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HARVARD.

News Items.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold their next regular supper and social on Friday evening, February 3, at the town hall. Suppers will be served promptly at six and seven o'clock. There will be a short entertainment at eight o'clock, after which social dancing will be in order.

The Evening Whist club held a regular party at the I. O. O. F. hall

on Tuesday evening, January 24. Refreshments were served. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. P. O. Dickson, first gent's; George Hardy, booby; Mrs. J. A. Barry, first ladies'; Mrs. A. F. Ripley, booby.

Alfred Scriven, formerly employed at Hillcroft by George F. Cobb, has gone to Chelsea in the employ of Mr. Cobb.

Albert A. Haskell started Wednesday last for Jacksonville, Fla., going by boat from New York city. The trip

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is business, as Mr. Haskell intends to locate in Florida in the photographer's work if conditions there are favorable.

Howard Davis of Old Mill district attending the Bromfield school, was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday with acute appendicitis. He went to the home of George C. Maynard where his folks were notified of his illness. Dr. Hopkins of Ayer was summoned and he immediately transferred him to the Groton hospital. He was operated on Tuesday night and the latest reports leave him resting comfortably.

George Gale filled his icehouse this week from Bare Hill pond with ice that was nine and one-half inches thick.

Miss Mary Davis was reported on the seriously sick list at the Memorial hospital on Sunday last, and on Monday Mrs. Davis went to Worcester, as it was feared another operation would be necessary. Changes for the better set in and Mrs. Davis returned Tuesday evening reporting the sick one as very much better.

Miss Della Clough returns to Sunnyside this week after a several weeks' vacation at her home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Important business to be brought before the I. O. O. F. lodge on Monday evening, January 30. All members interested in the finances of this lodge should make an effort to be present.

The report of the State Supervisor of local assessors uncovers a few dollars, mostly in personal property among citizens of Harvard. \$160,172 was the result of the investigation in our little town, netting the town under the December levy \$1,841.88, in addition to the regular April levy.

At the last meeting of Harvard grange the master, Henry Knights, appointed as degree masters, Mrs. A. F. Ripley in charge of the ladies' team, and Perley Beard in charge of the gentlemen's team.

D. R. Slade of Centre Harbor, N. H., was in town Tuesday afternoon visiting his sister, Mrs. Bigelow, and the Bromfield school.

The annual meeting of the King's Daughters for the election of officers will be held at the Memorial reading-room on Thursday afternoon, February 2, at 2.30.

Constable Hanna discovered fishermen on Bare hill pond this week and on examination of their outfit found more lines set and baited than the law allows. The cases will probably be heard at Clinton on Monday next.

Arthur B. Davis has sold his farm property on the lower Littleton road to parties in Brookline.

The management of the South Lancaster academy concert company surely need have no hesitation in presenting the company and its program to the most critical audiences, if the program presented here on Thursday evening is a sample of their work. Those present thoroughly enjoyed the musical selections, of the chorus, the readings and the special numbers in vocal and instrumental work.

A party of Clinton young people engaged the hall here Friday night. They had a straw ride, then they enjoyed a social dance with those of our young people who attended, returning at midnight to Clinton. They brought the Clintonian orchestra with them.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The most shocking accident we have ever had to record occurred on Monday morning at Hapgood's crossing in West Acton, when Thomas E. Ferguson was instantly killed by the eight o'clock express as he attempted to cross the track in front of the train in spite of the flagman's signal. His horse was also killed and the wagon reduced to kindling wood. Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon in the Baptist church at West Acton. The deceased leaves a widow and little boy not yet two years old.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Viets and Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield attended the twenty-fifth anniversary reception of the Ladies' Relief corps at West Acton last week Friday evening. G. A. R. hall was tastefully decorated with stars and stripes for the occasion. An interesting program of vocal and instrumental music, history of the corps, original poem, addresses by visiting officers was given. One pleasant feature was the presentation of a set of teaspoons to Mrs. Hart, who had been secretary of the corps for sixteen years. A bountiful spread of sandwiches, coffee, cake and ice cream was served. Mrs. Nellie Norris, one of our former townspeople is now serving her second term as president of the corps.

J. B. Losaw has bought a farm of 160 acres in Chester, Vt., and is to take possession in two weeks.

Miss Henry Hager is in Acton Centre, staying with Mrs. Harry Tuttle, whose husband was recently taken to the Westboro insane asylum.

Mrs. Charles Knights spent Saturday and Sunday with the Wilson family in Charlestown.

Geo. A. Brown

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It is the well-known policy of this store that goods of one season shall not be carried to the next season. Hence our regular semi-annual sales.

On Saturday, January 28, we shall begin this sale in order to dispose of the balance of our Fall and Winter stock.

All small lots, slow sellers, discontinued lines in every department must now "MAKE WAY" for the coming season's goods.

This sale will afford you very substantial price reductions on our high-grade seasonable

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Look over the following list of prices and you will be sure to find something that will interest you:

MEN'S SUITS		FANCY OVERCOATS	
The sizes are broken of course, not many suits of a kind, but all sizes in something.		For Men and Youths	
\$ 8.50 Suits, make way price	\$5.47	Every Overcoat in stock now cut in price.	
10.00 Suits, make way price	7.47	\$12.00 Overcoats now	\$8.47
15.00 Suits, make way price	10.47	15.00 Overcoats now	10.47
18.00 Suits, make way price	13.47	16.50 and 18.00 Overcoats now	13.47
20.00 Suits, make way price	14.47	20.00 and 22.00 Overcoats now	15.47
Also one lot of odd suits for Boys and small men, 31 to 35, ages 15 to 19	2.47	MEN'S BLACK KERSEY OVERCOATS	
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING		\$10.00 Overcoats now go for	
One lot of Children's Knee Pant Suits, ages 8 to 16, the pants are cut straight only, which we offer at just one-half regular price.		12.00 Overcoats now go for	
\$3.00 Suits now go for	\$1.50	15.00 Overcoats now go for	
4.00 Suits now go for	2.00	20.00 Overcoats now go for	
5.00 Suits now go for	2.50	BOYS' OVERCOATS	
Knickerbocker Trouser Suits		Ages 8 to 16	
\$3.50 Suits reduced to	\$2.50	\$4.50 Overcoats now reduced to \$3.47	
4.00 Suits reduced to	2.89	6.50 Overcoats now reduced to 4.47	
5.00 Suits reduced to	3.47	8.50 Overcoats now reduced to 6.47	
Odd Knee Pants		CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS	
Straight Cut Only		Ages 4 to 12	
One lot regular price 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25, now reduced to your choice		\$2.75 Overcoats now	
		4.00 Overcoats now	
		5.00 Overcoats now	
		23c.	
		FURNISHING DEPARTMENT	
		Shirts	
		Your choice of any of our \$1.00 grade of Men's Fancy Negligee Shirts, cuffs detached, for	
		79c.	
		Your choice of any of our 50c. grade of Men's and Boys' Fancy Negligee Shirts for	
		39c.	
		Your choice of any of our Men's Working Shirts, collars on, in the Cheviots or Domet Flannels, regular 50c. goods at	
		43c.	
		Underwear	
		All our 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear, Single or Double-breasted, the kind we have been selling for 50c. all season for	
		39c.	
		All our Derby Ribbed Underwear in the Blue and Ecu colors, the kind we have been selling all season for 50c., now for	
		39c.	
		Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, the 25c. kind	
		19c.	
		Gloves	
		All our 25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys now	
		19c.	
		One lot Heavy Working Gloves for Men, 50c. value	
		35c.	
		One lot of Jersey Gloves for Men, Women and Children	
		15c., 2 pairs for 25c.	
		One lot Men's \$1.00 value Winter Gloves now	
		75c.	
		WINTER CAPS	
		Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price	
		All our Men's \$1.00 Caps now	
		79c.	
		All our Men's 50c. Caps now	
		39c.	
		All our Boys' 50c. Caps now	
		39c.	
		All our Boys' 25c. Caps now	
		19c.	
		Odd Winter Caps for Men, 50c. values, now	
		19c.	
		A FEW SPECIALS	
		Men's White Handkerchiefs	
		3c.	
		Men's Police Braces	
		15c.	
		Men's 25c. Suspender	
		17c.	
		Ways' Mufflers, seconds of the 50c. grade	
		25c.	
		Men's Coat Sweaters in Plain Gray, Gray and Red, and Gray and Blue, 75c. value for	
		39c.	
		TAMS FOR MISSES AND WOMEN	
		At One-half Price	
		50c. Tams	
		25c.	
		75c. Angora Tams	
		37c.	
		\$1.00 Chinchilla Tams	
		50c.	
		HOSIERY	
		35c. Heavy Wool Hose now	
		25c.	
		25c. Heavy Wool Hose now	
		17c.	
		15c. Heavy Cotton Hose now	
		9c.	
		15c. Fancy Cotton Hose now	
		9c.	

