleigh-ride to Bolton on Wednesday evening last. The time in Bolton was taken up with dancing and music, Robinson's hall being the stopping place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mero of Woodstock, Vt., announce the marriage of their daughter, Julia Ann, to Alvah Hazard of this town. The wedding ceremonies took place February 8, at Woodstock, Vt. The young couple came immediately to the home of the groom, where they are stopping for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hazard. They will reside at Woodstock, where Mr. Hazard has steady employment. The groom is well known here, and both he and his wife have the best wishes of the townspeople in the new life they are now entering upon.

The Ladies' Picnic club met at the Memorial rooms on Wednesday last to perfect plans for their annual gentlemen's night supper and social, to be held at the town hall in the near future.

Association day will be observed at the Unitarian church on Sunday, February 13. Percy A. Atherton of Boston, who is a director in the American Unitarian association, will speak during the morning service along the line of the work of the association. All are welcome.

Andrew L. Haskell is in Vermont selecting a carload of cattle. He is expected home this week with a fine lot.

Died February 10, an infant son to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dodge, now living at the Hayden place. Mr. Dodge has worked for the McLaughlin Co. at the cider mill.

George Dyar visited his sisters, Miss Dyar and Mrs. Sherman here on Tuesday last.

William F. Shores and family spent Saturday and Sunday last with friends at Westboro. They drove over and back with a team.

### Grange.

A regular meeting of the grange will be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening, February 15. On this occasion the first and second degrees will be conferred on a class of six. The men's degree team will confer the second. There will also be a sort of entertainment to close. At the last meeting a representative of the National Grange Co-operative Co. was present, and gave the members some very good advice and information along this line.

The next meeting, February 15, is to be a Valentine party, and all are requested to bring one to be given a fellow member.

### Still River.

Quite a number from this village went to Worcester, Wednesday, to attend the trial of Plouffe for the murder of Dr. Stone.

Mrs. Julia Keyes is visiting at Luther Willard's this week.

Chester Willard is getting quite a lot of corn to grind in his new mill, farmers coming from all parts of the town with their grists.

### Club Meeting.

The Tuesday club met with Mrs. Morse, Tuesday afternoon, and Mrs. Jennie Willard was the leader, and she finished her program, begun last week, on the life and work of Dr. Grenfell.

The first on the program was the reading of "The unwilling parent," by Mrs. Willard, followed by a song by Mrs. W. C. Haskell.

Next was reading, "The close of open water," by Mrs. Haynes. Mrs. Morse read "Prince Pomink," and Miss Laura Brown read "The Optimist," and Miss Alice Harrod closed the program with music on the piano.

Next week the club will meet with Miss Alice Harrod. There were present Miss Katherine Lawrence, Laura Brown, Mrs. Anna Flanders, Ebbelyn Russell, Alice Harrod, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. A. L. Hunter, Mrs. L. H. Bateman, Mrs. Jennie Willard, Mrs. Luther Willard, Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mrs. W. C. Haskell, Mrs. J. L. Keyes and Mrs. Haynes.

### TOWNSEND.

There will be an extra order day at the selectmen's rooms at Memorial hall, February 19, of this month, and the last order day of the fiscal year will be held Wednesday, March 2, instead of the first Saturday in March.

Another little boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Sunday morning, February 6.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Potter of Worcester, were guests at R. G. Fessenden's over Sunday.

Mrs. Al Richards enjoyed recently a few days' visit at her sister's in Webster.

Mrs. John Gwinn and Mrs. George Clarke recently visited Mrs. Bertha Colson at Everett.

A new orchestra has been started and is to be called the Philharmonic orchestra. They will make their first

appearance at the band concert, to be given at Memorial hall, by our local band, Friday evening, February 25, where they will furnish the music for a social dance after the concert.

Rehearsals are in progress for the Grange play at Memorial hall, Friday evening next, February 18. This is a three-act comedy, entitled "Diamonds and hearts," and is full of fun from start to finish. This is to be a public entertainment and all will be welcome.

The little son of Elmer Wyeth is very ill with pneumonia.

The Monday club met with Mrs. A. S. Howard this week, and the afternoon was devoted to the reading of Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice. The literary program was in charge of Mrs. Gertrude Piper. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

### Death.

Mrs. Mary L. French, wife of Moses E. French, died at her home below Townsend Harbor, Tuesday morning, of bronchitis, aged 73 years, 7 months and 20 days. The funeral was held at the house, Thursday afternoon, Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby officiating. The interment was in the family lot at the Centre. Mrs. French leaves a husband, one daughter and one son, Joseph W. French, who resides in town.

In the death of Everett E. Page of Leominster this week, from pneumonia, Townsend loses a former townsman. Mr. Page resided here about twenty years ago and was widely known and respected by all.

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## HIS GOOD NAME.

By HARRY C. ERNEST.  
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Van Rastle was a gentleman who had struck a streak of bad luck. He wore a threadbare suit, a hat with a hole in the top, and his trousers were much frayed. Nevertheless he prided himself that a gentleman is always a gentleman even in rags and his own breeding would always be recognized. And it was recognized so long as he lived where he had been born and brought up. But Van Rastle concluded to try his luck in the wild west, and when he came to that country, where pedigree is not considered, he found himself on the same social basis as a stage driver or a cowboy.

Van Rastle was prospecting on Clear creek, in Colorado, or, rather, he was digging for a mine he thought he had struck. One night while sleeping in the little cabin he had thrown together for temporary protection he was awakened by the sound of footsteps without. Presently he saw where his door was a streak of perpendicular light and knew that the door was being opened. In a few moments the light had become a square, in the center of which was a crouching figure. It crawled into the cabin and had its hand on what few dollars Van Rastle possessed when the matter came to a crisis by Van Rastle ordering him to throw up his hands.

The next scene was a western courtroom, the judge sitting on the typical dry goods box. The prisoner, an ill-favored young man with a crafty eye, stood apart. The judge addressed the prisoner:

"Now, then, Tom Baker, what you been tryin' to rob this man for?"

"Hain't I got a right to plead guilty or not guilty?" asked the prisoner.

"Oh, you been tried so many times you know a lot about law, don't you?"

