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TOWNSEND

Center.
The supper and reception given by the ladies of the M. E. church on Wednesday evening was well attended in spite of the heavy thunder shower.

Ralph Johnson of New York, formerly of this town, is visiting for a few days with Mrs. Martha Hildreth.

Harley E. Parker is spending a week at the beaches.

Frank C. Felch has severed his connections with the E. & A. D. Fessenden Company and moved his family to Greenfield, where he has obtained employment.

Quite a few from this town attended Old Home day in Mason, N. H., on Wednesday.

Rodney E. Lancy is spending a two weeks' vacation with his parents on School street.

The many friends of David Howard will be interested to learn that he will sever his connections with the Westinghouse people of Pittsburgh and will be an instructor in Carnegie Polytechnic Institute, teaching elementary electricity.

Following the last band concert on Friday evening, the last one of the season, the band was given a reception by Henry A. Hill at the home of Mrs. A. L. Fessenden. Selections on the program were of a high order and refreshments were served.

The Townsend A. A. cross bats with their old friends the Milford A. A. on Saturday, August 26, and a good game is assured. A good deal of enthusiasm has been aroused among the baseball fans over the game at Winchendon and a game will be played by Townsend A. A. with Winchendon A. A. on Saturday, September 2, at Winchendon and every available auto is hired even now to convey the fans to that town. On Labor day there will be two games played by these two clubs on the Townsend Athletic grounds, one at ten o'clock a. m. and one at three o'clock p. m., followed by a dance in the evening, given by the "Big 2," proceeds to be given to the A. A.

At the school board meeting Monday evening it was voted not to open the school on Townsend hill after a great deal of deliberation and thought and argument on both sides. There not being a sufficient number of pupils to make a necessity at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Adams, of Concord, N. H., are visiting with Mr. Adams' mother, Mrs. M. L. White.

Mrs. T. E. Flarity, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cook and Milo Spaulding attended the funeral of Mrs. Electa Huse in West Rindge on Tuesday.

Mrs. George A. Wilcox entertained a party of friends on Tuesday evening. Progressive whist was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Mrs. Lewis Howard and daughter, of Waltham, Mass., arrived at Townsend with Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Howard. Mrs. Howard has been spending a few weeks with relatives in Auburn, Me.

Orville McKenzie has returned from a week's visit with friends in Clinton.

Arthur Dearle and Alfred Marshall of Salem are spending a few days with friends and relatives in town.

Miss Elizabeth Hodge, of Waltham, is the guest of Miss Nellie Weston for a few days.

The following is the list given of teachers for the coming year in the schools of Townsend: High school, C. J. Ross, principal; Miss Maud Donnell Bates, Lewis, Me., and Miss Mabel Matheron, Jackson College, Provincetown, assistants; grammar school, Miss Annie L. Griggs, North Troy, Vt., intermediate, Clara Craig; B intermediate, Miss Olive Clarke, Lowell Normal school, Milford; primary, Miss Miriam Poole, Framingham Normal school, Sudbury; Harbor, Mrs. E. W. Bray.

The Misses Belle and Helen Lovings of West Townsend and Miss Georgianna Maynard, of Pepperell, were guests during the last week of Miss Eliza Delano, of Wallace Hill.

Mrs. R. E. Brooks, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. Hickey, returned to her home on Friday.

Master James Stokes, after a three-weeks' holiday in the country, left Nissequassick on Thursday.

Miss Mildred Conant on Tuesday visited friends at Baker's Station.

G. A. and N. G. Proctor, with auto guests, visited friends in Hillsboro, N. H., last Sunday. Oliver Proctor was a member of the party and greatly enjoyed the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann, of the Rock Bay, Boston, arrived at Townsend on last Saturday. Mrs. Mann will remain until after Labor day, while Mr. Mann will be a guest at the farm for the week-ends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Basley, with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bagley, of Boston, as auto guests, left the Harbor Wednesday of last week for a pleasure and sight-seeing trip, the objective point being Provincetown. The itinerary included several other places of interest. The party returned the following Friday.

Going by auto, Mrs. Florence Conant, with Miss Mildred and Addie, and Masters Ralph and Richard, also Frank Leahy, attended the ball game in Winchendon last Saturday. Regrets were expressed at the unpleasant arising during the game that caused it to remain unfinished.

A. W. Gray, accompanied by his family, left on Wednesday on his vacation, a part of which will be spent in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Kervin, who has been a guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. Doherty, has returned home.

LITTLETON

News Items.
The school committee are calling for bids for transportation of the Newtown pupils, the same to be sent to Edgar H. Woodbury by September 1.

Miss Nellie Wright is spending a week at Oak Bluffs.

Lewis Dexter, of Orange, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Watta.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard, of Shelburne Falls, are the guests of the J. W. Thachers and the C. V. Flaggs.

Mrs. Varnum Flagg, of Arlington, is visiting her son, C. V. Flagg, in Nashobah district.

Miss Helen B. Hartwell, of Northampton, has enjoyed the hospitality of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Harwood.