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Saturday, January 28, 1911.

GROTON.

News Items.
The old Twenty-fourth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, met in reunion a few days ago at Boston, with forty-two members in attendance. Nearly half of this regiment was killed in the twenty-eight battles in which it participated during the civil war, and less than one hundred members who are alive today. After dinner at two o'clock the veterans drank a toast to Dr. Samuel A. Green, the original surgeon of the regiment, and now the oldest member of the regiment association. Surgeon S. A. Green was one of the speakers at this reunion.
After balloting, which continued through last week, the list of officers for commencement of the senior class at B. C. Law school has been completed. This year the class is organized into two divisions. The first includes graduates of colleges or universities. The second, those who hold no college degree. David J. Donahue of Groton was elected vice-president of the second division.
Married in Groton on Thursday evening, January 19, by Rev. George M. Howe at the parsonage, George Fred McDonough and Mrs. Ada Butterfield Nutting, both of this town.
Joseph Paulhus, who was operated on at the Massachusetts General hospital, as mentioned in this column last week, is getting along nicely, and is expected home in a week or so.
Howard Davis, a lad of about twelve or thirteen years, from Harvard, was successfully operated on for appendicitis Wednesday at the Groton hospital and is doing finely.
Mr. Collins of Buffalo, brought from Ayer, where he fell at the railroad station, receiving some abdominal and other injuries and also breaking an arm, was brought to the hospital here a few days ago and is apparently doing well, under treatment received. The accident happened on Monday night.
Miss Effie Jeannotte, having had better offers elsewhere, is about to close her millinery and dressmaking rooms in Groton. She will leave town by the middle of next month. Miss Jeannotte's work has grown in popular favor here and her business increased. It is with much regret that her Groton patrons and friends find that she has decided to make this change.
The Reading club met with Mrs. Lawrence Park on Wednesday afternoon. There were sixteen members present and the time passed in the usual enjoyable manner with afternoon tea at the close of the social gathering.
Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood returned this week from a visit in Philadelphia.
Donald Bixby of West Groton was an over-Sunday visitor at S. R. Mason's.
The Brown Loaf club was pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. H. H. Gay. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Benedict.
Geo. E. Hodgman is chairman of the supper committee and Dr. H. B. Priest of the entertainment committee at the Unitarian gentlemen's sociable next Thursday evening. The supper will be followed at eight o'clock by the entertainment. This will in part consist of a short farce: "Zerubbabel's second wife." The characters are: Miss Matilda Wiggins, Dr. E. B. Brangan; Peggy, near-sighted maid of all work, Howard L. Gilson; Dea. Zerubbabel Scrubber, James T. Bennett, Clarence Hay, a well-known singer of Boston, is to give vocal selections and there may be other numbers on the program not as yet fully decided upon.
Mrs. John Lawrence, who has been in Boston with Mrs. Roger Wolcott, is now in New York with Mr. Lawrence, staying at the Hotel Wolcott.
Mrs. Dresser, who has been visiting her daughter in Lowell since Christmas, returned to her home at her daughter's, Mrs. George L. Boynton, in Groton on last Saturday. Miss Sybil Severance of Lowell accompanied her grandmother, Mrs. Dresser, and was an over Sunday visitor of her aunt, Mrs. Boynton.
John N. Kidder, who was injured last week Monday when he slipped on the step of his wagon and taken to the Groton hospital, left there last Sunday for his home in Ayer.
Mrs. J. W. Russell of New Haven is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. M. Boutwell, and her mother, Mrs. Charles Taylor. J. W. Taylor, esq., is also a guest of his sister, Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell.
Frank F. Waters fell while out on Tuesday and hurt his knee. He did not notice any pain until about six o'clock in the evening, when it began to trouble him. Dr. Kilbourn is attending him and advises his keeping his bed for awhile. Mrs. Waters has been suffering from a cold and rheumatic attack, but is now better.
Frank H. Palmer trapped a fine fox last week. Its skin is really one of the best of many foxes he has captured.
The Ladies' Alliance met Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. George E. Hodgman. At the study hour Mrs. P. H. Cressey and Mrs. E. B. Gerrish had papers on Count Tolstoi, the writer and philanthropist.

Miss Kimball's school closed Wednesday for the remainder of this week on account of the very serious illness of her mother at her home in Alfred, Maine.
A flock of twenty robins were seen and counted on a tree on the Martin pond road, opposite the Lawrence Brooks farm, and not far from Mr. Winslip's, last Monday. Now and then a stray robin has been seen this winter, but a flock of twenty on January 23, in this climate, is something very unusual, if not unheard of heretofore.
Mrs. George L. Moison spent last Sunday in Everett with her sister, Miss Lucy B. Raddin, who is a teacher in that town.
Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer, who has been visiting her son and family at Winchester, expects to return to Groton this week and later will go to the home of her daughter, Mrs. French, at Westbrook, Me., to stay the remainder of the winter.
S. R. Mason's telephone call has been changed from 53-21 to 68-3 and J. L. Gilson's from 53-11 to 68-11.
Harry Gadsby from Ohio is on a visit to his friend, Harry A. Floyd. These two young men were together for four years in the U. S. navy. Mr. Gadsby, while here, is attending church and social gatherings and is pleased with the town and the people, while they in turn are pleased with him and especially with his singing.
Miss Gertrude Jones, former teacher in the commercial course of Groton high school, was an over-Sunday guest of Mrs. Arthur A. Wood. Miss Jones is now teaching in the same position at Gardner.
The "Jack and Jill" Whist club met with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ames on Thursday evening. Rowan Allen and J. Messenger scored the highest for the Jacks, while for the Jills the scores were even. Refreshments were served.
Mrs. Darwin P. Keyes, who has not, for several years, enjoyed the best of health, has been quite ill for a number of weeks past, but is now better. Quite a fierce grass fire spread over a good part of Richardson's, as it is often called, Sunset hill, on Main street north on Tuesday afternoon. It was set by sparks from the locomotive of the five o'clock train. It ran dangerously near C. A. Corey's buildings, but was put out by members of the fire department, neighbors and men who were setting telephone poles along by the railroad.
Wedding.
A very quiet wedding with only the family present took place at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, January 25, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Eddy. The contracting parties were Miss Helen M. Eddy, their only child, and Arthur O. Christensen of Beaufort, S. C. Rev. P. H. Cressey of the First Parish Unitarian church performed the marriage ceremony, using the King's chapel service. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen left on the 4:20 train from Ayer going to Boston and afterwards will go to New York, Washington and Philadelphia, then to Beaufort, S. C., the home of the bridegroom. Later, they will leave for their own newly-established home, which is all ready for their occupancy at Lanoria, Mexico. Mr. Christensen is a former student at Harvard and at Massachusetts institute of technology, from which he graduated some four or five years ago. He is an expert mining engineer, an authority in his profession. Miss Eddy, a well-known and highly respected young lady of this town, is a recent student of Bradford seminary. The best of good wishes for a happy future follow them to their home in Mexico.
Installed.
Groton people, on account of the prominent educational and social position of Miss Fannie E. Woods, have felt much interest in her installation as worthy matron of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., of Ayer, on Wednesday evening, January 25. The attendance was large beyond expectancy and the brilliant success of the whole affair was a matter of comment, and could be hardly excelled in the history of the chapter or order. Miss Woods' was very becomingly gowned in a handsome, rich crepe-de-chene, and looked every inch the worthy matron and lady. Ayer is fortunate in securing even a few hours of Miss Woods' busy life for the work of the chapter and its social functions.
Among the guests present from Groton were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Manning, Miss Ida Jewett, Mrs. C. Z. Southard, Miss Lora Sherwin, Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods, Dr. S. G. Underhill, Mr. Hendrickson, Wm. A. Woods, Miss Fannie Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gerrish, Miss Lillian Kane, Miss Helen Belle Moore and Alfred G. Woods.
Installation.
The officers of Middlesex Rebekah lodge were installed at Odd Fellows' hall, Hollis street, Friday evening, January 20, as follows:
Mrs. Jane P. Wood, n. g.; Mrs. Mary E. Boynton, v. n. g.; Mrs. Laura A. Adams, con.; Mrs. Edie Harrington, w.; Miss Clarissa Coburn, fin. sec.; Mrs. Alice M. Woods, rec. sec.; Mrs. Sarah J. Whiting, chap.; Mrs. Lena Nitting, r. s. n. g.; Mrs. Hannah Whitehill, l. s. n. g.; Miss Elsie Bailey, e. s. v. g.; Mrs. Emma Porter, l. s. v. g.; Mrs. Alice Miller, l. g.; Edwin A. Shattuck, o. s.
The installing officers were department grand master, Mrs. Dunlap and suite of Pepperell. The occasion was a very pleasant one with some sixty members in attendance and a few visitors. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cake were served during the hour of pleasant social intercourse.
A Serious Accident.
Mrs. Lucy B. Shattuck, whose home is with her son, Edwin A. Shattuck, broke her left hip about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. She was in a room as ordinarily, but when she made a turn to go in another direction, either her leg gave way or some how she lost her balance and fell with the above unfortunate result. She is at present resting as comfortably as could be expected, though necessarily suffering considerable pain. Being ninety-one years old last July, it can