"Reckon I plead not guilty."

"How air you goin' to prove sich rot as that?"

"I don't need to prove it. You got to prove that I robbed him."

"Waal, that's easy. Step up, Mr.—"

"Van Rastle," the witness supplemented with some of his former pride in his name.

"What's that fust part of it?"

"Van."

"Well, Mr. Dan Hustler, tell how this galoot robbed you."

"I heard a step without."

"How didn't you know it wasn't a painter?" interrupted the accused.

"Then my door opened," continued the witness, "and I saw the figure of the prisoner."

"How did you know it was me?"

"He crawled in and had his hand on my money."

"His money, judge! Jes' 's if a misable lookin' coyote like that ever had any money!"

Mr. Van Rastle winced.

"I ordered him to throw up his hands. He did so, and, grabbing him by the collar—"

"Judge, he's got to prove I had a coat on! I hain't got no coat and nary collar to my shirt."

"Then I marched him down here to Empire and turned him in to the committee."

"I told you, Tom Baker," said the judge sternly, "it was easy 'nuff to prove you done it."

"Mightn't I have the witness?" asked the prisoner.

"Have the witness! No. You got his money. What'd you want him fur?"

"I want'er cross examine him."

"Oh! More law talk, eh? Well, go ahead."

"What's yer name, Dan?"

"Peter Stuyvesant Van Rastle."

"Dye hear that, judge? He admits he's by occupation a rustler."

Then followed questions as to the witness' age, place of residence—indeed, everything the prisoner could think of. Finally the judge stopped the questioning with:

"You, Tom Baker, shet up! Yer thinkin' you air a-runnin' this case instead o' me. How many times you been in jail?"

"S'pose I've been in jail, judge. Didn't you never read any stories in the newspapers tellin' how an innercent man went to jail because one o' his pals turned state's evidence and swore him away?"

"This hain't no sich case. Tom Baker. You was caught in the act."

"Who caught me? This yere rustler says he caught me, but how you goin' to believe him? Hain't my word 's good as hisn'?"

The judge looked puzzled.

"Tom Baker," he said presently, "what'd you go and mix me all up fur?"

"I didn't mix you up, judge. I jist set you right. How do you know what crimes he's committed?"

The judge looked at Van Rastle suspiciously.

"Stranger," he said, "hev you—hev you?"

He paused. He was trying to say something that he couldn't get 'out. Then a sudden thought struck him.

"Tom Baker," he said, "you go 'long. And if ever you are brought up before this yere court ag'in I'll turn you over to the committee to lift you where the grass 's too short fer yer toes to tread on."

The prisoner went away jubilant. Van Rastle, dismayed at the course the trial had taken, stood irresolute whether to make a protest or to go to his cabin without saying anything. After all but he and the judge had left the room the judge said to him:

"Dan Hustler, I want to explain. That Tom Baker's one the sharpest rascals in these mountings. Ef I hadn't shet him off he'd a' brought out yer whole record."

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE AGITATION

How It Was Viewed by Mr. Gladstone, "the Great Commoner"

This year, which marks the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Gladstone, sees a curious revival of the agitation for Woman Suffrage.

Mr. Gladstone, as well as Herbert Spencer and John Bright, had once advocated the extension of suffrage to women. These three notable men later reversed their views and opposed this revolutionary change. Mr. Gladstone's opinion is as pertinent today as when it was written. He wrote to Samuel Smith, M. P., as follows:

"There has never within my knowledge been a case in which the franchise has been extended to a large body of persons generally indifferent about receiving it. But here, in addition to a wide-spread indifference, there is on the part of women who have considered the matter for themselves, the most positive objection and strong disapprobation. Is it not clear to every unbiased person, that before forcing on them what they conceive to be a fundamental change in their whole social function, at least it should be ascertained that the womanly mind of the country is in overwhelming proportion, and with deliberate purpose, set upon securing it? I think it impossible to deny that there have been and are women individually fit for any public office, however masculine its character; just as there are persons under the age of twenty-one better fitted than many of those beyond it for the discharge of the duties of full citizenship. In neither case does the argument derived from exceptional instances seem to justify the abolition of the general rule. I for one am not prepared to say which of the two sexes has the higher and which has the lower province. But I recognize the subtle and profound character of the difference between them, and I must again, and again, deliberate before aiding in the issue of what seems an invitation by public authority to the one to renounce as far as possible its own office, in order to resume that of the other. As this is not a party question, or a class question, so neither is it a sex question. I have no fear lest the woman should encroach upon the power of the man. The fear I have is, lest we should invite her unwilling to trespass upon the delicacy, the purity, the refinement, the elevation of her own nature, which are the present sources of its power. My disposition is to do all for her which is free from danger and reproach, but to take no step in advance until I am convinced of its safety. The stake is enormous. The affirmation pleases as to my mind not clear; and, even if I thought them clearer, I should deny that they were pressing.

Very Faithfully Yours,  
W. E. GLADSTONE."

## POINTS FROM COLORADO

Interesting Facts Gleaned From Book Written by Helen Sumner

Helen L. Sumner, Ph. D., who was sent to Colorado by the Collegiate Equal Suffrage League of New York State, to inquire into the workings of equal suffrage in that state, gives some very interesting facts in her book. We find that in spite of the fact that women have voted in Colorado for sixteen years that, "Colorado is not advanced as many of the East states in the matter of legal protection for women and children in industry."

The great cry of the Suffragists is that when their reform is established the difference in wages received by men and women shall disappear. In spite of the sixteen years of women's vote in Colorado Miss Sumner reaches the conclusion that "the probability is, as a Denver employer put it, that 'suffrage has nothing to do with the wages of either men or women.'"

As to public employments, although there are more women in such employments than formerly, Miss Sumner concludes that "taking public employment as a whole, women receive considerable lower remuneration than men."

If the possession of the ballot by women were to affect women's wages in any form of employment, such effect might naturally be expected in the pay of school teachers. In Colorado, if anywhere, it might be thought, would be realized the ideal of "equal pay for equal work," which figures so prominently in suffrage arguments. But Miss Sumner not only concedes that "as teachers, also, women receive lower salaries than men"; but she adds what, from the suffragist point of view is the most depressing conclusion, "the difference in the salaries of men and women teachers in Colorado, instead of being unusually small, is unusually large."