OUR AUGUST CLEARANCE SALE

Of Our Summer Clothing, Hats, Furnishings and Shoes

This sale includes our distinctly Spring and Summer Goods in SUITS, HATS and SHOES. In spite of the general advancing of prices, we find that we have many lines of merchandise that we do not wish to carry over to next year. We much prefer to sacrifice on these lines than carry them over. We want to start next season with a brand new, fresh stock as has been our policy for twenty years. Hence this August Clearance Sale. Goods are all fresh and the prices are extremely low and, as you well know, are based upon our former low-selling prices, and not on so-called values. You should take advantage of this opportunity to secure good merchandise at much below the market value.

MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS		FURNISHING GOODS	
The balance of our stock of Summer Fancy Mixture Suits and Outing Suits. All new goods this season. Only Fancy Mixture Suits included in this sale—not Staple Suits. In the better grades you will find many Suits from A Shuman & Co. of Boston. These reductions are from our low-selling prices and are genuine bargains.		Men's Summer Shirt Bargains	
\$10.00 Suits now reduced to	\$8.47	One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, a regular 50c. quality, now	39¢
\$12.50 Suits now reduced to	\$9.47	One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, a regular \$1.00 quality, now	79¢
\$15.00 Suits now reduced to	\$11.47	One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, with soft cuffs, a regular \$1.00 quality, now for	79¢
\$18.00 Suits now reduced to	\$13.47	Underwear Bargains	
\$20.00 Suits now reduced to	\$15.47	Men's Athletic Union Suits, worth \$1.00, now for	69¢
Outing Suits—Two-piece Suits	Pinch Back Suits	Men's Porosknit Union Suits, the regular \$1.00 kind, for	79¢
\$12.50 Suits now reduced to	\$8.47	Men's Porosknit Shirts and Drawers now reduced to	39¢
\$15.00 Suits now reduced to	\$10.47	Boys' Porosknit Shirts and Drawers now reduced to	19¢
		Men's Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. grade, now for	39¢
MEN'S OUTING TROUSERS		Men's Neckwear	
\$2.50 Trousers reduced to	\$1.98	One lot of 25c. Four-in-Hands now	19¢
\$3.00 Trousers reduced to	\$2.47	One lot of 50c. Four-in-Hands now	35¢
\$3.50 Trousers reduced to	\$2.98	One lot of Wash Four-in-Hands now	15¢
MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS		SHOE BARGAINS	
A big lot of Working Trousers have been marked down for this sale.		In spite of the advancing prices in Shoes we have many lines of Men's Tan and Gun Metal Oxfords that we do not care to carry over to next year and so we are offering them at reduced prices.	
\$2.00 Trousers reduced to	\$1.69	Men's Tan Oxfords	
\$2.50 Trousers reduced to	\$1.98	\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to	\$3.00
\$3.00 and \$3.50 Trousers reduced to	\$2.47	\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to	\$3.25
		\$3.50 Tan Calf, Rubber Sole Oxfords, for	\$3.00
		\$4.50 Tan Calf, Rubber Sole Oxfords, for	\$4.00
STRAW HAT BARGAINS		Men's Gun Metal Oxfords	
All our Straw Hats and Cloth Hats are now offered at greatly reduced prices.		Several discontinued lines of Oxfords.	
\$3.00 Sailor Straws now for	\$1.50	\$3.50 Gun Metal Oxfords now	\$2.98
\$2.50 Sailor Straws now for	\$1.25	\$3.50 Gun Metal Oxfords, Rubber Sole	\$3.00
\$1.50 Sailor Straws now for	\$1.00	\$4.50 Gun Metal Oxfords, Rubber Sole	\$4.00
\$2.50 Porto Rican Panamas now	\$1.50	MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS	
All Our Cloth Hats for Men, Women and Children are now Marked Down to Close		Men's White Handkerchiefs	3¢
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		Men's Silk Hose, seconds of 50c. quality	33¢
		Men's President Suspenders	25¢

Jonathan Harwood writes very interestingly of his experiences on the Mexican border.

Miss Helen Jones, of Waltham, and Miss Chase, of Lynn, have visited the N. H. Whitcombs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Spears are moving their household goods into their pleasant new home on King street.

Grandma Hartwell, who recently returned from her visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, in Amherst, celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday very pleasantly at her home on Hartwell avenue on Monday.

Miss Maggie McGregor, of Danvers, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Gregory, and her niece, Mrs. George Bonnell, Russell street.

Miss Laura Chase has resigned her position as teacher of the West grammar school to accept a more desirable position in Arlington, not far from her home.

Miss Thornell, of the high school faculty, has tendered her resignation to accept a place on another teaching staff.

Miss Alice H. Whitney, of Springfield, and her niece, Miss Alice E. Sawyer, were guests at the Baptist parsonage the first of the week.

The C. E. society at the Common has planned a trip by auto truck to Salem Willows, a beach party, leaving the Common at 8:30 Saturday morning, August 26. A basket dinner and a party at the beach will be the order of the day. This trip is made with the full approval of the board of health, no restrictions whatever being suggested. It is open to all who desire to join the party. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. George Blake, Whitney Calkins, Miss Olive Flagg or at the parsonage. The C. E. society elected the following officers for the ensuing year last Sunday evening: Olive Flagg, pres.; Whitney Calkins, v. p.; Marjorie Dodge, sec.; Gladys Woodbury, cor. sec.; Edith Whitcomb, treas.; Elsie Whitney, pianist.

