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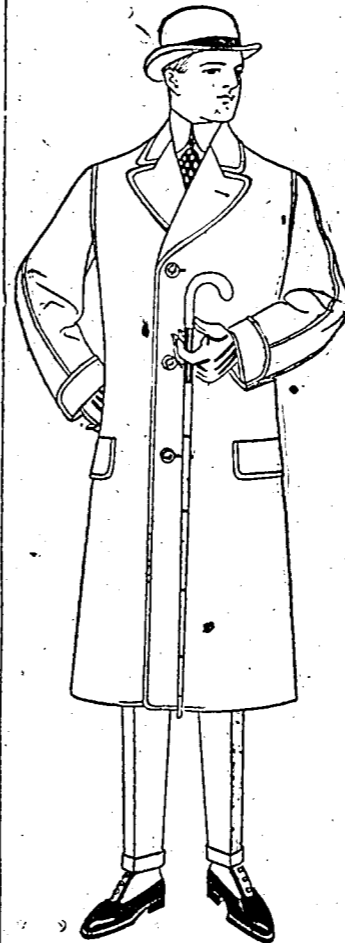
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SHIRLEY

News Items.

Alfred Rivers and daughter Julia attended the funeral last week of Bertha, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rivers, in Worcester. The child had been in the hospital and returned home apparently nearly well when she suddenly became worse and death resulted.

There were no schools in town on Monday, but the rooms were open Tuesday with a few in attendance. The fire alarm, which is used as a no school signal, was out of order.

The President shop has had to close early for lack of electric lights this week and there was no work Tuesday morning on account of a break in the steam pipes. They were repaired in time for work in the afternoon.

Center.

Edwin Bridgman of Amherst college spent the holiday and week-end at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman. He was accompanied by a college friend, Talcott Parsons, who spent the holiday with him.

Another very successful military whist party was held in the town hall on last week Friday evening for the benefit of Shirley Grange. There were thirteen tables of players. The high score of the evening was 113 and was made by Edwin Bridgman, Talcott Parsons, George Boutiller and Richard Holden. The low score of 20 was made by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Herbert Thompson and Edward Thompson. After the whist social dancing was enjoyed with Mrs. Gertrude Farnsworth at the piano and refreshments were served.

Miss Annie Bridgman of Brookline spent Thanksgiving at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman on Center road.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell of Hemlock, N. H., spent the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

The next meeting of Shirley Grange will be held on Tuesday evening, December 6. There will be a "surprise program," the committee in charge being Miss Alta Graves, Miss Margaret Doffie, Clyde Graves and Barnard Holden.

The severe storm of Monday and Tuesday caused damage in and about the center that it will take many years to repair. The many large shade trees about the common and on Parker road have been stripped of their top branches and near the home of Mrs. Anna F. Dakin a tree was crushed to the ground. Much valuable shrubbery on private property was badly damaged or entirely destroyed and the damage to apple orchards and to other trees will reach a large figure. Electric lights and telephones went out of commission early Monday morning and the wires are lying across the streets in many places. It will probably be some time before telephone or lighting service can be restored about the center. On account of the severity of the storm and the danger-

ous condition of the trees the school sessions were omitted during the first part of the week. Tree Warden A. A. Adams was out early Monday morning endeavoring to keep the roads clear, but the task was practically impossible. From present indications the tree warden and his men have several weeks' work ahead of them in clearing up the common and cemetery and disposing of the dangerous limbs on the shade trees. Rev. Robert J. Evans has been appointed rector of St. Albans' Episcopal church at Syracuse, N. Y. For the past year he has been assistant at the Cathedral of All Saints at Albany, N. Y.

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WESTFORD
 Center.

There have been no school sessions the most of this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Day's little daughter Viola is seriously ill with pleuro-pneumonia.
 Fred A. Hanson and Harry Hartford have been drawn for jury duty at the superior court session in Cambridge.

The Ladies Aid society will enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. C. H. Wright at her home for its December meeting on next Thursday.
 Mrs. H. V. Hildreth's many friends are sorry to know that she is on the sick list.

Three firemen's ball on Thanksgiving eve was the usual social success with its fine music and an attendance of 125 couples. Among these were many at home for the holiday.
 Rev. John H. Blair is boarding while in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hanson. The other week-ends he has been in town he has enjoyed the hospitality of various homes of the parish.

Mrs. Freida Prescott entertained very pleasantly a group of about twenty friends on Friday evening of last week in honor of her guest, Miss Henrietta Fisher, of Mayville, N. Y. Music by the young people, games and refreshments made up the enjoyment of the evening.