Mrs. O'Connor's Epigram  
As if to defend the rough-house tactics of the suffragettes, Mrs. "Tay Pay" O'Connor coins a fierce and faulty epigram: "This is a vulgar age, but it is better to be a vulgar and successful woman than an unsuccessful lady." It is decidedly worse, though, to be both vulgar and unsuccessful.—Nashville American.

Boomerang for Suffrage  
The English suffragettes, all testimony agrees, have set back female suffrage in England by years. From a hopeful cause it has become a charge many men think of with grave anxiety.—Philadelphia Press.

## KITCHEN UTENSILS.

What a 'Bride Will Need in Her New Home.

Furnishing a kitchen seems a costly and difficult task to the newly married woman who must purchase every spoon, pan, brush, etc., for use in her new home.

That baking pans, those for muffins, cake tins, kettles for boiling and dishes for baking must be provided she knows and notes them down cheerfully, and broom, dustpan, pail and mop she will also think of, but she is not likely to provide a short brush for the stairs nor a second dustpan, the latter to be held in reserve in the kitchen, for the one that is used on a greasy floor must not be put on carpets.

Soap dishes over the sink and a soap cage to hold the small pieces must be on the list. At least one dishpan and a drainer are necessary, while a dish-cloth and certainly six towels are indispensable.

A colander, a small and medium sized strainer, a double boiler, a frying pan and one deep kettle for fat, a broiler for fish and another for steak are among the necessities. Dishes for putting away food in the refrigerator will be needed, as will a rolling pin and board, and if desserts are to be made small molds must be bought.

A mat to put on the floor in front of a sink is a necessity, not a luxury, for this is a place that is often wet, and the floor cannot be kept clean if the wood is soaked all the time. A wooden roller and towels for it must be part of the equipment. A poker, coal hod—two of the latter, one used for ashes, the other for coal—will be needed, and possibly a shovel for coal will be necessary; also two or three chairs, a table and a cover for it and a lamp if electricity is the lighting agent, for economy must be practiced in the lighting of a house.

Wooden spoons and tin ones, large and small knives, forks, etc., may be bought in large numbers. Butter paddles for balls are wanted to make that table commodity look attractive. An ice pick, one garbage can or perhaps two and a brush and shovel for the sink are also necessary.

Even the tiniest laundry brings the need for clothespins, line and basket, as well as washboard and boiler, although in apartments where the water is very hot the tin cooker is not always required.

A young housekeeper whose new cook makes constant demands upon her for utensils will find after careful inquiry as to the reason for these requests that the woman is not asking for fancy articles, and so she should do her best to supply all pans, etc., that are needed every day.

## The Fascination of Skeeing.

In Norway skeeving is a means of getting about, as well as a fine sport during a great part of the year. And in our own country where the weather conditions are propitious smart society



WHEN SHE GOES SKEEING.

Women are going in for the fun of locomotion on these funny looking Norwegian skates. The costume illustrated is one to be worn by a girl in Canada this winter, where she expects to be one of a large skeeving party.

## To Avoid Wrinkles.

When carrying several blouses in a suitcase place them all on a padded coat hanger so that the width of the blouses will run along the length of the suitcase. In this way the crease from folding will come at the waist line and will not be seen when the blouse is worn. The hanger will be found useful at the journey's end, since the blouses will be hung on it during the visit.

To keep a plaited skirt fresh looking tuck all the plaits in place before packing. This will obviate the necessity for pressing it at the end of the journey.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HERMAN S. HAZEN, of Shirley, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1910, 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 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 January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE GREENLEAF OSGOOD, late of Ayer, 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 EMMA J. OSGOOD, GEORGE L. OSGOOD and RACHEL A. OSGOOD, who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors, therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

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The above amount of hay and a grain ration, composed of corn, oats and bran, mixed in the proportion of fifty pounds of corn, fifty pounds of oats and twenty-five pounds of bran, will make any horse fit for a hard day's work. One will generally have to feed from one to one and a half pounds of grain per day to every hundredweight of horse. The smaller amount may do when he is at light work and the larger amount when at heavy labor. I find that such a mixture as this fed along with the amount of hay mentioned will keep a horse cheerful and make him pleasant to work. The grain ration is sufficiently fattening, while it is also flesh forming enough in character to impart a wearing quality to the muscles.

It is true that some horses will eat much more hay than the amount mentioned, but it is a mistake to increase this quantity, as a horse can only digest and assimilate a certain amount. Keep in mind that a horse's appetite generally goes beyond his powers of assimilation. In many cases horses that eat large amounts of hay become hard looking, while they have little life or snap in them. Some men go on from year to year with their horses in this condition without knowing anything about its cause. It is usually advisable to use only a small amount of hay in the morning and at noon, making the night feed somewhat more liberal, though not enough but what the horse will clean it up in a reasonable length of time and then lie down for a comfortable night's rest.

In connection with sensible hay feeding it should also be remembered that



HEAD OF WELL-BRED WORK HORSE

horses should receive water before and never immediately after a meal. It goes without saying that hay should always be clean and bright, and if this is the case the kind of hay does not matter so much, though timothy and clover mixed in about equal proportions are without doubt the best. Although timothy hay is not very rich in nutrients, there is something about it that the horse dearly loves, so that it should be kept in mind that palatability has much to do with digestibility, and therefore it is wise to cater to some extent to the animal's tastes.

Those who feed thirty to forty pounds of hay a day to a work horse will make but little stock in the weights above mentioned; but, as stated before, this has not been guesswork, for it was proved during experimental work at an experiment station recently. Under such treatment horses should always look well and will put in a good day's work and be fresh afterward.

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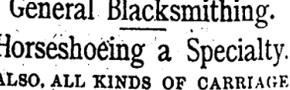
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I have had a love affair of which I was not conscious till it was all over. How could this be? Listen and I will tell you.