Miss Ruth Robinson will attend the Sagamore C. E. conference next week as the delegate of the Middlesex Union and Miss Hannah P. Dodge as delegate of the Littleton society.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Cummings, of Springfield, were the guests on Friday of Dea. and Miss Elizabeth W. Thatcher, with whom Mr. Cummings made his home during his principality of our high school.

Dea. about the Japanese tea garden under the Harvard news.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Moore are now keeping house at their new home. They were married in Clinton early in the month and live on the farm known as Truth Brook farm, which they recently purchased of Rev. Frank Rice.

The Grange held a successful lawn party Tuesday evening under the direction of the piano fund committee. Music for dancing was furnished by the Colonial orchestra and a large gathering enjoyed the music besides the dancers. The warm evening made the disposal of ices and cool drinks an easy matter and the piano fund made a substantial increase of \$17.75.

W. F. Furbush is making his annual calls this week and presenting the tax bills. As the bills are somewhat reduced from last year he finds a more cordial reception.

Mrs. Louisa Priest received a call last Saturday from her niece, Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb Steele, of Columbus, Ohio; her grandniece, Mrs. Bernice Tolman, of Concord, and Mr. Pago, of Boston. Mrs. Steele and her husband were returning from a trip to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White, of Chelsea, were week-end guests at Albert Hartwell's.

Miss Mabel Lawrence has returned from her visit to Vermont.

Daniel Wetherbee, of Worcester, was a Sunday guest at Walnut farm.

Miss Zabelle Missirian is visiting her brother, Rev. G. M. Missirian, at the parsonage. She is accompanied by a friend, Mrs. M. K. Shamlian, of Boston. They attended the Grange lawn party and the Sunday school picnic. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and family are camping at Fort pond, and Mrs. Lawrence's sister, Mrs. Mary Burroughs, is with them.

Miss Susie Littlefield is staying at Littlefield farm.

Mrs. Livermore entertained her niece, Miss Parker, of Waltham, last week.

Church Notes.
Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "The need, the problem and the solution." Sunday school at 12:15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock. Beginning on Sunday evening, August 27, the pastor will deliver a series of lectures on "Great preachers of the christian church," at the evening services. "John Chrysostom" will be the topic for Sunday evening. Over sixty-five people from the church and from the town had a very enjoyable time at the picnic last Wednesday at Fort Pond, under the auspices of the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence, of Silver Hill, kindly lent their cottage for the use of the visitors. Transportation was provided for by the trucks of Dea. Burpee C. Steele, Carl Swanson, Arthur Nelson and George Richardson. Everybody at the picnic had a delightful time and a large family spirit was dominant. Whitney Calkins, son of Rev. H. L. Calkins, of Littleton, gave a very useful and interesting talk at the church on last Sunday evening on "One million campaign" of Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Missirian also gave an interesting account of his vacation trip

HARVARD

Still River.
Mr. Carruth is very sick and under the care of a physician.

Willard Hudson, of Winthrop, made a call on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thacher, and other relatives in Still River on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hudson is now traveling for a Chicago firm, selling electrical machinery.

Mrs. E. P. Fairchild is stopping at Squirrel Island, Me., for awhile. A sister, from Illinois, is with her.

John Bigelow was overcome by the heat on Tuesday and for a time was in a very serious condition, but is now on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Mary Haakel has been on a visit to relatives in Bellows Falls, Vt., returning home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Malcolm Campbell is quite ill and her mother, from Boston, is helping care for her.

Thursday morning a little daughter—Jean—was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Whitney, Worcester.

Chester Willard has begun work on a fifty-foot addition to his coal shed at the railroad station, a necessity to handle his increasing coal business.

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WESTFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding and Mrs. Frances B. Prescott, with Edna Roney as chauffeur, are absent on a touring trip. The Mohawk Trail, Jacobs' Ladder and Niagara Falls are among the attractive points in their itinerary.

The A. L. Galusha family, of Hildreth street, are removing this fall to Sharon, moving in time for the little son and daughter to commence the fall term of school in that place.

Walter L. Cutter took his son Norman to Thompson, Conn., this week, where he will stay in the home of Mr. Cutter's mother.

The Unitarian church services will not be resumed until the second Sunday in September, not the first Sunday as planned at the beginning of the vacation. The church presents a beautiful appearance with its new paint and other renovations. New electric lighting promise one of the additions in the nearby future.

Mrs. Carnuz Abbot Clark and two children are at the Abiel J. Abbotts. The storm on Wednesday evening was welcome for it broke the oppressive heat of the preceding days and also the dryness which was becoming noticeable. Not an agreeable feature of the storm was the disabling of the electric lighting service and the homes, stores, etc., enjoying electric lighting had to manage with what kerosene lamps were available and the village streets with their many shade trees were pretty thoroughly dark.

Houghton G. Osgood conducted the single service of the day at the Congregational church last Sunday evening, making the service especially interesting. On Sunday evening Mrs. Clarence Hildreth and Miss Mabel Prescott will have charge of the service.

Mrs. G. Cushing, of South Westford, is enjoying her annual vacation at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clement and baby son were visitors in town on Tuesday.

The summer reading circle of the Tadmuck club met with Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth on Thursday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Hildreth gave a delightful review of Dr. S. Ward Denys' book "Our summer in the Vale of Cashmere," and the remainder of the afternoon was spent with the chosen volume of Dickens.