be hardly expected that the use of the broken bone will be regained. The many friends of Aunt Lucy are very sorry that she should have this accident, and hope that she will be as comfortable and make as much of a recovery as is possible.
Grange.
The meeting of Groton grange on Tuesday evening was well attended and interesting. The third and fourth degrees were finely worked and just after the third degree was conferred, Eber J. Kierstead, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. L. E. Starr with the past master's jewel. Mrs. Starr on accepting made appropriate remarks. William A. Woods read a paper on the question "How shall our grange be made to prosper the coming year?" George S. Knapp, Eber J. Kierstead, Mrs. Ella Gilson, Mrs. Isabel Hawkes and Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer spoke on the same subject. A good supper was served in the dining room, the supper preceding the reading of papers and talks on the above subject.
There were a few visitors present from other granges and the names of some five or six new candidates were proposed to be voted on for membership to Groton grange. This was the first regular meeting that the new officers assumed their duties which were all well filled. The year starts with good promise of success and increasing numbers.
Luther Blood Course.
Miss Gertrude Canfield, reader and impersonator, coming under the Luther Blood free course, entertained a large audience in the town hall, Tuesday evening. Miss Canfield's own attractive personality, enhanced by her beautiful gown, made a pleasing impression. She was like a lovely picture as she stood on the stage with the scenery painting for a background and setting.
Miss Canfield did not present a varied program of readings and songs, but gave just one story—a novel with nine or ten characters, whose different peculiarities of voice and language she was surprisingly good in portraying. There was a good plot to the story, with no tragedy, but considerable pathos and humor and some intrigue. The hero, Nat Duncan, was brought successfully out of all his dilemmas and there was a good moral to close up with, and everything came out all right. One felt, after it was finished, almost as if he had been to a play, or had gotten up from reading a very realistic story.
The next in the course will be a concert by the Weber quartet of Boston on the evening of February 14.
Lawrence Academy Notes.
The Gamma Beta society held its first meeting of the term, Friday, January 15, and the program arranged was carried out. The following question were debated: Resolved that the Panama canal should be fortified, aff. O'Keefe, Knight; neg., Parclset, Prouty. It was decided in the negative.
Three new pupils this term are Henry S. Jones of Harford, Pa., John K. Campbell of Hillsboro, Texas, Carleton O. Needham of Littleton.
Boys are now practicing in the gym. At the close of the term two cups will be given for gymnastic work.
Vesper service will be held at five o'clock. Principal Clough will be the speaker. The public is invited to this service.
West Groton.
Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton occupied the pulpit here last Sunday in exchange with the pastor.
Rev. F. E. Emrich, D. D., secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary society, will speak in the church on Wednesday evening, February first, at 7:45 o'clock.
The Ladies' Aid society held its regular meeting last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. K. Harrington.
A. P. Blood has been a sufferer during the past week with a combination of troubles, chief of which was a severe attack of rheumatism. He is now able to be about.
Miss Addie Rudolph has returned from Carney hospital.
The two youngest sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby have required the attendance of a physician.
Mrs. Talmage Kierstead is reported as ill and also Mrs. Mary Larson.
Friends of Mrs. Della Williams Donovan of Gardner, who has been suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, will be glad to know that she is considered to have passed the danger point.
Frank Marble, who has just returned from an European trip, spent a part of Wednesday with his uncle, J. T. Shepley.
Miss Edna Bowles, who some weeks ago went to Nova Scotia for a lengthy visit, intending to go from thence to the Pacific coast for a year's stay or longer, has decided to relinquish the western trip and is expected home on Saturday evening.
Rev. J. P. Trowbridge will speak at a religious convention to be held in Greenville, N. H., on Tuesday, January 31. His subject will be "St. Paul's conception of the Kingdom of God."
A number of West Groton residents, who attended the Luther Blood entertainment in Groton last Tuesday evening, are loud in their praise of the entertainer. Combining a charming personality with a wonderful power of impersonation, Miss Canfield gave to her listeners a most delightful evening.
A. F. Bates and H. Spaulding visited Ayer last Wednesday evening as installing officers of the Middlesex lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. The following officers were installed: J. E. Messenger of Groton, n. g.; P. J. Potter, v. g.; George Hall, elec. sec.; W. Wheeler, p. s.; George Maker, w.; J. E. Hart, treas.; U. S. Knox, chap.
The Summer talk given by Mr. Trowbridge one evening last week proved both interesting and instructive. It is said that an evening with Julia Ward Howe is in prospect.
The teachers and pupils of Tarbell grammar school are to be congratulated. The piano of their anticipa-

tion for which they have patiently worked and waited, has become a reality, and emerging from the heavy distance is now standing in their schoolroom. If only a like success might be achieved for Squannacook hall!
Mr. Moore and family have returned to the house owned by H. E. Kemp on Mill street, the late occupants having moved out-of-town. This gives to John Winkle, who some weeks ago returned with his family from Leominster, the use of his entire house, a part of which has been occupied by Mr. Moore.
Mrs. J. T. Shepley, who less than three weeks ago was the victim of a serious automobile accident, is making a rapid recovery. She is not only doing the lighter part of her work, but has for some days astonished her friends by calls upon them, when they had supposed her confined to the bed. In these calls Mrs. Shepley expresses her appreciation of the thoughtful kindness of many friends manifested by calls and gifts of flowers, fruit and other delicacies, all of which help so greatly to lessen the tedium of the sick room. The Sunshine club especially, she holds in grateful remembrance, and thinks these young people are doing a good work in their kind thought for those about them.
On Wednesday, one of the younger Moore children received an injury on the face from a large shepherd dog, which resented the teasing of the children. Whether the wound is a scratch or bite has not been definitely stated by the physician.
Another fox is added to Earle Sleeper's list.
Whist Club Meeting.
The Whist club gathered for its fortnightly game last Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Harrington. Mr. Cottrell was unable to be present and his place was filled by Fred Luton, Jr. Greatly to the regret of the members, resignations were received from Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington. Guests of the evening were Mrs. E. P. Shores and Miss Esther Jarvis. The game went merrily on till ten o'clock, when to the wonderment of those not guessing a surprise to follow, the players were requested by their hostess to cease playing, and the score was read as follows: highest score for ladies, Miss Esther Jarvis, thirty-two points; second, Mrs. Isabel Wiggins, twenty-six points; highest score for gentlemen, H. Spaulding, twenty-nine points; James Hill, twenty-eight points; Booby scores were held by Miss Kate Tarbell and A. W. Lamb, with thirteen points each.
Following the reading of the score the company were invited to repair to the adjoining apartment occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, also club members, where a most hospitable welcome awaited them.
By vote of the club, refreshments have been restricted to simple dishes and have heretofore consisted of sweets upon the various tables or a buffet lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, however, being comparatively newcomers, wished their entertainment to partake of the nature of a house warming, and delicious refreshments in several courses. None was heard to object to this departure from custom and surely all did ample justice to each dainty as it appeared.
A social and musical hour followed and college songs were sung, Mr. Proctor presiding at the piano, these in turn followed by vocal solos by James Hill who responded to several encores, Mrs. Wiggins, accompanist. As midnight approached goodnights reluctantly spoken with many assurances to the hostess of a delightful evening.
The club's next meeting will be held with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb on Monday evening, February 6.

LITTLETON.

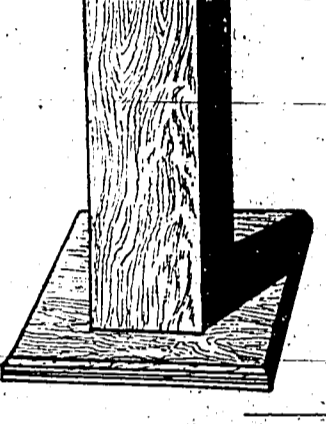
News Items.
The Nashoba ice cutting company wishes to inform all those farmers who wish to secure their supply of ice from Long pond, that they must be in readiness the first sledding that comes or they may lose their supply.
George A. Cook has been laid up with a lame back several days this week.
Littleton grange will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in Littleton town hall on Wednesday evening, February first. Supper with music and other exercises promise an interesting occasion. All past members, whether or not at present members of any grange, are cordially invited to be present.
Milford E. Somes and Minnie F. Kirby were married in Ayer by the Episcopal rector, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, January 6.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb attended a banquet of the Holstein Breeders' association in Boston on Thursday and report a most delightful time.
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill attended the banquet and installation of officers of the Eastern Star lodge at Ayer on Wednesday evening.
The usual number of Littleton dancers attended the complimentary ball in Harvard last week. Among the company were Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis W. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb, Herbert Whitcomb and friend, Karlton K. Priest, Harry W. Ireland, Clarence W. Brown and Misses Davis, Sargent and Jackson.
The L. H. S. hockey team will play the Groton H. S. team in Groton this afternoon if weather and ice are in favorable condition.
George H. Cash has filled leeches for Sidney White and the North Ayer hotel this week.
John Ames of Somerville, a frequent visitor in town, is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.
James Starr of Pepperell has completed work on a driven well at the John Hardy place. A ledge of seventy-eight feet was drilled through and there is now a good supply of water.