I went to Paris to study art. I was then a girl of nineteen. I lived in a pension occupying one floor of a five story building. There was an elevator, one of that foreign kind which you enter, shut the doors, press a button, and the cage takes you up, stopping at your floor. I lived on the fourth floor. Sometimes I used the elevator and sometimes walked up or down the staircase. One day when ascending on foot a door opened at the third landing and a young man came out and met me on the staircase. He was very handsome, with great dreamy eyes, and faultlessly dressed. I wished to look at him, but he kept his eyes fixed on me, and I felt constrained to turn mine away.

There was that about him which made me desirous to see him again, but we did not happen to meet for several days. Then we met quite frequently. I was so conciliated as to think that he learned the hour when I came from the art school and met me purposely. Possibly he might have watched at a window for me to enter the building. At any rate, we met so frequently that I felt I had reason to suspect that it was not all accidental. After awhile he began to raise his hat to me when he passed. I replied to his salute with a nod which I tried to make appear indifferent. There was nothing presuming in his notice of me, only civility. Indeed, his manner was so deferential as well as engaging that I was quite won by it. In time he gave me a scarcely perceptible smile in passing. I did not return it. I was brought up in America, with the understanding that if you give a Frenchman an inch he will take an ell. Nevertheless the time came when there was occasion for me to speak to him. I was carrying some sketches up to my room, and one slid out of my portfolio and fluttered down the staircase. He ran down after it, picked it up and handed it to me. His lips wore one of his sweet smiles, and he looked things unutterable with his eyes. Of course I thanked him, but that was all. I passed on up to my abiding place and entered without a look behind me.

One day I became aware that another person was interested in me. As I entered the building where I lived I saw a face at a window opposite. It was the face of a man, and he stared at me. Indeed, it was so evident that I was an object of marked importance to him that I felt troubled. I ran into the house, took the elevator and was lifted to my pension. After that every day when I went home the man opposite was at his window, and every time he stared at me. Finally I delayed or anticipated my arrival in order to escape him.

There was such a contrast between his manner and that of the young man on the floor below me that I rather warmed to the latter. The next time I met him I spoke a few trivial words to him. He replied in kind, treating my action as a matter of mere politeness, and passed on. After that when I met him I encouraged him to make my acquaintance. Finally I told him of the man across the street who stared at me. The truth is I craved protection. My friend was sympathetic, but nothing more.

The next day I had occasion to go out to do an errand in the early morning. I had just closed the door behind me when I heard a door open on the floor below and my friend appeared. He waited for me till I came down to him. I noticed that he was dressed all in black. Not a white speck was visible, even at his throat. I asked if he had lost any one dear to him, and he said he had not. He regarded me with a singular expression, which I could not interpret, but it seemed to me such an expression as a man to whom I belonged might wear or that of one who was making a sacrifice for me. We walked down to the street together. A carriage was standing at the door. My friend looked at me earnestly, lifted his hat, got into the carriage and was driven away. I went on to the art school, where I became engrossed in my studies and was oblivious to all else.

When I went home by a rapid glance I satisfied myself that the face I dreaded was not at the window. I hoped I would meet my friend on the stairs. I did not. Nor did I again meet him. A week passed, another, a third, and I did not see him. What did it mean? Had he left the place without speaking of his going to me? I was astonished at myself for expecting him to inform me of his intentions.

I tried to forget all about him, but failed signally. I lost interest in my studies. I lay awake nights. At last, when I could endure to remain uninformed no longer, I knocked at the door from which I had so often seen him come out, determined to learn the truth. I was received by a lady, who gave me a pressure of the hand and a melancholy, sympathetic smile. "He roomed in my apartments," she said. "He gave me his confidence. He loved you and lost his life as your protector. The morning you last met him he was killed in a duel with the man of whom you complained to him." I stood staring at the woman in mute astonishment. A man had loved me, had died for me, and yet we had not exchanged a word of love. I have never married, and there is no possibility of my marrying.

## MARGARET ANGLIN ON DRESS

She Says "Save on Frocks and Put the Money into Furs."

"My clothes creed is well summed in three statements," says Margaret Anglin in Human Life. "First, I believe in saving in the number of frocks and putting the money into good furs. "Furs are very expensive, and they are constantly growing more so. Nevertheless they are so becoming to all women that it pays to sacrifice other things in the wardrobe to buy them and to buy good ones.

"Next, I believe in having good, well cut gowns, little trimmed, but plenty of jabots and gulps and yokes and collars, so that there can be fresh, clean things for the neck every day. I like the intimate things, those clothes that touch the skin, to be dainty.

"Third, I believe in the tailor gown, but I like it trimmed and softened. The adorned French and American tailor makes I prefer to the unadorned English styles, which are too trying for any woman.

"To this creed I would add that if I were very poor and able to have but few clothes I should make a point of having my gowns made just alike. Then no one would ever know which were new and which old. I should always wear black in the day and white in the evening.

"But every one likes to dilate upon his creed, so let me add something by way of elucidation and elaboration to mine. First, as to furs, I prefer dark furs. They look richer and, as a rule, are more becoming. Personally I like the long haired furs, but if I were of less height I should wear the short haired ones. Mink is the favorite, as it should be, of short women.

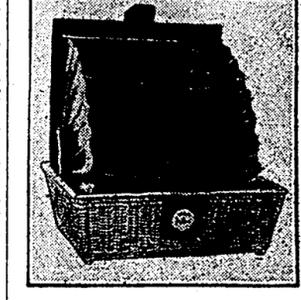
"For the street I like the plainest gowns in cut and color I can get, but I will not wear the English tailor made frock, which in every respect except bifurcation is exactly like a man's business suit. The French and Americans trim these suits, feminizing them with rows of braid and bands of silk or folds of velvet, and they are incalculably more becoming.

"The English tailor suit demands a stiff linen or heavy fannel shirt waist. The French or American permits bodices of silk or velvet or even of chiffon. A French tailor suit I got in Paris and have worn, as it seems, endlessly is of blue black cheviot cut with a long coat and plain but fairing skirt. "So far it is English, but it has a becoming shawl collar of soft silk and rows of braid that brighten it. And the bodice is of black chiffon with pipings of pale blue silk, and with it I wear a fresh gulpe of lace or embroidered linen or of white chiffon every day. Odds and ends left from a wornout white frock work up finely into dainty accessories like this that make a costume charming.