Mrs. Beatrice Sutherland and Miss Grace Robinson are in charge of a dancing party under the auspices of the Grange at the town hall for Labor day evening.

Members of the Westford A. A. held their annual picnic on Thursday evening of last week and it proved a great success, a large number from Westford and the surrounding towns being present. The picnic was especially noticeable, the beautiful electric lighting in colored effect was in charge of F. Inglis Westmore, and was much admired. The National orchestra, of Lowell, gave an excellent outdoor concert and played for the dancing at the hall later. The refreshment booth did an active business, Edward F. Spalding, H. L. Wright, C. Inglis Westmore, A. W. Hartford, Edwin A. Roby, William C. Wright, Leonard Burdard, Robert Prescott and Mrs. H. E. Hamlin were the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prescott Wright, of Brookline, were at the Westford home for over Sunday.

The Greig farm folks planted two acres of Longfellow field corn, the all-the-go kind. They are now sowing two acres of yellow bantam sweet corn from seed they raised last year. The corn sweet it can't be beat as Longfellow it lacks the long stalks.

Daniel H. Sheehan has forty acres of upland hay to cut yet. The old Oaken Bucket farm has had a second crop of hay cut in these summer shower days.

The William J. Firth family have moved from Westford Center to Oak Hill, where Mr. Firth will be superintendent of the H. E. Fletcher & Company farm.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor of the Old Oaken Bucket farm had a day of high values as it relates to diversity at the Sheridan cottage, Sandy pond, last Saturday.

J. Bruce Westmore has the intentions of a new house marked out on Hildreth street, near the junction of Concord road. This is for his farm superintendent, in place of the Capt. Smith house.

Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will be held at Odd Fellows hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, September 1. It will be special visiting day for West Chelmsford Grange and others more remote.

Frederick D. Crosby, of Arlington, is the summer guest of his aunt, Mrs. F. W. Bannister.

John A. Taylor is home from the sea breezes and anti-mosquito resort at York Beach.

Boxes at the reserve forests of Miss Ella Wright have engaged in the poultry business at the Prairie and Old Oaken Bucket farms. At the latter a mother and twenty-five fatling geese had free transportation a recent before daylight morning.

Having improved with a screened piazza and other useful attractions to her summer residence, Miss Ella Wright has turned to the long farm barn that now has no farm. Such are the changes time does, from a barn of cattle and hay to empty frame work.

Grantville. Daniel May, aged fifty years, employed as a paving cutter for Charles Couture for several years, was found dead near his shack in the woods close to Couture's quarry on last Sunday by William Zidd. The body was viewed by Assistant coroner, J. J. Gaudard, and later conveyed to the undertaking rooms of J. A. Healy, where an autopsy was performed by Dr. F. S. Bulkeley, district coroner, and Dr. Priest, who decided that May's death was caused by alcoholic poisoning. The burial took place on Tuesday morning in a lot set apart in St. Catherine's cemetery. It is understood that May's sister and aunt in the Gurnsey Islands. He was formerly married, his wife being dead for several years.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church were celebrated by Rev. Michael E. Doherty, of South Boston, a former curate here, last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, will visit the parochial residence in North Chelmsford.

Mrs. A. J. Charlton is visiting with friends in Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Louise Riney, with her three children, have returned to their home in Camden, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hawkes, of Melrose, have been recent visitors here. Rev. Alfred Woods, of East Saugus, a former pastor of the M. E. church, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. Hawkes.

Miss Mary Harrington has recently returned from a vacation spent in Lynn. Miss Florence Caunter is visiting relatives in Fitchburg.

Miss Mary A. Healy is visiting with friends in Lowell and Somerville. Miss Harriet Moran, of Nashua, N. H., has been a recent guest of Miss Hattie O'Brien in West Somerville.

The members of Court Grantville, F. of A., have completed the arrangements for their grand picnic which will be held at Lake Nahant on Saturday. Great interest centers on the ball game between the Grantville club and the strong St. John's of North Chelmsford. It is several years since Grantville and North Chelmsford have met on the diamond and this game will certainly be worth going miles to see. The Sullivan brothers will work for Grantville, and Sturtevant and Desmond will be on the fringe line for the St. John's. Both clubs will have strong lineups. The Sullivan brothers will be sports of all kinds and a big midway, the Middlesex Training School band, with a dance in the evening, Miners' orchestra furnishing the music. This promise to be the biggest outing of the year, and the Foresters will spare no expense in making it a success.

Force Village. Elizabeth and Mary Delaney, Nellie Merrick, Anne McNiff, Veronica Smith and Mrs. Mary Douglas are spending this week at Salisbury Beach.

Miss Mary F. Hanley, Mrs. Martin Daly and Mrs. John Hanley are visiting relatives in Maryland.

The Misses Emily and Bertha Collins spend Saturday and Sunday at the home of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins, of Southbury, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cutler, of Boston, spent the last of the week with relatives here and in Groton.

Mrs. Edmond Pendlebury and children, Roland and Edith, with Mrs. E. E. Lyne, are spending two weeks at Hampton Beach.

Mrs. Donald Holt, of New York, who has been spending the past two weeks with relatives here, returned home Monday. The Misses Catherine and Maria May, sisters of Mrs. Holt, returned with her, where they will reside in the future.