Ice Bound.
 In common with the other towns around about we have experienced a sorry and devastating ice storm the past week. Damage to shade and fruit trees has been extensive and for several days everything has been thrown entirely out of schedule. Postponement of all gatherings has been the order of the day. Beginning with Monday there have been no electric light, and lamps and candles have been pretty acceptable. If the storm had not come while there was moon whatever it would not have made the inconvenience quite as bad. The serious worry in this connection has been the town water supply which is hampered by electric power. A large force of twenty-five or thirty men were sent out from Lowell on Wednesday morning to get this pumping restored.

The majority of the telephone lines have been affected, thus making many families without any telephone service, and getting the service back to normal means a large expense of money and labor. Owing to fallen branches from trees on the wires the latter were wrenched in all sorts of ways, as well as electric light wires. Some of the latter's fastenings were pulled out of houses, taking clapboards and all. At the Unitarian church, way to the inner boarding was torn out. At the Legion headquarters on Boston road glass in the windows was broken by falling limbs from trees. Our tree shaded streets and common were badly affected. The tops of ice coating made a pruning of limbs on a large but not symmetrical scale. Cherished trees of many years' growth were ruined and the streets and sidewalks were strewn with branches and debris. The fine old elm tree near the Unitarian church, whose interesting history has previously been given in these columns and to which much has been done for its preservation was badly demolished.

Reports of orchardists tell of much damage. One fine young peach orchard had at least twenty-five of its trees split to the ground. Monday quite a few house bound people got out to see the extent of the damage and those who got out in the morning about the time the sun got to shining on the armor of ice over everything found it a rarely beautiful sight.

Obituary.
 James W. Rafter, who has been an esteemed resident in our community for nine years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William C. Boudnush, Wednesday evening of last week after a period of ill health extending over many months.

Mr. Rafter was born in Orleans, N. Y., over eighty-two years ago and received his early education there, but for many years his home was in Clifton Springs, where he had an active business life in the coal and lumber trade.

After the death of his wife nine years ago, he came to Westford, where he has made his home with his daughter. A man of dignified and refined personality, he had identified himself with the best interests of the community. He was a member and a constant attendant at the Congregational church and always loyal to its best interests. He was a member of the board of assessors and as master of Westford Grange. He was a profound and diligent reader and was an exceptionally well informed man. Funeral services were held at his late home on last week Friday afternoon, Rev. William E. Anderson being the officiating clergyman. Refreshments were served at the home of the deceased was rendered by Miss Eleanor Colburn. The body was taken to Clifton Springs, N. Y., Saturday, for its final resting place.

About Town.
 The funeral of Gilbert A. Schellenger was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, on last week Friday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. William E. Anderson of the Methodist church, Grantville, officiating. Mrs. C. A. Hanes sang two beautiful selections. The bearers were nephews of the deceased, William R. Taylor and F. A. Now, his half-brother, Robert Schellenger, and Amos Polley. Interment was in Fairview cemetery, where the committal service was read by Mr. Anderson.

John A. Taylor writes from North Dakota that the apparatus for taking the pulse of the weather shows 14 below zero in the midways of November, which is mild summer dog days weather compared with 40 below zero which sometimes reaches when the weather gets onto one of its specialty features for a few days only.

The second farmers' institute under the auspices of Middlesex-North Agricultural society will be held on Thursday, December 8, at the Palace street Baptist church, Lowell. The morning address at ten o'clock will be given by Prof. Board, subject to be announced. Dinner at noon with all the usual speaking and musical features. The afternoon address will be given by Rev. S. H. Tilton, of Boston, subject also to be announced. The writer has been authorized to invite all the readers of the ten papers of Turner's Public Spirit and present to it.

We are glad to go out of our way and congratulate Boxborough, which we believe to be the smallest town in the county in population and territory, on coming close to being one of the largest towns in the county in its up-to-date enthusiasm and wisdom in reserving its happily blended pleasure

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not be resumed at Westford academy until Monday. All social gatherings and lodge meetings will have to be postponed until the electric light service has been restored. Trains on the Boston and Maine railroad have been off schedule during the week on account of the Dorothy and Marjorie Bush and their family. Our oldest citizens say that they never experienced such a storm before in their lives.

HOLLIS, N. H.
News Items.
 The heavy storm which visited Hollis the first of the week did much damage to the fruit and shade trees, but most of the telephone lines out of commission and those who depended on electricity for lighting were glad to make use of the old reliable kerosene lamps. Up to Wednesday there had been no school and no signals at Monday and others up to the old adage. "Know enough to go into the house when it rains."