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Boston Dairy Company has a large force at work harvesting ice from the Mill pond.
The Newtown Whist club was entertained by Wallace Robinson at his home last Saturday evening.
Mrs. Mary J. Priest is spending two weeks with her son, Dr. Herbert Priest, in Groton.
About Town.
Following the Guild meetings tomorrow evening, Rev. O. J. Fairfield will continue his readings from great authors by reading some of the great passages from the bible and selections from the book called the Twentieth Century New Testament.
Rev. O. J. Fairfield's subject for tomorrow morning will be "The religion of the poetry of Robert Burns and its influence on our own time."
A Farmers' Institute will be held in Littleton town hall on Thursday, February 2, under the auspices of the Dairy Bureau of the State Board of Agriculture. Following is the program for the day: morning—ten o'clock, lightning rod demonstration by the Dodd & Struthers Co.; 10:30, address by H. O. Daniels, Middletown, Conn., on Rotation of crops and kindred subjects; 11:30, discussion; twelve, address by Charles M. Gardner, master of Massachusetts State grange and chairman of Dairy Bureau; afternoon, 12:30, dinner; 1:15, post-prandial exercises, Charles A. Kimball, toastmaster; two, address by E. Cyrus Miller, Haydensville, "Fruit culture"; 3:15, discussion.
Mrs. Harriet Whitcomb of Somerville came last Saturday to visit with her son, N. H. Whitcomb, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Prouty were over Sunday visitors here with relatives. Mrs. Prouty gave an excellent report of the Sunday school meetings she had attended in Boston, before the Sunday school here.
Mrs. Daisy Howard will lead the Guild meeting and the topic will be "Uselessness of worry and the value of a firmer faith in God."
Charles P. Robbins starts on a business trip, combined with pleasure, for Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Montreal and other cities. Mrs. Robbins will accompany him, and the trip will take about two weeks. They will leave on January 31.

TOWNSEND.
Harbor.
The Mid-week club met with Mrs. Doherty on Wednesday afternoon. Original poem was read by Mrs. Lane and readings by Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Ball. There was also a guessing contest. The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Downey and Miss Doherty. Refreshments were served at four o'clock, after which a social hour was spent in singing and music. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding.
Telephone Changes.
Pepperell—A. C. Stewart, new, 59-16; D. A. Dunbar, new, 59-15; Pepperell pumping station, new, 39-33.
Ayer—John M. Harrington, new, 134-3; Mrs. George G. Day, changed from 35-13 to 35-6.
Townsend—Diamond's fruit store, new, 24-2.
Items of Interest.
More than \$18,000,000 worth of sand and gravel was dug out for sale in the United States last year, according to recent geological survey figures.
The census statement gives number of Michigan farms reported in 1910 as 206,376, compared with 203,261 in 1900, an increase of two per cent. The value of farm land and buildings was \$897,057,000, against \$825,518,000 in 1900, an increase of fifty-four percent. The value of the farms alone was \$612,143,000, against \$423,570,000 in 1900, a gain of forty-five percent. Buildings are valued at \$284,914,000, against \$158,948,000, an increase of seventy-nine percent.
In connection with the water supply system which New York is building, there will be bored a fourteen-foot subterranean aqueduct, much of it through solid rock, three hundred feet below the earth's surface.
One part of powdered shellac to ten parts of strong ammonia, the mixture being allowed to stand for several days before it is used, makes a cement that will bind rubber to iron.
The summer season of 1910 at Bar Harbor has been the largest on record. The first cottagers arrived on May 11, and it was only on Monday of this week that the last of this year's colony left that popular resort.

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News Items.

George Puffer has been suffering from an attack of rheumatism which has confined him to the house for some time.

Rev. Dr. Flisk, who has been ill for several weeks, was able to be out on Sunday, both morning and evening; preached in the morning and addressed the Y. P. R. U. in the evening with his remarkable ability.

Wednesday evening, February 1, an entertainment and play will be given by the Y. P. C. E. society of the Congregational church in the vestry at eight o'clock.

Chief of police Beatty has found a pocketbook containing a small amount of money, which the owner can have by calling at the police station.

The Ayer branch of the Woman's Alliance will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Fenner on Thursday afternoon, February 2, at three o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Flisk attended the Williams college alumni dinner at the American house, Boston, on Thursday evening. His daughter, Mrs. E. B. Butterfield, accompanied him. They stopped at the American house and may not return before today.

Several officers of the Boston and Maine railroad, including general manager Frank Barr, were in town on Wednesday, coming in a special car.

Engineer William Landry was much surprised when a butterfly flew into the engine room of the Boston Ice Company at Sandy pond last week Thursday. A live butterfly at this season is surely a strange sight, and it was probably attracted to the engine room by the heat within. Mr. Landry kept it a few days but the insect died.

William A. Richardson intends to leave here about February 20, for Ontario, Cal., where he intends to make his future home. He has secured a position as freight solicitor for the Southern Pacific railroad company. Ontario is about twenty miles from Los Angeles. Mr. Richardson has sold his house at Sandy pond, known as the Ashley cottage, to Guy B. Remick.

Hon. John J. Mitchell, congressman from this district, has introduced a resolution in congress asking that Sunday, February 12, be set apart as a day for memorial exercises in memory of the late Congressman Charles Q. Tirrell of Natick, and according to the custom of the house, Congressman Mitchell will have charge of the memorial exercises and deliver the eulogy.

The high school will give its annual musical entertainment on Friday evening, February 3, in the town hall. The program consists of a cantata, "The building of the ship," selections by the high school orchestra and Glee club, and solos by Charles A. Grosvenor and F. R. H. Stetson of Worcester. A full attendance is desired as the proceeds of the concert will be devoted to high school work.

Miss Bertha G. Perry, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis E. Perry, went to East Northfield, January 23, where she is to enter upon a course of study in domestic science in Northfield seminary.

The members of Ayer circle, C. O. F., conducted a well attended fair and dance in Page hall on Thursday evening. The usual features of a fair, with its tables loaded with useful and fancy articles and confectionery were in evidence. Music for dancing was furnished by Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg. Many were present from out-of-town. Refreshments were served at intermission.

George H. Brown intends to go south, and will start some time during the coming week, if convenient for him to do so.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet in the Baptist vestry on Thursday, February 2. At their last meeting eight new members were received into the legion.

There are fifty-two windows in the main part of the Sigsbee Co. building on Central avenue, and twenty-six smaller windows in the basement, and it took 45,000 feet of lumber to build it.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner expect to leave here about the twentieth of February on an extended trip which will take in New Orleans, the principal places in California and Utah, and other places of interest in the far west.

The Boy Scouts meet in lower town hall on Saturday at two p. m. Drill and other features.

The "Od" sale held by St. Andrew's guild in lower town hall on Wednesday afternoon, was a great success, netting over forty dollars for the church treasury. The candy table was in charge of Mrs. Charles L. Farnsworth, assisted by Miss Kathleen Moses; the apron table was cared for by Mrs. William H. Dudley and Mrs. T. B. Bulkeley, and the food by Mrs. John Park and Mrs. W. Allen. The candy was a special feature. It was all home-made and there were eighteen varieties. It was all made by Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth who is an adept in this line. Among the oddities was the opening hour, 2.13 p. m., and the price of the candy, forty-one cents a pound.

Thomas F. Mullin has sold the Day lot on Pleasant street for the estate of the late Bartholomew McGrall, to Thomas Carney, who will build a house in the spring to be occupied by Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Sullivan. Mrs. Sullivan is a daughter of Mr. Carney.

Fred Noyes, who until recently was employed at the Chandler Planer machine shop, left Wednesday for

Quincy where he has secured a position running a planer for the Fore River Ship Company in their large manufacturing plant.

Through the courtesy of the Woman's Industrial association, there is on exhibition at the public library, fifty-two pictures of the most beautiful cathedrals of the world. It will remain till about the middle of February. Every one should see it.