The Thistle Soccer Football club of Lowell, Mass., defeated the local team on the grounds in Cambridge park here last Saturday afternoon and defeated the local club by the score of 3 to 0. This was the first soccer game held here in many years and a large number of people, especially football enthusiasts, witnessed a most interesting game.

Albert A. Bliss has returned from his vacation at Hyannis.

Mrs. Ida Wood, of Virginia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alta Hollis, at her summer home, Littleton Common.

Fred C. Reed's infant son, who has been very ill, is reported improving as rapidly as can be expected.

Mrs. Irving Bailey and son Harold, of Norwell, arrived recently at the H. J. Harwood home, where they may remain for several weeks. Miss Cornelia Green, of Cambridge, is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. J. Harwood.

Mrs. A. F. Fitz and son Robert and Mrs. J. P. Heath of Beach Bluff, Mrs. David S. Fitz and Mrs. Dexter May, of Inverton, are the guests of Mrs. Lawrence, Kak Street, Thursday.

Lester F. Moore, of Littleton, and Miss Fannie Wetherbee, of Stow, were married in Littleton on August 7. They have purchased of Rev. F. S. Rice his 2-acre farm in Stow and taken possession of the same. The best wishes of their many friends attend them.

George Newcomb has solved the problem of quick and convenient transportation in his grocery, fish and ice cream business by the acquisition of a small truck.

Miss Emily Adams was one of the guests in attendance at the recent anniversary celebration of the town of Northboro, where she taught in her early professional life.

Guddard has taken a week's vacation during which he went to the Northboro celebration.

Miss Persis Jacobs, of East Orange, N. J., is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and sons, Prescott and Edward, will be in town on Tuesday. They are at York Beach for a week with Mrs. Kimball's sister, Mrs. George H. Warren, and children, who are in Maine. During the week, Mrs. Kimball's family in South Portland for a day.

The Congregational church will be open on Sunday, August 27, and all regular services will be resumed. Special music is expected. Rev. H. L. Packard, of Shelburn Falls, our former popular minister, is expected to preach and a cordial welcome is extended to all who wish to worship in this church.

Miss Elsie Ewings has visited friends in Roxbury and Dorchester this week. A party of fifteen Littleton men enjoyed a fishing excursion in the first of this week, going to Littleton in three automobiles. They went out in a motor boat and although the ocean was very calm a few of their number, becoming seasick, returned to shore. Although many a tempting morsel was fastened to their hooks the haul was not a record-breaker. In fact, the men have related very few fish stories of their day's outing.

One member of this piscatorial crew to distinguish himself was Michael McEiff, who pulled in a shark between five and six inches long. He caught it with a cane snatched with the trip.

M. E. Somes tells us that he has rented of the W. L. Kimball near the little shop on King street, near the station, and after making necessary repairs for his own convenience, will move his personal effects to his new headquarters, from which he will conduct business in the future.

Judge Sanderson took up his duties again this week, and he presides for three weeks at the criminal court.

Littleton was defeated by the score of 4 to 2 in Lunenburg last Saturday. On this week Saturday afternoon, a good junction will play Littleton on the country club grounds, and here to wishing the local team may be all in place and redeem themselves in the eyes of their opponents.

At the eighteenth annual reunion of the Dutch Farm School association held in Ashburnham on Thursday, August 17, Mrs. Laura Brooks Wright, of Littleton, a former teacher of the school, and J. A. Wright, a former pupil in the school, were present and met many of their old friends.

The Woman's Alliance will hold a lawn party at the Unitarian church grounds, on Wednesday evening, August 26. Food, ice cream, cake, home-made candy and toys will be on sale.

G. A. Cook has been nursing a sprained ankle and for a while resorted to the use of crutches. We understand that he is a season on duty at his usual business.

Bulls and flowers—Mrs. A. M. Parker and class. Mrs. W. E. Conant, Miss Elizabeth Thacher, Mrs. Pluma Crane.

"Now, see here," said the lawyer, "before I take your case I want to know if you're guilty." "Am I guilty?" replied the prisoner. "Don't dicker about it. Dat ad hire de most expensive lawyer in town if I wuz innocent?"

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WANTED—Married man on fruit farm in village. Able persons. Good apple picker. References. Address "P. B.," Public Spirit Office, Ayer, 51.

Sheriff's Sale Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. Ayer, August 17th A. D. 1916. Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction at my office, East Main street, in said county, on Saturday, September 23rd, A. D. 1916, at 8.30 o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) that Irving L. Drew and A. E. Lawrence, both of Ashby in said County, had on the twenty-eighth day of July A. D. 1916, at eight o'clock and five minutes A. M., that being the time the same was attached on mortgage process, or now has in and to the following described real estate to wit:

"A certain parcel of land in the Easterly part of Ashby, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeastly corner thereof at the bound of the road leading over Fort Hill, so called, at and now or late of Piny Gates; thence Southerly by said Gates land eight hundred and ten (810) feet to a corner of the wall; thence Westerly by said Gates land three hundred and sixty (360) feet to a corner; thence Southerly by said Gates land about fifteen hundred (1500) feet to a stake and stones at land now or late of Mabel B. Woods; thence Westerly by said Woods land and now or late of F. F. Adams about four hundred and twenty (420) feet to a stake in the corner of an old wall at land now or late of Frank E. Green; thence Northerly by said Green land about five hundred and forty (540) feet to a corner; thence Westerly by said Green land about one hundred and twenty (120) feet to a stake and stones at land now or late of Irving P. French; thence Northerly by said French land about seven hundred and eighty (780) feet to a corner of a wall; thence Easterly by said French land about one hundred and fifty (150) feet to a corner; thence Northerly by said French land about two hundred and forty (240) feet to a corner; thence Easterly by said French land about one hundred and twenty-eight (128) feet to a corner; thence Easterly about one hundred and fifty (150) feet to a corner; thence Northerly about three hundred and twenty (320) feet to a corner; thence Easterly about one hundred and twenty (120) feet to a corner; thence Easterly by said road about seven hundred and forty (740) feet to the place of beginning; containing forty (40) acres, more or less; excepting and reserving the right reserved by said French to pass and re-pass down the line to his land at any time."