On account of the telephone being out of commission Miss Sally Bell, who teaches in Groton, made trips to that town on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings to find schools were not in session.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.
News Items.
 Mrs. Winnie Nye and daughter, Mrs. M. A. Nye, of New York, have been spending several days in town, having returned to their home.

George Rockwood won the prize turkey at the dinner the night before Thanksgiving.

Miss E. M. Thayer has been singing songs in Nashua.

It is reported that B. & O. D. Peasants will be starting soon.

Mrs. M. A. Gibson and two sons, Harry and Lewis, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Brown in Townsend.

Miss Annie Warden spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodson.

Ernest Woodson was home from Ferrisburg for the holiday.

There were thirty present at the Hill family reunion at the Hill homestead on Thanksgiving day.

Ralph Muzzey came home from Dartmouth college for his Thanksgiving recess.

All the St. of Nashua were decorated by the Hollis team by the score of 16 to 5 last week Friday night.

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AYER News Items Mrs. Martha H. Graves has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Elmer Lawrence in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Boutwell entertained Mr. Boutwell's nephew, George E. Wood, and wife, of Littleton, at dinner, Thanksgiving day...

One of the worst ice storms in the memory of older residents raged in town the first part of the week, causing great damage to shade and fruit trees.

Harold Burton Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Allen, of Pingryville, and Miss Ethel May Jefferson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Mosher, were united in marriage on Sunday evening...

Gifts amounting to \$5700, made by Miss Mabel Miller while insane, to Arthur G. Hazard, the colors, a choroman whom she intended to marry under the delusion that he was Charles McKee, must be returned to the donor...

Miss Mabel P. Sargent, of Sharon, spent the holiday vacation at home.

Mrs. Walter A. McNulty and children spent the holiday vacation with Mr. McNulty's relatives in Exeter, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester T. Sawyer, of Fitchburg, were holiday guests of Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leahy.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Sabine entertained the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Cleveland Sabine, to Floyd Briner, regimental sergeant major of the 13th Infantry, last Saturday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Bertrand H. Hopkins have been in Groton, N. H., where they were called by the death of Leahy, an uncle of Dr. Hopkins.

Miss Marion Dwinell, Wellesley college, 23, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira G. Dwinell.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Nairn and daughter Helen, who have been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Kinney, returned Sunday night to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Elizabeth Cleary has returned to resume her studies at Wheaton college, after spending the holiday at her home on Washington street.

Wilbur A. Hart has concluded his duties at the office of the Ayer News and began his work on Monday as instructor in printing and manual training in the State Normal school in Keene, N. H.

Mrs. Annie K. McMillan, Nashua, returned home last Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Albert H. Woodhead, in Hopkell.

Theodore Barry, Jr., who spent the holiday week-end with his parents, returned to Dean academy in Franklin, Monday.

The officials in charge of the union church fair have announced that the fair will be held on next Tuesday and Wednesday in the town hall.

William E. Smith of Lowell was before the district court on Monday morning charged with attempting to break and enter and commit larceny. His case was continued until Saturday, he being placed under \$500 bond.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded recently from this vicinity: Groton—James A. Bailey et ux, to R. L. Priest; Blanchard & Gould Co. to L. D. Griswold.

The regular business meeting of the Woman's club is to be held at Hardy's hall, Wednesday, December 7, at 8 o'clock.

The annual communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, December 12.

Daniel Scully, the popular assistant manager for some months past of the Co-operative store in Public Spirit building, has accepted a position with the Maine Central railroad to look after the heaters in the potato cars going through Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall V. Pierce returned Wednesday noon from their wedding journey.

Charles W. Mason, who was recently ill in Center Harbor, N. H., has recovered and has returned to his home here.

Rev. Frank B. Crandall, minister of the First Unitarian Parish church, left Thursday for Lynchburg, Va., where he will serve for three weeks as a mission preacher.

The Siskie Company, resumed work Wednesday using a gasoline engine for power.

The Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company has withdrawn its crossing tenders at the Main street crossing, George Hurley, one of the tenders, has concluded his duties with the company.

At the regular meeting of George S. Boutwell W. R. C. on Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Leona Yates, pres.; Mrs. Helen McNulty and Mrs. Blanche Waterman, vice pres.

Call and see hand-made toys now on sale at the home of Walter C. Sargent, 13 Pleasant street, Ayer, Mass.

The entertainment committee of the union fair, owing to the change in conditions, are unable to present the program advertised for December 1.

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The Strand. The Strand this Saturday presents Betty Compson in "For those we love, sacrifice and a girl's supreme heroism."