"One rule I always follow—I never wear in the house the gown I have worn on the street. The moment I come into the house, no matter how tired I am, I slip off the street suit and get into a house gown. "The change in itself rests too. I do this in part from hygienic motives, in part from artistic ones. The street gown is not sanitarily fit to be worn in the house until it has been well brushed and gone over to rid it of any germs it might have accumulated on the crowded pavements, crowded in more than one way. But artistically the street gown is also impossible. It doesn't go with the furniture."

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Always line a cake pan with medium weight yellow paper. Grease the paper, not the pan, except the edges. A clean cloth dipped in hot water and then placed in a saucer of bran will clean white paint and not injure it. The soft bran acts like a soap to the paint.

A crust of bread is best to clean a sticky bread or cake pan. Never use a knife or anything which will scratch the surface and invite more sticking thereafter.

Carrots should be cut in slices instead of cubes, because the outside part, which is the darkest, is the richest. If cut into slices it is more equally distributed.

The easiest way to clean a cereal cooker is to turn it upside down in a pan of boiling water and steam it until the mass is soft and loosened from the sides of the pan.

Celery can be kept for many days if it is placed in a glass jar, sealed and kept in a cold place. It should be soaked in ice water before being placed on the table.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

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## LOWELL and FITCHBURG STREET RAILWAY CO.

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First car leaves Lowell for North Chelmsford, connecting for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster at 5:15 a. m. The next car leaves Lowell at 6:33 a. m. then thirty-three minutes past every hour, up to and including 9:33 p. m. The 10:33 p. m. and 10:48 p. m. cars from Lowell for Ayer only leave from Lowell at 11:18 p. m., due at Ayer at 11:53 p. m.

First car from Ayer 7:05 a. m., last car from Ayer 10:05 p. m.; first car from Lowell 7:33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9:53 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster. Last car from Lowell 10:33 p. m. for Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11:05 p. m., due at Ayer at 11:50 p. m. L. H. CUSHING, Supt.

## JUST PUBLISHED

Webster's NEW INTERNATIONAL Dictionary, (G. & C. Merriam Co., Springfield, Mass.) surpasses the old International as much as that book exceeded its predecessor. On the old foundation a new superstructure has been built. The reconstruction has been carried on through many years by a large force of trained workers, under the supervision of Dr. W. T. Harris, former United States Commissioner of Education, and reinforced by many eminent specialists. The definitions have been rearranged and amplified. The number of terms defined has been more than doubled. The etymology, synonyms, pronunciation, have received unsparing scholarly labor. The language of English literature for over seven centuries, the terminology of the arts and sciences, and the every-day speech of street, shop, and household, are presented with fullness and clearness. In size of vocabulary, in richness of general information, and in convenience of consultation, the book sets a new mark in lexicography.

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East.

Rev. S. P. Hayward, formerly of this town, who has been a resident of Seattle, Wash., for some time as pastor of the First Adventist Christian church in that city, is now located at Nook-sack, Wash., pastor of the Adventist church in that place.

The Peppereil Woman's club will have a meeting at Central hall, February 15, at 2.45 o'clock. It will be home day, under the educational committee. February 14, at Prescott hall, the club will hold their annual guest night. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Qua, Mrs. Nellie Gutterson or Mrs. Edgar Blake.

Sam'l P. Bancroft, who is ill at his home with grippe and pleurisy, is doing as well as can be expected. Miss Andrews is the nurse.

Dr. C. G. Heald performed an operation on Charles Hill of Franklin street, Tuesday for appendicitis. The operation is reported successful, and Mr. Hill doing well.

Allan McElhinney, who is at Lynn, having an operation on one of his eyes, is still receiving treatment. Several minor operations have been performed, and the final one is expected Saturday.

Reginald Hills, the eight-year-old son of Mrs. David Hills, Brookline street, was successful in winning one of the prizes offered by the Hallett & Davis Piano Co. in their puzzle competition. The value of the prize is \$52, and the little fellow feels very happy over it.

The Peppereil vs. Groton pool series stands Peppereil 683, Groton 510.

A letter received from our representative in congress, Charles Q. Tirrell, announces a generous supply of bulletins of interest to farmers. These will be sent free for the asking.

The O. H. I. S. held a very successful business meeting, Wednesday evening, February 2. It was of unusual interest, as it was in charge of the new president of the society, Jesse Shattuck, and many who were unable to attend made known their loyalty to its purpose. Mr. Shattuck has the honor of being the second president, as the office was held by Rupert L. Blood for three successive years previous.

Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner favored many of her former neighbors here with a call Tuesday.

James Bent of Mt. Lebanon street has had another stroke of misfortune. This time one of his valuable team horses injured one of his legs, severing an artery. Dr. F. A. Davis was called and the wound is healing satisfactorily. It was not long ago he lost a valuable colt.

Dr. Davis has been a very busy man this month. He has in addition to many out of town calls, had a stubborn case of stoppage with one of E. S. Durant's handsome pair of matched bays. On Wednesday Dr. Lewis of Nashua was in consultation, but as all that was possible was being done it was an anxious twenty-four hours before improvement was noted. Dr. Davis also attended a bad case of lacerated teat with one of E. R. Richardson's best milking cows. Though a difficult case, he hopes to be successful.

Silas M. Nokes has completed the filling of his large icehouses at Reed's pond—in all about 12,000 cakes, sixteen inches thick, twenty-two inches square, and the best quality secured for many years. Mr. Nokes has himself been ill with a severe attack of grippe, but persisted in superintending operations as well as to the breaking out of the roads and sidewalks during the recent storm and continuing storm. The same work had to be repeated four successive days, because of the drifting.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church announced a food sale at the home of Mrs. H. C. Thurston, Main street, Friday afternoon, February 18, at three o'clock.

Louis B. Wright was in town over Sunday to see his brother, Robert Wright, who has been ill; also to see his son, Russell P. Wright, who is employed with Stenstream & Deloid. Russell is considering employment in Boston when this firm leaves town.

The usual number of dance enthusiasts attended I. O. F. hall at Groton last week Thursday evening.