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MORIS E. FRENCH late of Groton in said County, deceased, interested parties have been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said FRENCH in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

Y. Children's Trustee Charles V. Flagg, chairman; Mrs. Flora Kimball, Mrs. Ethel Dodd, Mrs. Susie Smith, Mrs. M. J. and Mrs. Walter Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Works, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson Odd.

Candy table—Mrs. Marion Christie, chairman; Mrs. Marion Christie, Edith Fletcher, Mrs. Ruth Thacher, Mrs. Dorothy Conant.

Christmas gifts—Miss Fannie Sanderson, chairman; Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Gertrude Kimball, Mrs. Carrie Gardner, Miss Martha Kimball.

Entertainment—Mrs. Chak A. Kimball, chairman; Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hill.

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HISTORIC BRENNER PASS.

This Alpine Gap is a Famous Pathway For Great Armies. The mighty Brenner pass is the Thermopylae of Tyrol. From times immemorial the northern tribes have sought the refinements and culture of the south over this wonderful Alpine saddle, first in fame among all the gaps in the rugged Alpine defences against the north, and a way which has echoed to the dying cries of warriors and clashing accoutrements of myriad Roman legions and to the noisy disorder of the passage of many armies through more than 2,000 years of restless history.

Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, is to the northern terminus of this way, while Botzen, the largely Latinized metropolis of the south, lies 3,000 feet below. Innsbruck is exclusively of the northland, surrounded by plums, apples and fir trees, and Botzen, like Italy beyond the mountains, is in the midst of a region of vines, figs and olives.

Historic points crowd one another along the Brenner. Guldstones of the time of Caracalla and Septimius Severus have been found buried here. Some of the world's greatest generals have traveled this path, north and south, and here the Tyrolean peasant, Andreas Hofer, the simple, untaught Austrian hero, proved himself greater than one of the best officers of Napoleon.—National Geographic Bulletin.

TIRELESS INSECTS. Built For the Strenuous Life. They Are Never Weary. "Insects, Their Life Histories and Habits," Harold Bastin, the entomologist, says that, contrary to popular belief, spiders are not insects. Insects have six legs, neither more nor less, and another peculiarity of the insect is that it has wings, sometimes two, more often four. Spiders have eight legs and no wings; therefore spiders are not insects.

Insects have no backbones and no skeletons, says Mr. Bastin, but skins with a hard, durable surface called chitin, which makes up a light shell of armor that forms the outside of the body, to the inside of which the muscles are attached.

Insects do not breathe through their mouths, but through holes in their bodies, called spiracles. Insects have veins in their arteries. The blood is pumped directly from the chambered heart into the body cavity, where it bathes and nourishes the organs. Insects have wonderful and enviable digestive organs and feed upon and digest almost any substance from which nourishment may be extracted.

Because of the way they are built insects are particularly fitted for the strenuous life, and a tired insect is a thing unknown. They are always busy traveling, buzzing, biting or seeking some work to do.

A "Primitive" Painter. Henri Rousseau, a man who used to hold a minor government position in France, was for a quarter of a century the joke of artists and art students in Paris. For years in the independent salon he showed daubs which had not the most distant kinship with art. Some of his "famous" pictures were "Lady on a Sofa in a Jungle," "A Tiger in a Jungle," "A Nigger in a Jungle." He affected jungles, which consisted of innumerable parallel green lines to represent grass; the tiger was a painted wooden toy; the lady looked as if she had come out of Noah's ark. The unfortunate Rousseau went on exhibiting the same sort of work every year, and the painful thing was that he gradually became a celebrity. Sinister humorists told him he had genius, and he took himself quite seriously. "I am a real primitive," he would say. Some practical jokers even went the length of buying his pictures.

Portuguese Burial Custom. They have an unusual mode of burial in Portugal. Instead of the headstones and monuments of the graveyards of other countries the cemetery of Lisbon shows rows and rows of tiny chapels ranged in long avenues bordered by cypress trees. The Portuguese are reluctant to bury their dead out of sight, and these chapels serve as mortuaries for the coffins, which are placed on the shelves within. Through the iron grills the eye discerns small altars and flowers gleaming through the subdued light of the interiors.—Manchester Courier.

In Its Grateful Shade. "I have aimed at health and happiness. When confronted with a formidable obstacle," said Sir George Reid on his seventieth birthday, "I have always first tried to knock it over. Failing this, I try to get around it; failing that, to get over it or under it; if I did not then succeed I have been content to lie down in its grateful shade, praising the obstacle as a blessing in disguise."—London Standard.