Clipping. The following account of the recent Pierce-Oliver wedding is taken from the Bangor Daily News: "Kendall V. Pierce, of Ayer, Mass., and Miss Mildred Phillips Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Oliver, were married at the home of the bride's parents Thursday (November 21) at 10.30 by Rev. Charles A. Moore, D. D., using the double ring ceremony."

Mrs. Pierce was graduated from Bangor high school in the class of 1918, and was a member of the class of 1921 of the college of Secretarial Science of Boston university.

After a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Pierce will make their home in the upper tenement at the residence of Oliver K. Pierce, East Main street.

The National Education association in co-operation with the American Legion has suggested a general exhibition of the week of December 4 to 10 as "Education week."

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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AND 7 JACKIE COOGAN in "Peck's Bad Boy"



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Puffer-Hazard Case Decision. On November 28 the full bench of the supreme judicial court affirmed the decree of Judge Keating of the superior court in the bill in equity brought by Mabel E. Puffer of Ayer.

By the terms of the decree entered by Judge Keating, Arthur G. Hazard was directed to return to Miss Puffer a lot of household furniture, two watches, two gold pieces and a gold certificate and to pay her \$3200 and interest and costs of suit.

On the appeal as presented to the supreme court the defendants admitted that the decree against Arthur G. Hazard was warranted by the evidence but all the other defendants contended that they were entitled to keep the money they had received from Arthur because they were bona fide holders for value and without notice that the money had been obtained from Miss Puffer.

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Army Field Clerk Bernard P. Guphill has been notified that he will be transferred shortly to corps headquarters in Boston.

Capt. R. E. McLain is away on a month's leave of absence.

Miss Louise Kelley of the utilities office has returned to her duties after a week's vacation spent with her parents in Gardner.

Secret Harry Ryan of the personnel office has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant and assigned for duty with the organized reserves with station at Augusta, Me.

William H. Harper of the transportation office was called away to Maine last week by the death of his father.

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Abraham Ginsberg has relinquished his paper route in the camp which he held for the past three years and will go to Boston for employment during the winter.

A new low mark for population of the camp was reached on the first of December when twenty-five officers, three hundred and one enlisted men and eighty-nine civilians were reported as being on duty in the camp.

It is expected that the two remaining companies of the 13th infantry still left in camp will be moved to their permanent stations among the Boston harbor forts sometime during the coming week.

A daughter was born to Private and Mrs. John Marshall last Monday evening.

Mrs. Richard Schultz has returned to her home after a month's visit to relatives in Eastern Massachusetts.

Tech Serg. and Mrs. H. T. Rufford with family of five children have moved into camp from Springfield where the sergeant was on duty with ordnance troops at the army quarter-master detachment.

Miss Annette Griggs, formerly in charge of the Hostess House, is now stationed at the Army and Navy club in Park square, Boston.

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TOWNSEND

George Dobson, of Chicago, was in town last week to attend the funeral of his brother, Robert Dobson, returning to Chicago on last week Friday.

and Mrs. Waldo Adams, of Lowell, with Mrs. M. E. White, Miss Mildred Brown, of Woburn, with L. A. Seaver, Harry Stroeter and daughter Marion, of Waltham, with Mrs. Ellen Estabrook, Gertrude Higgins, of Providence, and Helen Higgins, of Brockton, with F. B. Higgins, Arthur Estabrook, of Woburn, with Walter Farrar, Miss Jessie Eastman, of Worcester, with T. J. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Morgan and Mrs. Emma Keyes, of Loominster, at T. T. Goodwin's, Harold Swicker, of Richmond, Me., with Joshua Swicker, Agnes Wilson, of Newton, with Ernest Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shaul and family, of Hartford, Conn., with F. M. Warren, Miss Helen Whitcomb, of Bowdoinham, Me., with G. L. Whitcomb, Catherine O'Brien, of Hudson, at her home, with Curley and wife, with Mrs. Ida Dresser, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bullard and family, of Clinton, with George Davis, Miss Eva Stearns, of Harvard, and Miss Ruth Stearns, of Roxbury, at their home, Robert Smith of New Hampshire State college, at his home, Edwin Sanders at his home, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jowers, Miss Gertrude Jowers, Mr. and Mrs. George Kingston and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jowers and daughter Ruth, Fitchburg, with Chas. Wilson, with Ruth Russell, of Framingham Normal, with William Russell, Miss Annie Dudley, of Fitchburg Normal, at her home, Winfield Morse and family, of Brookville, with John J. Morse, Mrs. James Robertson and children, of Woburn, with E. B. Morse, Miss Harriet Miller, of Attleboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller with H. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Miller and family, of Quincy, with Mrs. T. A. Fessenden, Stanley Fessenden and two friends, of the University of Pennsylvania, with R. F. Fessenden, Florence Lancy, of Jackson college, with R. Lancy, Miss Agnes Farrar, of Taunton, with her mother at the Park hotel, Wallace Green, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Harold Green, of Nashua, at their home, Mr. and Mrs. George Withers and Miss Grace Tarbell, of Boston, with George Tarbell.