Tuesday evening, January 24, Ayer circle, C. of F. of A., assisted in a class initiation of forty at Graniteville. The party went on the seven o'clock electric and returned on the last car. The members of the party were Mrs. B. McCarthy, Mrs. W. Leahy, Mrs. N. Plummer, Mrs. M. Burke, Misses Susie and Annie Duffy, Mrs. Mary Moore, Miss Mary Coughlin, Miss Agnes Wilson, Miss Margaret Horan, Miss Nora Coughlin, Misses Mary and Margaret Garity, Miss Mamie Moore, Miss Elizabeth Markham. They report a very pleasant evening.

After the town was set off from Groton in 1871, the real and personal valuation of property amounted to \$908,350. The valuation for 1910, footed up to \$2,178,250, which shows that there has been something doing in Ayer.

A special convocation of Bangorff Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, January 31. Work—most excellent degree. A lunch will be served.

The employes of Harlow & Parsons' market gave a surprise party to one of their number, Frank W. Rhymes, at his home last week Thursday evening. Mr. Rhymes was presented with a fine French briar pipe and case as a souvenir of the occasion. Refreshments were served and a social time followed. Those present were: Miss Maud L. Whitaker, Miss Katherine M. O'Neill, Miss Florence Titus, Patrick Keating, Ernest L. Whitcomb, Ellis B. Harlow, Berkley T. Larrabee, Chester Bales and Charles L. Hodgeman.

The largest crowd ever out to the moving pictures was present last Saturday night, and the singer made the hit of the evening; although the pictures seemed better than ever. The singer for this Saturday's entertainment is Herbert Whitlock of Boston, baritone, as the one last week could not be secured, but it is hoped to have him here next week. For the feature films the great Edison, "Attack on Mill," has been procured and it is considered the best one that Edison has ever put out, and is in great demand everywhere, and the Essanay western film, "Cowboy strategy."

Mrs. Abbie E. Sears died at the home of John A. Kendall on Monday, of cancer of the breast, aged 74 yrs. 9 mos. She had been under treatment for several weeks. She was a native of Hyannis. The remains were brought to South Yarmouth on Wednesday afternoon for burial. Mrs. Sears was a relative of Mr. Kendall's housekeeper.

George Blood of Groton has just installed an automatic water system in the residence of James Culver, on Park street, which is operated by a gasoline engine.

Weekly rhetoricals begin Thursday afternoon, February 2, in the high school. During the following weeks they will be held on Friday.

At the Woman's club on Wednesday, February first, there will be a lecture on "Three women of ancient Greece," by Miss Julia H. Caverno, professor of Greek at Smith college.

The executive board of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Avis Fisher on Friday afternoon, January 27, at 3.30.

The friends of Paul Fleming of Natick will be glad to hear he is slowly improving from his critical illness. Paul is the son of Mrs. Phillips D. Sampson.

Mrs. Della Washburn left with her baby for Jacksonville, Fla., Monday morning, and on the way there made a stayover in Washington of several days. She expects to remain in Florida for four or five months.

For other Ayer news see page eight.

Unclaimed letters remaining at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 23: William Hannis, Mrs. F. L. Holdsworth, Frank A. Trufaut.

Services at St. Andrew's church tomorrow ten o'clock, holy communion: 10.45, morning prayer and sermon: twelve m., Sunday school.

At the First Congregational church tomorrow the morning sermon will discuss the question, "Does religion give real help in our practical difficulties?" Dr. Richmond Flisk will preach by courtesy of exchange at the evening service.

Catholic church services at 10.45 a. m., sermon by Dr. Flisk, Sunday school at twelve m. The Y. P. R. U. will meet at 6.30 instead of seven p. m. The leader will be Miss Martha Wilson, and the speaker will be Rev. E. B. Crooks of the Congregational church on exchange with Dr. Flisk. Mr. Crooks' subject will be "Our New England religious inheritance."

Wedding.

Joseph T. A. Dion and Miss Virginia B. Lambert were married at St. Mary's church on Monday morning by Rev. P. J. Sheedy, who said the nuptial mass. The groom had as his best man, Frank J. Lambert, a brother of the bride, and Miss Mary O'Connell of Pepperell was maid of honor. After the ceremony, dinner was served to the wedding party at the home of the bride. Later Mr. and Mrs. Dion left for Fall River on a wedding trip. Upon their return they will make their home in Leominster. The bride is a well-known young lady of this town and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lambert of Lawton street. The groom, up to within a short time, has made his home here, and is now employed in Leominster.

Gave Himself Up.

The mystery concerning the person who robbed the desk at the police station last week Wednesday was cleared up on Monday, when a boy giving the name of Patrick Kline, who is believed to be fictitious, 17 years of age, walked into the Court square police headquarters at Boston and gave himself up as being the guilty person. He also confessed to stealing twenty dollars from the Y. M. C. A. building at Hyde Park last week. Kline told the police that after the robbery in the latter place, his conscience troubled him, and this together with the

fact that he was hungry, caused him to go to the police station and give himself up.

According to his story he came to Ayer and while here his past misdeeds preyed more than ever on his mind and he determined to surrender. He went to the local police station for that purpose, looked in the window, and seeing nobody walked in. After the robbery he remained about town for a time and then went to Boston, where he remained several days prior to the time he gave himself up to the police.

The desk at the police station here is one of the roll top variety and the top was pried open with some instrument resembling a burglar's jimmy. The towel used in the wash room was taken and placed around the instrument so that it would not deface the edges of the desk, the lock of which was torn off by the operation of prying on the top.

A revolver and billy and other articles were stolen. It is probable that the articles will be recovered. Chief of police Beatty went to Hyde Park on Wednesday and had a talk with the prisoner, who said that he came to Ayer and between 7.30 and eight o'clock in the morning of the day of the robbery, went to the police station and committed the robbery, using a screw driver to pry open the top of the roll top desk. After committing the break he waited here till 11.02, when he took the express train to Boston. Kline was tried in the Dedham court on Wednesday morning and held in \$500 for the Norfolk county grand jury.

He sold the articles he got to a man employed in the Charlestown navy yard, getting two cents for the ring, fifteen cents for the revolver and nothing for the billy.

He will probably be treated leniently by the authorities as he is regarded as a person of unsound mind. On this account several residents of Hyde Park have interested themselves in his behalf.

Located His Man.

Chief of police Beatty received a telephone message Monday night from the authorities of the home for the feeble minded at Baldwinville to be on the lookout for Thomas Buckley, who escaped from that institution last Sunday. The chief located the missing man in the fire room at Phelps' mill late Monday night, where Buckley and five tramps were spending the night. The fugitive was taken to the police station to await the action of the authorities of the Baldwinville institution.

Buckley was around town on Monday going about from house to house claiming that he was injured while employed by the railroad and showing injuries which he claimed to have received in the service of the corporation, although he could not give a clear account of how the accident happened. At times he appeared rational, but it was apparent that the mind was affected.

He claimed to have lived in Boston at one time and belonged to the organization known as "The forty thieves," the numerical strength of which is indicated by the title. The members of this organization, he said, make their living by stealing. According to his story he was caught while on picket duty, while some of the other members of the gang were robbing a house and sent to the Lyman school, and transferred from there to Waverley, and finally to the home for feeble minded at Baldwinville, as it was apparent that his mind was unbalanced. He claims to have two married sisters living in Boston.

An officer from the Baldwinville home came here on Tuesday afternoon and brought the wanderer back to that town.

Installations.

Masonic hall was the scene of a brilliant and very enjoyable gathering on Wednesday evening, January 25, on the occasion of the installation of the officers of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S. The arrangements had been carefully planned and everything went like clock work. The evening opened with a reception in the auditorium at which these were in the receiving line: E. D. Stone, Mrs. Flora B. Pierce, Mrs. Lucy G. Colby, E. A. Richardson, Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson, Mrs. Melissa Cook and Miss Luella E. Green. These were the installing officers, the two head officers of Ida McKinley chapter and one guest, Mrs. Melissa Cook, from Fitchburg, who was the first grand matron of the grand chapter. To these the guests were presented by the retiring officers of the chapter acting as ushers.

Adjournment was then made to the banquet room where 170 people partook of the good things provided by caterer John F. Lentz, who was assisted very efficiently by a large corps of Maasons. During the period of the supper hour opportunity was offered for the social element, which was improved to the utmost. At 8.30 everything was ready and the great audience in the auditorium waiting with an air of pleasant expectation for the work of the evening.

The beautiful exercises of the installation were conducted in a graceful and impressive manner by Mrs. Lucy G. B. Colby of Newburyport, grand matron of the grand chapter of Massachusetts. Mrs. Colby was mistress of the situation in every line, and her fine work was followed with the close attention of every one. She was acceptably assisted by Miss Luella E. Green of Haverhill, a past matron and member of Granite chapter, as acting grand marshal, Edward A. Richardson, a past patron of Ida McKinley chapter, did his part as acting grand patron in a clear and happy manner. Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson of Littleton, a past matron and member of Ida McKinley chapter, as acting grand chaplain, was in keeping with the rest.