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Two Kisses By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

During the stay of the American troops in Cuba when the throwing of Spanish rule was being brought about by Captain Edward Mansfield of the staff was sent out, supported by a reconnoitering party, to sweep around Santiago for information. Coming to a hacienda, the captain, leaving his men at the gateway, rode up to the house. He was admitted by a negro woman, who announced that there was no one at home except Senorita Sierra, the daughter of the owner. Whereupon Mansfield asked if he might have a few minutes' conversation with the young lady.

The senorita was of a different type from the usual Spanish girl, who is small of stature and delicately made. She was rather above the middle height for a woman and of dignified demeanor. Having entered the room where the captain was waiting for her, she stood without speaking till he should make known his desires.

What Mansfield had called at the house for was information. He asked if the family sided with Spain or Cuba and learned that their hearts were with Cuba. But as to information, the young lady had none to give. Nevertheless the visitor kept her talking. He was a male flirt and had made many a conquest. Daring was a method he often employed with women, and he resolved upon this course in the present case. After engaging the senorita in conversation for some time, during which he showed admiration for her, he rose to take his leave. He offered his hand, and when she gave him hers he drew her toward him, and before she could draw back he had kissed her on the cheek.

That he had made a mistake was instantly apparent. The senorita's eyes flashed, and her face flushed scarlet. With an expression of contempt she turned, left the room, and Mansfield saw her no more.

When the fighting was over, before returning to the United States, Mansfield mounted his horse and rode to the hacienda to offer an apology for what he had done. The same negro woman, who had admitted him before opened the door. Mansfield asked her to inform his mistress that he would consider it a boon if she would give him a few moments in which to apologize for what he had done on a previous visit.

Written word was returned that an apology would not be accepted. The lady demanded satisfaction on behalf of one who would act as her champion. Captain Mansfield would receive a communication at a hotel a short distance down the road.

The officer left the house in a quandary. Should he meet some one in mortal combat for a snatched kiss for which he had offered to apologize, or should he end the affair by sailing for home without paying any further attention to it? He would have chosen the latter course had it not been for the contemptuous treatment he had received from the senorita. He could not bring himself to incur the further imputation.

He rode to the hotel named and, taking a seat on the veranda, lit a cigar. Half an hour passed, and he was about to ride back to camp when a negro boy approached, holding in his hand a letter. Seeing Mansfield, he handed it to him. The captain opened it and read:

To the American Officer.—This evening at 6 o'clock I will take satisfaction for the insult offered my sister. Be at the northeast corner of the Sierra hacienda. JOSE SIERRA.

Mansfield was puzzled as to the handwriting. The letters were large and bold, but it looked as if the writer had disguised his hand. The captain could not but smile at a challenge to mortal combat sent by a negro boy, addressed to "the American officer" and signed by a man he had never seen. If Jose Sierra had no friend to bear his challenge why did he not come himself? Evidently the senorita was put to it to secure her revenge. Possibly the brother was not at hand, and the sister had written the challenge in his behalf. Indeed, despite the large letters there was more that was feminine than masculine in the writing.

At 6 o'clock Mansfield returned to the hacienda, located the northeast corner and, climbing the fence, advanced till he came to a grove in the center of which was an open space. There he stood for a few minutes, when he saw a figure advancing. Though the costume was that of a man, the gait was unmistakably that of a woman. Mansfield, pretending to be deceived, said:

"Senor, your resemblance to your sister is remarkable." "We are twins, sir." "I presume we are to fight without seconds?" "Are they necessary?" "Before we begin I desire to offer through you to your sister the apology she would not receive. I was tempted beyond my strength from beholding the most beautiful, the most engaging woman I have ever seen. After I have killed you I shall renew my suit, restraining myself so that my intentions shall not be mistaken."

Senorita Sierra—for it was she—had a sword in her hand, which at these words she let fall to the ground. Mansfield advanced, took her hand, drew her gently to him and without resistance kissed her on the lips.

How to Recharge Your Battery

Did it ever occur to you that rest is an antidote for more things than every day physical weariness? It is one of the weapons with which a man or woman may fight emotional strains of any kind. And the reason is an extremely simple one. Let us resort to the faithful old device of a diagram.

In the center of the chart suppose we put the word "energy." That is the thing that we have to work with in this life. Now on one side let's write a list of our expenditures—all the things which call for an outlay of energy. In this list is brain work, physical or manual work, emotion and diversion. These are the things that we spend our store of energy for. Every day we spend ourselves either physically, or mentally, or emotionally, or in some manner which may be a combination of any of them and which constitutes our diversions.

So much for the expense account. What shall we put in a list on the other side of the column that we might call income? How, in other words, do we accumulate energy?

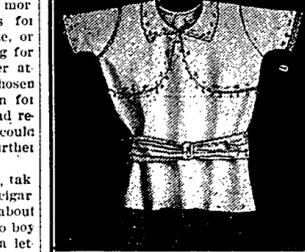
Here are some of the ways: "Food," of course, and then "rest," "good air," and some of the other lesser ways which are productive of a renewed sense of energy, such as good grooming and inspiring associations.

And it is pretty true that you may add to your bank account and thus offset any sort of an expenditure with any sort of an income. That is, if we are working hard and playing hard we need a little more fuel in the way of food to keep the supply of energy up to the standard. And so, too, a little added rest will offset not only a physical, but an emotional strain.