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Two Bad Habits. There is an evil that eats income faster than a debt drawing heavy interest; it is carelessness. Its twin brother is thoughtlessness. When a worker does not care about the cost of replacing the damage he does, he does not put things in their proper place. He does not put them in proper condition to be put away. He just naturally leaves gates open so stock can get out, leaves tools where they will be lost or broken, does his work in a slipshod manner that costs the owner money. Some excuse every blunder with "I didn't think." It is a worker's business to think. That is what brains are for. They are careless or they would make an effort to think—careless or over-sick! They who do not think about their work are almost as bad as they who think but do not work, says Successful Farming. These are habits no boy or girl can afford to cultivate, for they will operate later in life when they own the things that are damaged or destroyed by thoughtlessness or carelessness.

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Disastrous Storm.

The most destructive ice and sleet storm known here swept over the village on Sunday and Monday, damaging trees and shrubbery and putting electric light systems and other systems out of commission for several days. The beautiful oaks on Main street which contribute so much to the beauty of the street were stripped of their branches and in many cases whole tops of the trees were broken off. Damage was especially heavy at the residences of Arthur Jones, Charles Stoughton, Mrs. George Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farnsworth, the Misses Sanders and J. A. Flynn. No school sessions were held on Monday morning and the Inn jitney, which carries the pupils back and forth, became stranded on the hill Tuesday morning. Damon & Richardson's mill and the Borden shoe factory were closed for the day, and before night on Monday fifteen of the local telephones were out of commission, while all communications with the outside world was cut off Monday morning and the evening train was three hours late. A large branch from the elm in front of the Hayward place on Rayberry hill crashed through the window of the house, filling the dining-room with broken glass and ruining the furniture. Mrs. Hayward, who had been sitting at that window but a few moments before, at the J. L. Flynn place on Main street a large branch came crashing through the roof of the summer cottage and upon the North road in Josselynville several telephone poles lay across the street and at last reports it is feared it will be some time before damages are repaired.

Barber.

Mrs. S. T. Lecker, of St. Louis, is a guest at the Proctor farm. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Conant and daughter Sylvia spent Thanksgiving at Mrs. Conant's home, Ernest Wilson's, at Center. Miss Alice LaFontaine returned to Loominster on Sunday. A Thanksgiving party at A. J. Proctor's included E. O. Proctor's family, Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Helen Warner and Miss Lillian Warner. Andrew Richards was a Thanksgiving guest at Westview. Major Jones of the Burbank hospital, is able to sit up and glad to see his friends. Nearly all telephones were out of commission by the ice storm. The B. & F. mail carrier did not get out on Monday or Tuesday. Trees and branches are being cut up and made travel difficult and dangerous. The A. Y. L. Club held no meeting on Tuesday because of the storm. No school sessions were held on Monday or Tuesday at the Harbor.

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LIGHT ON ANCIENT HISTORY Some Interesting Data Bearing on the Strange People Known to Fame as the 'Aeefs'.

The ladies of the Uplandian society will hold their sale in the lower town hall, Tuesday afternoon, December 6 from 2.30 to five.

The story of the ice storm of this week is like that of our neighbor towns. Perhaps our town suffered the worst of the common, where the beautiful shade trees are in some instances ruined.

HISTORIC TREE NEARING END Elm at Washington, Closely Associated With Samuel F. B. Morse, Will Soon Be Gone.

Another landmark in Washington is near destruction. The old "Morse Elm" under whose shade Samuel F. B. Morse used to spend his leisure hours while working on his invention of the telegraph, will soon be removed.

Houses of Mud. Women in California are building houses with their own fair hands. What is more, they are making the bricks.

The Dress Problem in the Orient. The Yokohama Reform association recently sent a communication to the mayor requesting his co-operation in endeavoring to prevent coolies and workmen appearing in public places with insufficient clothing to conform with western ideas of propriety.

Knocking a Tradition. Turkey is a tradition. Because the Pilgrim parents were rotten shots and couldn't kill a quail on a hot turkey was all they could find for meat on that memorable day.

HARVARD Mrs. Edward O'Hern, of Laconia, N. H. was a guest of Mrs. C. A. Morse last week Friday.

LUNENBURG Postmaster Brown is carrying the mail by private conveyance and people are beginning to ask for a jitney for conveyance to Lunenburg.

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