The chapter has had a very successful year, which has been deservedly crowned by this excellent and thorough work of Mrs. Colby and her corps of assistants. The chapter numbers 139 members, who come from Ayer, Groton, Harvard and Littleton. This is the seventh installation. Following were the officers installed: Miss Fannie E. Woods of Groton, w. m.; Frank S. Pierce, w. p. m.; Ad. L. Irwin, a. m.; Mrs. Annie E. Fild-

brown, sec.; Mrs. Gertrude C. Turner, treas.; Mrs. Male A. Carley, con.; Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, a. con.; Mrs. Carrie L. Lynds, chap.; Mrs. Edna E. Zoller, m.; Mrs. Grace A. Lentz, organ. Miss Esther A. Stone, Adah, Mrs. Alice F. S. Bigelow of Harvard; Ruth; Mrs. Margaret K. Cuddeback; Esther; Miss Helen A. Dickson of Harvard; Martha; Mrs. Anna J. Brown, Electa; Miss Lillian A. Wright, Warder; Elson H. Bigelow, sent.

Now came a pleasant feature of the evening in the presentation by E. D. Stone, in behalf of the chapter to the retiring matron, Mrs. Flora B. Pierce, of a past matron's jewel. Mr. Stone commended the faithful service of Mrs. Pierce, who accepted the gift with evident emotion.

At the close of the installation, after a brief intermission, the new matron, Miss Fannie E. Woods of Groton, took charge and introduced the artists who furnished the entertainment: the Nevin quartet of Fitchburg and Miss Louise Ordway of Boston, as reader. The program included solos by Mrs. Chandler and Miss Hersom, duet by Dr. Page and Mr. Wood, several songs by the whole quartet, closing with "Ye old folks' concert," a series of old favorite songs by the members of the quartet in costume. Miss Ordway's readings were a pleasing variety of grave and gay, and were received with enthusiastic accolades.

The evening closed with singing of "America," by the whole audience. A dainty little booklet having the star in colors and containing a list of the installing officers, the banquet menu, the program and list of officers installed were presented to each one present.

The installation of the officers of Harbinger lodge, Knights of Pythias, took place on Monday evening. The installing officer was deputy grand chancellor, A. P. Wood of Leominster, who was assisted by Ralph P. Tucker and Edwin Pierce, also of Leominster. The visiting brethren gave interesting talks concerning the order and its affairs. After the ceremony of installation, lunch was served during the social hour. The officers installed were:

O. C. Rand, c. c.; A. E. Oikie, v. c. c.; Waldo Blood, p. w. B. Robbins, m. w. C. W. Force, s. s.; H. S. Allen, m. f. J. C. Davenport, m. o. G. W. N. Scorton, m. a. a.; James King, l. g.; Charles Harris, o. g.; trustees, L. B. Tuttle, three years; Orin Chesley, two years; J. C. Davenport, one year; representative to the grand lodge, H. S. Allen, one year; Orin Chesley, two years; Samuel Solomon, alt.; W. N. Scorton, James King, O. C. Rand, and com.; O. C. Rand, A. E. Oikie, Waldo Blood, L. B. Tuttle, J. C. Davenport, W. B. Robbins, relie. com.

The officers of Middlesex lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., were installed by district deputy grand master Arthur Bates of West Groton and suite, on Wednesday evening. A lunch was served after the installation during a social hour. The officers installed were: Joseph E. Messenger, n. g.; P. J. Potter, v. g.; Lucius Wheeler, p. s.; G. H. Hall, elec. sec.; J. E. Hart, treas.; George Maker, w.; Clyde Crane, l. g.; U. S. Knox, chap.

The officers of Easter lodge, New England Order of Protection, were installed on Tuesday evening by deputy grand warden Jacob A. Hunt of Fitchburg, and suite. After the installation lunch was served and a social time spent. These officers were installed: John B. Washburn, w.; W. L. Preble, p. w.; Philip Andrew, v. w.; Mrs. Annie S. Washburn, sec.; Miss Nellie H. Carrigan, fin. sec.; Mrs. Susie R. Bales, treas.; Mrs. Laura Downing, chap.; Mrs. Margaret Rand, guide; Mrs. William Scorton, guard; Albin A. Washburn, s. m.; Mrs. Kate C. Carrigan, trust.; Thomas H. Ward, pianist.

Decree for Plaintiff.

Judge Hitchcock of the superior court has ordered a decree for Louis Slayvan, formerly of this town, in the equity suit which he brought against the Concordia Fire Insurance Company of Milwaukee to correct an error in its insurance policy issued to him, in wrongly describing the location of the house he lived in. Slayvan, at the request of an insurance broker while living in the Pelton house on Lawton street in August, 1907, insured his furniture for \$700. By a mistake which the court found was made in the office of the company's agent, the policy described the house as on the east side of Park street. Slayvan continued to live on Lawton street till December, 1909, when a fire damaged his furniture. The company denied its liabilities on account of the erroneous description of the dwelling house location. John M. Maloney and Bennett Silverblatt of Lowell were Slayvan's attorneys.

Accident.

Eugene Collins of Buffalo, N. Y., was severely injured at the railway station on Monday evening. He left the evening train from Lowell when it arrived at the depot and was walking on a piece of rubber hose, used for heating the cars which was lying on the platform. He was thrown heavily forward and struck on his abdomen. He was picked up and taken to the office of the station agent and Dr. Hopkins was summoned. The doctor ordered him to be taken to the Groton hospital. In addition to severe internal injuries, Mr. Collins sustained a broken arm. He is still under treatment at the hospital and although his condition is somewhat favorable, complications may arise which will retard his recovery.

Deaths.

Charles Dana Richardson died at a sanitarium at Westfield on Thursday forenoon, after a long illness from pulmonary tuberculosis. He was a son of Charles H. Richardson and Mrs. Anna (Bancroft) Richardson, who for many years has been a resident at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Richardson graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1906, and followed the profession of electrical engineering until ill health compelled him to give up work. He married Miss Mary G. Stone of Boston, on June 9, 1909. Besides his two brothers, he leaves his mother and two brothers. He was a grandson of the late Hon. E. D. Bancroft and a nephew of E. A. Richardson of this town.

Mr. Richardson left town on Thursday night for Washington, D. C., to attend the funeral which will be held in that city.

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He was a promising young man and much sorrow is felt at his untimely end.

Dennis McCarthy, one of our oldest residents, died at his home on Washington street Thursday evening, aged eighty-five years, after a long illness. He was a native of Ireland and was a resident of this town for many years. He leaves one son, Timothy McCarthy, of this town. The funeral will be held this morning at nine o'clock, at St. Mary's church. Please omit sending flowers.

Mrs. Grace (Burgess) Lovejoy, only daughter of George Burgess, died on Wednesday morning at her home at the corner of Main and Church streets after a long illness of pulmonary tuberculosis. Mrs. Lovejoy was a native of Lowell, where she was born on October 31, 1884, and for the past fourteen years was a resident of this town. She was married to C. H. Lovejoy on May 30, 1908.

The funeral was held from her late home on Friday afternoon at two o'clock and was in charge of W. Wright & Son. Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church had charge of the services which were held at the house. Rev. Frank Hargrave of the M. E. church offered prayer. Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Carrie Lowell sang hymns appropriate to the occasion. The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

Whist Party.

Mrs. Joseph Graves and Mrs. Fred Moses gave their annual whist party on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Kittredge. This gathering has come to be a very enjoyable occasion anticipated with pleasure by those fortunate enough to attend. Those present were:

Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. F. S. Bulkeley, Mrs. W. N. Cowley, Mrs. E. S. Draper, Mrs. C. A. Fox, Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. C. Kinney, Mrs. J. W. Kittredge, Mrs. H. L. White, Mrs. E. A. Whitney, Mrs. H. L. Whitman, Mrs. B. Taft, Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Moses, Mrs. O. P. Robinson, Mrs. E. F. Wyman, Mrs. Mary Fome, Mrs. H. E. Sanderson, Mrs. George Maynard, Mrs. Percy Lawrence, Mrs. E. G. Duncklee and Mrs. F. E. Merriman.

After the whist each guest was presented with a pretty embroidered towel as a souvenir, and dainty refreshments were served during a social hour, by the hostess.

New Law.

The State building inspector was in town on Tuesday, looking over the interior arrangements of the public halls, with a view to having changes made in compliance with a new law in regard to the seats. Hereafter all seats shall be set on cleats so that they cannot be moved about so easily as at the present time.

The cleats are to be laid on the floor and holes bored into them for the legs of the seats to fit. With the

seats fully or partly occupied, the weight on them will be sufficient to prevent them from being easily shifted around. The primary object of this new regulation is that this arrangement of the seats, the aisles may always be clear, so that in case of fire or any other danger which might cause a stampede, there would be less danger of accidents. According to the new order, Page hall will be properly equipped for the moving picture show tonight.