The coldest February 6 and 7 for thirty-nine years applies to our town as well as other New England points of importance. The record of frozen pipes and suffering humanity proves it came wholly unexpected, but not unpropitious, for the general ground hog surely ran to cover just a few days previous.

The fire department was called by telephone Saturday night to extinguish a chimney fire at Mrs. Munroe's, Crescent street. Although a stubborn blaze, the chemicals added another to the long list of all-outs.

Monday evening's dance in Lawrence hall by the young men of Peppereil was a success. This is the last dance until after lenten season is past. Thayer's orchestra furnished excellent music and the large crowd was well pleased.

Saturday, February 12, will be the one hundred and first anniversary of the birth of our beloved Lincoln. The proclamation of Governor Draper is to be seen in many prominent places, besides having been published in the dailies. This opportunity of special observance of the life and works of that great and good man, should be worthy of special attention in the home as well as in our schools, and by public announcement. The boy of hustle, shrewdness, ambition, or thought can grip the road to highest success and greatest knowledge by following the many maxims for which we are indebted to him who was a poor boy and learned from few books by the light of the hearth.

The town suffers severe loss whenever fortune's turn of wheel causes changes in business and removals, but the loss is triple this month, when in addition to the retirement from our business district of Stenstream & Deloid, George Spooner of Whipple & Tower, announces his intention of returning to his former home in California. Mr. Spooner has been with

us about two years, has made many friends, and shown business ability and commercial hustle above the average. It is announced that Edward Wright, one of the superintendents at the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill, is making a change. He has not only been prominent in his line of work, but active in lodge and commercial interests. His departure is a distinct loss.

Saved by Quick Response.

Fire was discovered in the residence of Mr. Thos. J. Coghlan, Monday morning, about ten o'clock. The department made quick response to call from box 28, Forrest street, the new driver of the steamer arriving with steam up six minutes after the first round. The general response was highly satisfactory, and it was noted as the fire had not surprising headway in this few minutes. It was started during the thawing of pipes in attic. The peculiar draft in the attic of the Freese roof gave it a terrible headway. The wind was blowing a gale and as cold as any our firemen have experienced. The fire did good work, which would have been of no account without the splendid supply of water from our new hydrants, credit is due for saving the property of Coghlan's parish, parsonage and church, and no doubt the entire street would have been wiped of buildings, but for our town waterworks. As it was damage to building and contents is estimated at about five hundred dollars, covered by insurance.

Death.

The funeral of Edward Whalon was held Thursday morning with high religious services by Fr. Coghlan, many friends and relatives from out of town attending. Arrangements were in charge of Roland H. Blood. Whaton passed away Tuesday at his home on Tarbell street. He was in his seventy-eighth year, his death being caused by apoplexy. He was a native of Ireland and has lived in Peppereil over fifty years. His familiar figure was often noticed in the street, and he was known to be able to work at his advanced age. He was highly respected because of his frank, honest and cheerful character. He is survived by a wife and seven children—Thomas, John, Patrick of this town, Mrs. Sully of Boston, and three sons in Boston and New York.

Hope of Quick Recovery.

Inquiry of the family of the sick boy, Letroy Riley, resulted in the report that he is improving and his recovery is looked for. There has been many wild rumors concerning his condition, but in line with our unchangeable rule, we endeavor to have facts in our news items. It is true the child was punished at school; it is also true the child has been in the hospital for some time and it appears to be so confusing for others than those who take both sides of the case, that it seems best to allow the parents, who, it is understood, consent that the punishment received is responsible for his condition, and the physician attending him, who are best fitted to decide it, but all join in expecting the boy's quick recovery, and many who know the happy little fellow who was never near his heart's desire than when riding on some one's team, and if allowed to take the reins, would in his own dialect, peculiar because of his throat affliction, make the one bestowing the privilege, laugh in spite of sympathetic inclination.

News Items.

Our fellow townsman, Francis G. Hayes, who has a law office in Boston, was in Peppereil on Tuesday for the superior court last week. In the case of Hannah Carroll vs. Fore River Ship Building Co. of Quincy, plaintiff was awarded \$4800, action having been brought forward upon the death of her husband, who was injured while in employ, and which resulted in his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Farnum of Proctorsville, Vt. were guests of E. A. Johnson on Tuesday.

Monday and Tuesday it was impossible to heat the Main Street grammar building. A representative from Boston of the Warren Fuller Heating system, who is in town Tuesday, will repair the apparatus at this school. He was able to instruct Janitor Shattuck on many different points, the important being that the wrong kind of coal is being used to obtain the highest degree of efficiency.

Bids have been asked for by the select committee for new metal ceilings and walls in the Groton Street school. This building needs considerable repairs in this particular, and it is expected an appropriation will be asked for to supply the same.

The new heater placed in the Townsend Street school by Stenstream & Deloid is giving thorough satisfaction.

The hydrant in front of the stable of E. Gozlin was frozen up Wednesday, but put in good order by Superintendent on early Thursday.

Our chief of police, Mr. Monteith, assisted the Ayer officers in their successful raid for sellers of intoxicating liquor in that town, last Saturday night.

Selectman Francis G. Hayes, whose term expires in March, states that in answer to the many solicitations of friends he has consented to allow his name to be presented for re-election at the coming meeting.

The program of the Village Aid society includes a supper of the usual variety and an entertainment afterward in Central hall next Thursday, February 17. Supper will be at 6.30. Hot baked beans, cold boiled chicken, macaroni, hot rolls, pies, cake, coffee. A special feature of the entertainment will be a part taken by the entertainers. Tickets on sale by the committee, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. I. J. Rowell, Miss Mary Woods, Mrs. C. M. Shattuck, and the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange, held at Lunenburg, Wednesday, a good number of Peppereil grangers were present—Mrs. I. E. Starr, Mrs. Sarah Tucker, Misses Ida Shattuck, Sarah Tucker, Pansy Howe, E. F. Harmon and James Starr. Miss Shattuck, Miss Helen Shaw and Mr. H. H. Houghton, an active part in the program, and as usual won much praise.

Of Inestimable Value.

Town politics are being talked over by some, although a month distant. This is a good omen of interest in municipal affairs. It is no doubt about an incident to the carrying out of a program satisfying to many of our readers as any matter which the public are interested in.

The water commissioners' report bids fair to be the leading attraction at next town meeting, if current criticism incident to the carrying out of a program of sparing errors or omissions which many of the taxpayers are waiting for report on. The most prominent discussion will be the laying out of three miles of pipe with but two takers of water and the abandonment of less than three miles of such same pipe, with about twenty anxious for water. The reported delay in handling of applications, so that many who are on the line for service could not get water last fall. On the other hand, the present commission is entitled to our support and respect, because we are in the measure of relief. They have a municipal water service of inestimable value, well within the appropriation. By their means, the town has been enabled for handling large undertakings, they have saved the town many thousands of dollars, not only in trivial instances, but in the carrying out of this work. So, along with criticism, which is the apparent lot of every public official, should be placed the good they have accomplished.

The employing of a citizen of Hollis to perform certain duties at the pumping station, is a state of some concern, and because this man is also in the employ of one of the commissioners, color is given to the theory of favoritism. Much misunderstanding on this point can be cleared in a few words had with one of the commissioners, by the reporter. He states that no permission so far as he knows, has no intention to find with Mr. Bannion, who was in their employ. That the duties of

Mr. Slocomb are to see to the fires at the pumping station, as Engineer Blake does not have time to pump but about twenty hours each week, and at this expense of about twenty-five cents per day, Mr. Blake's time can be put to better advantage, and that for the present he can handle the work done by Mr. Bannion.

An interesting fact worthy of mention, is that only once before has Commissioner Tarbell been on any town committee. It was one of the committees which had charge of the building of Main Street grammar and Pine Orchard schoolhouses. His associates were J. Woodward and the late W. F. Heald. That building is one of our town's greatest assets, when impressions are desired by newcomers. Mr. Tarbell's work had much to do with the splendid results and the great saving to the town, and there is every reason to believe he has been an aggressive fighter for the town's interest in the water works.

Connected with politics, we hear it mentioned that recent comers to town should not be allowed to hold office, and their ideas should not be entitled to consideration. Now, this appears rather selfish. There is no monopoly in interest at home and town affairs. A newcomer who takes an interest in our town and its progress is to be commended. It is a sign of good citizenship. There are some mighty smart people out side of town, and many who come here bring new ideas and a progressive spirit.

To the Editor:

In last week's Peppereil-Clarion Advertiser a criticism in regard as to how the officers of the Peppereil District Nurse association were elected was printed. It is as follows:

"The following is a list of officers elected for the District Nurse association. These names were chosen by a committee of five and elected as recommended by this committee. Just why they were not directly chosen by ballot of a public service society is not stated."

As the secretary of the District Nurse association, I have been instructed by a vote of the association, taken last Monday evening, to ask you for space in your paper to explain that these officers were nominated by a committee consisting of H. N. Tower, Mrs. James E. Dunn, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, Dr. C. G. Heald and Mrs. H. N. Tower.

The names of the nominees were brought in and a motion to elect them by the secretary casting a ballot for each one separately was unanimously carried.

The article in question in last week's paper has placed the association in rather a delicate position, the members thought it best that this explanation be published.

Your correspondent made a mistake in reporting Dr. L. R. Qua as one of the directors for a term of one year. Mrs. L. R. Qua was elected to that position.

Secretary Peppereil District Nurse Association.

Center.

There was a large attendance at Central hall, last week Thursday evening. The supper was excellent and the drama, "Aunt Matilda's party," was very enjoyable. Mrs. Addison Woodward substituted for Mrs. Dudley R. Child, who was called to attend the funeral of her aunt in Boston. Mrs. N. S. Shattuck, who impersonated "Aunt Matilda," was a beautiful representation of a lady of eighty years of age.

On Monday, February 7, the Book and Thimble club made the observance of the birthday anniversary of Charles Dickens, a pleasant occasion, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald, where they are accustomed to meet on every Monday afternoon. Each member carries several articles, valued between ten cents each, to be sold. Coffee and cake was served at seven cents. The tables were laid in the hall, and all the articles were disposed of, netting a very satisfactory sum for charitable use, out of a seven-cent idea.

Kenneth T. Blood of Concord Junction, instructor in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, visited Peppereil Sunday with his relative in Peppereil. His twenty-second birthday anniversary occurred on Sunday, February 6.

Rev. Dudley R. Child will have a historic sermon next Sunday relating to the first parish church of Peppereil, which was established February 12, 1763. His sermon of last Sunday was based on the sixth verse of the eighty-fourth psalm, drawing a lesson therefrom for a constant endeavor to do some kind act wherever we find opportunity.

About Town.

Angella Parker and Edward Glow were united in marriage, Thursday evening, February 3, at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Putnam Webber. Mr. Glow is employed by the Burkinshaw Knife Co.

Mrs. Lyman Fuller has been quite ill with the grippe the past week.

Fred Nutting is located in Gardner and has commenced working for the firm of Hagar & Houghton.

Edward Stenstream, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is fast recovering and expects to be able to leave for Gloucester at an early day.

Fanny Thurston Nutting has completed her duties at I. J. Rowell's office, her place being filled by Laura True.

The Nashua River Paper Co. has discontinued the use of rags in the manufacture of paper. The rag room is closed; therefore, Foreman Bartlett and his help are out of employment.

Neal McWilliams, a superintendent in the Champion card shop, was called to New Brunswick to attend the funeral of his sister. He left here on Friday of last week, returning the following Tuesday.

George Spooner of Pleasant street has severed his connection with the firm of Whipple & Tower, and is preparing to move his family to Southern California.

Mrs. Arthur Blood of Gardner is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker drove to Fitchburg, Saturday, to visit their son, who with his wife, returned with them for over Sunday.

Mrs. P. F. Sullivan of Townsend street has been entertaining Miss O'Keefe of Roxbury the past week. Miss O'Keefe was a teacher in the high school last year.

Wednesday, February 2, Miss Mary Eita Putney was pleasantly surprised by her many friends, who called during the day with gifts and good wishes on her seventy-sixth birthday.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The class of 1912, Hollis high school, recently organized. Daniel H. Goodwin was elected president.