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EDITORIAL.

At the athletic meet between Westford academy and Littleton high school in October, Frank B. Hill, superintendent of the public schools, proposed that the two schools run a paper in common. The Littleton school did not care to undertake it, and the academy students thought that the expense of publishing it would be too great for only one school, so for a time nothing was done. But Mr. Hill, who is very much interested in this sort of thing, was not satisfied to let the matter drop. So he spoke to the publisher of the "Westford Wardsman" about it, and he kindly offered us two columns in that paper every other week, in which to publish school items, essays, etc.

The name of the publication is the one given to a paper published by the school several years ago: "The Academy Observer." As long as we have stolen the old name, we are going to be bolder still and launch out our new paper with the aid of the first editorial in the old paper:

"The Observer is hereby launched upon the sea of public opinion, doubtless to be tossed and wracked by many a passing squall. May the gods smile upon it, however, and send it an occasional fair wind, so that, weak and frail as it may seem, it shall continue steadfastly in its course, and prosper in the thing whereto we sent it."

Much interest is being taken by the pupils and teachers of the academy in the coming minstrel show on Friday, February 3. The affair is comprised wholly of pupils of the school, among whom are many gifted singers. They have shown great enthusiasm at all the rehearsals, and are fully convinced that it will be the event of the season.

GOSSIP.

There isn't much to tell. Everyone is talking minstrel show just now. Why? Come and see.

Who said "squealers"? Ask the Chelmsford girls about it.

The Teachers club spent a very enjoyable evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Coggeshall. The February meeting will be with Miss Ruth Fisher.

Did we hear some one say that the playground was to be flooded for skating, or was it only a fairy story?

The girls' gymnasium class has started with a goodly number of members. All girls intending to join the class are urged to do so at once.

The girls' basketball team is getting in some strenuous practice, judging from the sounds that issue from the gym during their practice afternoon.

Arrangements are being made to have speakers at the academy on two Friday afternoons in each month. College men, principals of other schools, and ministers are on the list already. Their subjects are on various topics—"Athletics," "The confederate side in the civil war," etc. The lectures are to be given from two to 2.30 p. m., and are open to any visitors who are interested in coming.

Several pupils and teachers attended the basketball game at Chelmsford between the Tigers and Maynard high. Though defeated, the latter put up a plucky fight and learned to slip and slide over the Chelmsford floor quite gracefully.

A RECIPE FOR COMPOSITION CAKE.

Four cups of discouragement, two cups of scattered thoughts, two quarts of wasted time, one teaspoonful of commas and one of periods mixed in thoroughly; two-thirds of a teaspoonful of nervous prostration, two teaspoonfuls of very dry wit, three "O, dear's!" and one teaspoonful of frowns. This, if directions are carefully followed, will make a delicious loaf. E. M. C. '00.

ATHLETICS.

Saturday, January 7, the academy won from the alumni in their second annual game. The academy showed the effects of the good coaching from coach Jordan, and by fine team play won the game by the score of 19 to 6.

The following Saturday, the academy met Rindge Manual Training school of Cambridge, and after a hard fought contest won another victory. The passing put up by the academy was excellent throughout the game. Although the first half ended with

Rindge leading by the score of 10 to 8, Westford came back the second half and won the game by a hard fought up hill battle. Score, Westford 17, Rindge 15.

On Saturday, January 21, the academy meets the Chelmsford Tigers at the gymnasium. The following is the schedule for the rest of the season:

Saturday, January 21—Chelmsford. Saturday, January 28—Posee Preparatory school. February 4—Chelmsford at Chelmsford. February 11—Maynard high school. February 18—Roberts academy. February 25—Bolton high school. March 4—Maynard high school at Maynard. March 11—Roberts academy at Cambridge.

ALUMNI.

Bertha McCoy '10, is attending Normal school at Hyannis. She called on us a few days ago. It was good to see one of our old members back again. Welcome alumni!

We couldn't pass over the alumni notes without thanking those members who gave our boys such a good afternoon's practice on January 7. Of course you didn't win. We didn't expect you would. How could you, in fact, when you had only half the talent you expected and were so hungry that some members almost refused to play? Never mind, there may be better times coming and, judging from the energy that was displayed, your three weeks' daily practice in tumbling down stairs was certainly not wasted.

We would be glad to have the alumni contribute in any way to our paper. Such contributions should be sent to Clarence McMaster, Westford.

Lines from

THE VISION OF SIR LAUNFAL

By James Russell Lowell.
 The leper raised not the gold from the dust;
 Better to me the poor man's crust,
 Better the blessing of the poor,
 Though I turn me empty from his door,
 That is no true aim which the hand can hold.
 He gives nothing but worthless gold—
 Who gives from a sense of duty;
 But he who gives but a slender mite,
 And gives to that which is out of sight,
 That thread of the all-sustaining beauty.
 Whose rays shine through all and doth all unite,
 The hand cannot clasp the whole of his aims.
 The heart outstretches its eager palms,
 For a good goes with it and makes it store
 To the soul that was starving in darkness before.

One glorious morning in spring, Sir Launfal, a knight of King Arthur's Round Table, set out in quest of the Holy Grail. It was the kind of day that makes one happy, and drives troubles and griefs away. So the young knight started off with a free and happy heart.

As he rode through his castle gate, on his prancing charger, he was aware of a leper crouching in the dust, mourning, and begging for charity.

Everything was so beautiful on this spring morning that the poor leper seemed out of place, and instead of awakening pity in Sir Launfal's heart, it made him rebel against the diseased man who seemed the one thing to spoil the beauty of the peaceful scene. But the knight felt that he ought not to pass without helping the leper in some way, so he scornfully tossed him a piece of gold.

The leper, however, did not want the gold that was thrown to him in such a scornful manner. He said he would rather have the very worst crust of a poor man, and know that it was given to him willingly, than to take any amount of gold thrust upon him scornfully.

He would rather have had the poor man's blessing, even though he got no food. The poor man could give his blessing gladly, even though he had nothing else to give. Certainly no blessing goes with that which is given from a sense of duty. It is that which goes with the gift that usually amounts to the most: the spirit with which it is given.

The leper did not want gold alone. He wanted kindness and sympathy to go with it. Gold was worthless to him unless he knew the spirit with which it was given.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
 A happy meeting of the Sunbonnet club was held at the home of Mrs. Edward C. Tucker, Tuesday, January 24. A tempting oyster dinner was served with many delicious viands, for which the Sunbonnets are famed. Red was the decoration at the dinner, the centre piece being a handsome cluster of pinks. Ferns, old-fashioned sticks of candy and tiny place cards were the favors. Readings were given by Mrs. Clara Russell and Mrs. Hattie Pierce. Those present were Mrs. Alice Parker of Nashua, Mrs. May Hadley, Mrs. Helen Hall, Mrs. Clara Russell, Mrs. Della Hall, Mrs. Hattie Pierce, Mrs. Emma Valedge, Mrs. Bertha Brown, Mrs. Grace Dodge, Miss Blanche Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rotch of Milford were in town on Monday. Mr. Rotch is the junior editor of the Milford Cabinet.

Born, Wednesday, January 18, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farnsworth. Saturday, January 21, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Burton. Jennie May Burton. Monday, January 23, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Fessenden. Nason Witherell Fessenden. Monday, January 23, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wheeler. Silas Henry Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Keefe, former residents, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of an eight-pound daughter at their home at Kansas City.

Rev. James N. Seaver gave an interesting microscope entertainment at the Methodist church on Monday evening.

The Local Workers will meet at the residence of Mrs. Cora Boultin-house, Wednesday afternoon, February first.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Fitchburg spent the week-end and Sunday at the home of Mrs. Adella Whitcomb.

Mrs. Converse of Milford was the guest of Mrs. Edward Hadley on Saturday, January 21.

Mrs. Chester B. Valedge has entertained Mrs. S. E. Poole of Rockland, Mass.

Miss Lufkin of Brookline, Mass., is boarding at Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye's for a few weeks.

The Misses Doris and Ruth Nye of Sandown are at the home of their grandparents.

Mrs. Upton of Boston is boarding at Mrs. Marion Hobart's.

Mrs. George L. Dodge, son Philip and daughter Priscilla spent part of last week at Ayer, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey of Pepperell were recent guests at the Gilman homestead.

Mrs. Frank Gilman has returned from Fitchburg, where she has been caring for Mrs. Laura Webber and little son. The two latter are rapidly improving.

Mrs. Frank Maynard has a handsome display of daffodils and Japanese lilies.

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North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.32 p. m. Sundays—7.20, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—6.30, 6.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.32 p. m. then 11.14, 11.32, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—6.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.)