The Anna Keyes Powers Chapter, D. A. R., have offered prizes to the junior and senior classes in the high school for the two best essays written on a patriotic subject. First prize, three dollars; second prize, two dollars.

Rev. George Buzzell of Nashua occupied the pulpit Sunday forenoon. In the evening the Goodwill Institute orchestra of Nashua gave one of their entertainments for that organization. The music was interspersed with remarks by Mr. Buzzell, explaining the aims, object and work of the institute. Mr. Buzzell is the secretary of the organization, giving all his time and talents to it. He accomplishes much for it. The special object is to help children whose surroundings are not all that could be desired. Their entertainments are very pleasing.

The Hollis Woman's club met with Mrs. F. W. Dudley, Wednesday afternoon. Nineteen ladies were present. In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. C. Hardy, who is ill, Vice-president Miss Mildred Rogers presided. Music, a piano solo by Miss Ruth Rogers; current events by Miss M. E. Wilson; a paper on the East India Dutch company, by Mrs. Brown, was given. After an intermission a paper on delit pottery and porcelain was given by Miss Eaton. Mrs. P. A. Powers repeated her reading on Wedgewood pottery by request.

Deaths.

Mrs. T. B. Mason passed away after a short illness at midnight Friday. Mrs. Mason was not a strong woman, but through her indomitable will accomplished much more than many a stronger woman. She was a most devoted wife and mother. It was her delight to make a happy home for her family. She was a native of Hardwick, Vt., but the family have lived in Hollis for more than twenty years. She won the esteem of all who were privileged to know her. Her husband, Mr. Mason, is lying very low at this time and cannot long survive her. One daughter is left, Miss Edith Mason. A son, Harry C., died after a brief illness nearly two years ago. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at the vestry. Interment in the East cemetery. The officiating clergyman was Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of Peppereil.

John L. H. Twiss died last week at his home on Proctor hill, after two years' illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Twiss was a native of Londonderry, but came to Hollis to reside seven years ago. His funeral service was held last Friday afternoon at his late home, owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Davis, Rev. W. L. Noyes of Brookline was the officiating clergyman. Interment was in the East cemetery. Mr. Twiss is survived by a widow, three sisters and one brother.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Ralph Nye is a guest at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Hall.

TOWNSEND.

West.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hodgman to study the life and works of J. G. Holland.

Mrs. Robert Hawes of Boston is a guest of Mrs. Alexander this week. Miss Helen Troupe of Quincy spent Sunday with friends in Lynn.

Entertainment.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the year was the banquet and entertainment given by the Men's club to the members of the Monday and Friday clubs and their friends at the Baptist vestry last Tuesday evening. About forty-five were present and partook of an excellent salad supper, served with an accompaniment of hot rolls, maple syrup, coffee, ice cream and cake. The program consisted of the usual business of the club and election of president, Alexander Reed being chosen for the office for the ensuing month; a brief address on the topics of the day by the president, L. O. Barker; selection, "The wayside cross," by a male quartet, consisting of Walter Wilder, Clarence Stickney, Perry Sawtelle and Ashbel Streeter; recitation, "Words of hope," by Miss Blanche Sprague; song, "The blacksmith," by James Dodds, with an encore, "The dear little girl," reading, "The fire on Tompkin's hill," by Miss Alice Seaver; solo, "Jerry and Joe and John," by Mr. Dodds, with encore, "Mary of Argyle," and closing selection, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," encored with "Home, sweet home," by the male quartet. A social time followed and the entire evening was heartily enjoyed and proved a complete success, reflecting great credit upon the Men's club as entertainers.

Harbor.

The Monday club were entertained at Mrs. Hagar's this week and observed Dickens' day. The literary program included a short biographical sketch of Dickens, together with quotations and extracts from some of his more important works. At the close of the exercises refreshments were served. Next Monday will be observed as Valentine's day at Mrs. Fletcher's.

The funeral services of Mrs. Moses French were held at her late home Thursday of this week. A number of grangers from this place attended the Pomona grange in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

At their last meeting, Mrs. Josselyn, president of the Monday club, and in behalf of its members, presented Mrs. Bagley with a birthday book.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Supt. F. S. Brick has received a renewal of his certificate from the State Board of Education for the next five years, qualifying him for the duties of superintendent of schools in any part of Massachusetts.

Miss Gale spent Sunday at her home in West Gloucester. Eugene Ryder, who formerly lived at P. W. Cunningham's, spent a few days there recently. He now owns a farm in Franklin.

Helen, the youngest child of Ernest Davidson, was severely scalded Tuesday evening. She was running about the room when she caught hold of a long-handled saucer that was on the stove filled with boiling water and tipped the contents over her body. Dr. Staples was hastily summoned and had the child taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, where she now lies in a critical condition.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The net proceeds from the Backlog concert amounted to considerably over \$100.

Wallace Robinson began work as commercial traveler for a large wholesale grocery firm in Boston last Monday. The patrons of Conant & Co., on the route canvassed by Mr. Robinson, feel very sorry to lose this courteous and accommodating clerk, and extend to him their best wishes for prosperity in his new undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reid have the sympathy of Littleton friends in the loss of their young babe, whose brief life came to a close last week Monday. Mrs. Reid is reported very ill with acute tuberculosis.

Daniel Haley captured the first prize at the masquerade ball at West Acton last week Tuesday night.

The old sawmill at West Littleton has been converted into a factory for the manufacturing of pulp drinking cups, cuspidors, etc.

The next grange meeting will be held on February 16, and will be a Valentine party. Each member is privileged to invite one guest. The entertainment committee consists of Carl Boyd, Miriam Cash, Clifton Ewing and Vera Libby. The supper committee is Miss Mabel Parker, Clarence Brown, Miss Hattie Smith and Joseph Coughlin.

At the close of the Friday evening dance Herbert Whitcomb accompanied his father, J. H. D. Whitcomb, to New York city, and later to Syracuse and Utica, also Philadelphia on a business trip for Mr. Field of Boston.

Rev. Alexander Sloan of Enfield, a highly-recommended candidate, will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday, February 13.