THOMAS LEES, Supt.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m. The two earlier cars on at 6.15 and 5.30 a. m., start from the carhouse.

Sundays—First car at 7.05 a. m., then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.

Sundays—First car 8.20 a. m., then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.00, 6.35 and 7.50 a. m., and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

Sundays—First car 7.50 a. m., then same as week days.

Cars leave Brookside for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Ayer at 6.15, 6.50 and 8.05 a. m., and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.05 p. m.

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A Story of Their Quick Recovery

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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Elsie Halliday stood before her dressing table looking down at her jewel case with frightened eyes and a wildly beating heart. Costly gems sparkled from every velvet-lined compartment but one. The white nest that had contained the famous emerald necklace, the Halliday heirloom, was empty.

She rang the bell, and after a while a strange maid appeared.

"Will you send Louise, my maid?" asked Elsie.

"I do not think she is here, miss," returned the girl bluntly. "I saw her running across the lawn shortly after your arrival. She went toward the river."

Elsie's eyes sparkled dangerously at this evidence of the perfidy of the trusted Louise. She turned to the staring servant with a gesture of dismissal and when she was alone proceeded to dress for the approaching meal.

When her golden hair was gathered into its customary soft knot and she had slipped into the white chiffon dress Elsie drew forth the string of pearls and clasped it about her slender throat. Without pausing to admire the charming effect she made a careful search of the room. The chair near the open window must furnish the first clew, and Elsie was not disappointed.

There was a tattered bit of lace evidently torn from a cheap handkerchief—a fragment from which dangled a bit of gold set with a drop of emerald green—and the lace smelled of that dreadful French scent which Louise persisted in using.

On the floor near the chair was a white silk handkerchief twisted into a loose knot. Elsie lifted it gingerly and inspected a few Japanese characters in dead black across one corner. The characters were too large for a laundry mark and must represent the owner's name, and that owner was probably a Japanese. Elsie recollected that the Ormonds had a butler of that nationality.

Last of all, on the seat of the chair was a man's pearl cuff link, on the flat surface of which a golden initial was finely inlaid. Elsie studied the twisted "V" with a little puzzled frown knitting her brows. Why had Harvey Ventnor's name sprung so quickly to her mind in such an unpleasant connection. Perhaps it was because he was never far from her thoughts or for the reason that there are few names that begin with the letter V, not that for one instant he might be associated with anything that was dishonorable.

The dinner bell rang then, and Elsie obeyed its summons, first taking pains to hide her jewel case in the remotest corner of her wardrobe. She went reluctantly down the broad stairs conscious that this visit she had anticipated must be inaugurated by the unpleasant features surrounding a jewel robbery. While she realized that the thief must be making a successful escape and that every moment lost strengthened the difficulty of capture, Elsie hesitated to disturb the equality of her genial host, now in one of the happiest moods. Near the drawing room door two men were talking in low tones, and as Elsie passed one of them was saying: "I heard Ventnor was hard hit today. That drop in X and Z must have crippled him."

Elsie bit her trembling lips in an angry effort to gain composure. She hated herself for the lightning thought that had connected Ventnor's pecuniary difficulties with the pearl cuff link and the missing emeralds. In that instant she vowed to seek no further for the thief. The Halliday emeralds must go.

"You look troubled, dear," whispered Mabel Ormond in her ear. "Has anything gone wrong?"

"Everything is lovely," smiled Elsie brightly. "How dear of you to give me the rose room!"

"I knew you were charmed with it last year. Ah, Katuru is a little late tonight. Rather unusual in our impeccable Japanese."

It was not Harvey Ventnor who took Elsie in to dinner; she heard his voice at the end of the procession as she walked in beside young Fred Ormond, Dick's brother. When she sat down Ventnor was opposite, listening attentively to the chatter of some strange girl. Elsie's swift glance noted his slightly disheveled appearance, and then she saw with a sinking of the heart that the sleeve link was gone from one of his cuffs—the left one. The other, plainly visible, was of pearl inlaid with gold.

Ventnor, watching her now and then, seemed to be aware of her sudden coldness toward him. A hard look settled around his pleasant lips, and his sunny eyes clouded.

To Elsie it was a miserable dinner, and it dragged to a tedious close while her overstrained nerves seemed on the point of giving way altogether. She resolved to plead illness and return to New York the next morning. Ventnor's presence made it impossible for her to remain.

After dinner she had fled to the conservatory for seclusion, and it was

there that Ventnor found her seated in a dusky corner under arching palms. When she saw him she arose with a little frightened sob.

"Why—why are you here?" she demanded brokenly.

"Am I so distasteful to you?" he asked, stopping short. "You have not led me to believe so."

"I did—you do not understand—what has happened today—must always stand between us."

"He stared incredulously, boldly, at her. "You cannot possibly mean that my rumored failure on the street has affected your feeling toward me?" he asked scornfully.

"No, oh, no! How could you believe a little thing like that would make any difference to me? I mean this!" Elsie brought forth the pearl sleeve link and held it toward him in her rosy palm.

"You found this? It is mine. I thank you," he said gravely, slipping the link into his cuff and still holding her with his questioning gaze.

"It was in my room—on the chair where my dressing bag had been. You see"—she turned away her head so that she might not see his face—"you see, my emeralds were stolen tonight from that very bag!"

"Ah!" There were anger and condemnation in his rapid glance before it turned to tender amusement. "And you have spoken to no one regarding the matter?"

She turned eagerly. "Not a soul. I shall never breathe a word. Only I hope I shall never see you again! How could you?"

"You mean, how could I rob the girl I loved best in the world?" he asked gently.

Ventnor took her hands in his and compelled her to return his straight look. "Do you love me, Elsie?" he asked.

"Yes," she said.

He released her hands and offered his arm.

"My poor little detective, come with me to Ormond. He has something to show you."

In the housekeeper's room a little group of people were centered about the table. There were Dick Ormond and his wife, Louise; Katuru, the butler, and a strange, heavy set man with keen eyes. They turned with one accord as Elsie entered with Ventnor.

"Miss Halliday," began Dick Ormond soberly, "this has been rather an exciting evening for some of us—would have been for you only Mabel insisted you should be kept in ignorance until after dinner. Your emeralds have been stolen—and recovered!"

White and shaking, Elsie stretched forth her hand and received the green ripple of flame from Ormond. From one end of the chain a stone was missing.

"I knew it," she said in a low tone. "I discovered their loss before dinner. I was going to tell you about it, only I"—She hesitated.

"She discovered a clew," added Ventnor calmly—"this." He laid the sleeve link on the table.

"And other clews," said Elsie hurriedly, telling her story now without reservation.

Then the short man spoke with authority. "Very easily explained, Miss Halliday. Your maid had unpacked your trunk, and the butler, here, in the absence of another servant was removing the trunk to the storeroom. A man stepped through the open window, slit open your dressing bag, extracted the jewel case, from which he took the emeralds, replaced the case in the bag and was escaping through the window when your maid, returning, discovered him, alarmed the butler and Mr. Ventnor, who was passing through the hall, and the three of them struggled to hold him. He was a husky chap, and desperate, and they had a fight for it, each one leaving some evidence of the contest. Now, Mr. Ormond, with your permission I'll take my fine gentleman along!"

He strode to a door and threw it open, revealing in a shallow closet the sullen, downcast face of the Halliday chauffeur.

"Henry!" Miss Halliday's lovely face was a reflection of passing emotions as she realized that the chauffeur had followed in the wake of her journey to rob her; that the valiant little Louise, who was Henry's sweetheart, had captured him for the sake of loyalty to her mistress and was even now crying her pretty eyes out over his degradation. Elsie swept all barriers aside and knelt down beside her weeping maid.

"Poor little Louise," she whispered softly. "You are far braver than I. I could never have done what you have today. Your reward will come later. My father will investigate, and if it is Henry's first offense it may be possible for you to marry and start afresh somewhere with the dot I shall provide."

Thus comforted, Louise dried her tears and was taken to dinner by Katuru, while the police officer Ormond had summoned took his prisoner away. The Ormonds went back to their guests, and Elsie slipped away in their train.

At the drawing room door Ventnor placed his hand in hers and drew her unresisting into the conservatory.

"You said you loved me," he said firmly.

"I do," said Elsie humbly, "but I cannot expect you to value such an affection as I have displayed tonight."

"The reason you fastened suspicion so strongly upon me was a simple one, dearest. It was really because your heart was so filled with thoughts of me that there was no room to suspect anybody else. I am flattered—indeed!"

"Oh, you are generous, Harvey. Would you want to marry me now?"

"If you will have me," said Ventnor softly.

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Whereas, MICHAEL D. McGRILL and DELIA McRAY administrators of the estate of said deceased have presented to said Court their petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of February A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same 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 twelfth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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Whereas, JOHN A. KENDALL the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventh day of February A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three consecutive 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, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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