Sometimes sleep is a better antidote for suffering than diversion, because diversion, after all, calls for an expenditure of energy, while suffering or an emotional strain of any sort has already taken a pretty full toll of the supply on hand.

Study the chart, then, and learn not only to spend wisely of the things that represent our outlay, but learn, too, to collect generously from those common sources of supply which are open to every one—food, fresh air and rest.

FOR TODDLERS. How Modish the Two-year-old May Be This Spring. White linen cut with kimono sleeves, the neck and sleeve bottoms being edged with narrow tulle, gives this attractive little frock. A bolero is



DIMINUTIVE STYLE. outlined with hand embroidery, and the crushed girdle run through a crocheted buckle is pale blue taffeta ribbon.

Cake Fillings and Icings. Filling for Orange Cake.—One medium orange, juice and grated rind, two tablespoons butter, one egg, one cupful sugar; beat sugar, orange juice and rind and butter, add beaten egg, cook until it thickens; use cold.

Butter Frosting.—Two cupfuls powdered sugar, two tablespoons milk, two tablespoons melted butter, two tablespoons vanilla; stir until creamy.

Cake Filler.—A good cake filler, easily made, is a cupful of sugar and one half cupful sweet milk; boil until "halrs;" beat until cold enough to spread.

Lemon Filler.—One egg, well beaten; one cupful sugar, juice and grated rind of one lemon, piece butter size of egg, cook over hot water until thick.

Pineapple Icings.—One and one-half cupfuls of confectioner's sugar, one tablespoonful of shredded pineapple, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla, boiling water to make creamy. Spread at once.

Chocolate Icing.—Two teaspoonfuls of cocoa, two tablespoonfuls of hot water. Cook half a minute, cool, add one tablespoonful of milk; stir in icing sugar to the right consistency.

Meat Scallops. Materials.—Two cupfuls cold roast beef, stale breadcrumbs, seasoning, a tablespoonful butter, a tablespoonful flour, a cupful stock or gravy. Directions.—Mince the meat finely, removing any superfluous fat, and season highly with salt, pepper, a little mustard or horseradish or stock sauce. Blend together in a saucpan the butter and flour, add the stock and when boiling cook for two or three minutes; then put in the meat and mix with this foundation sauce. Turn into greased scallop shells or small individual dishes, sprinkle buttered crumbs over the top and bake fifteen minutes.

A Practical Decision

Of Two Evils Choose the Lesser

By ELEANOR MARSH

There are rare instances of girls marrying men charged with some contemptible crime, the evidence of the man's guilt being overwhelming and no explanation whatever being offered. Several such cases have come to light when it has been suspected that the accused was made a scapegoat to screen some royal personage. I have one such case in mind that occurred in England twenty years ago. A baronet played baccarat with the heir to the throne. The baronet was accused of cheating. No defense was offered. At the height of the excitement an American girl married the supposed scapegoat. No explanation has ever been made.

It would be hard to find a case of love sacrifice more pronounced, even if the bride is convinced of the innocence of the husband.

A case something like this happened in my professional life. I was sitting in my office one morning when I received a telephone call that a man who had been arrested and was being held at a police station desired to see me. I went to the station at once and found the prisoner in the garb of an ordained minister. The name entered by the police was Jimmy Whiffles, alias the Rev. Miles Staples, alias Slippery Jim. I learned from the police that he was a sneak thief and confidence man, his last role being that of a three and monte sharp traveling with a circus.

"The police had been looking for him for some time, but he must have had a confederate to keep him posted as to their movements, for whenever they proceeded to take him he was not there. The night before I was called for they had received a telephone message that they would find Slippery Jim in canonicals at the Ackley hotel. They went there and learned from the clerk that a man in clerical dress had come to the house during the evening.

Piloted by the clerk, a sergeant and two men went to the reverend gentleman's room and knocked. When he opened the door and saw the police he assumed surprise, which was to have been expected. He was told to put on his clothes and when he took them up for the purpose feigned to be dazed, wondering how they got into his room and declaring that they were not his and asserting that he was Arthur Poindexter and had come to the city late the evening before to visit his fiancée, the daughter of one Hugh MacDonald, a merchant in high repute. His name was on the register as Arthur Poindexter.

Such is a synopsis of the matter from the time of his arrival at the hotel to the moment of my arrival at the police station. He was conducted to a private room, where I was left alone with him. I asked him why he had sent for me, and he told me that he had asked the sergeant for the name of a criminal lawyer and I had been recommended.

Notwithstanding the apparent complicated condition of the case it seemed to me to be very simple. All he had to do was to send for his fiancée or some member of his family for identification. I proposed this to him, but he did not seem to place the reliance on it that I did. He said that during the winter he had made a trip to Florida, where he had met the lady who had become his fiancée. He had not yet met a single member of her family. Indeed, he did not see how the young lady herself could vouch for him. She had accepted him after a couple of months' sojourn at the same winter resort, her acceptance, of course, being conditional upon his presenting satisfactory credentials and the approval of her parents.

This certainly put a more serious phase upon the matter. Whatever faith the girl might put in him, her family would likely take the ground that she had met a scamp, who had fortunately been exposed before any serious harm had been done. I changed my mind about notifying Miss MacDonald or any of her family until I had had time for consideration. Indeed, the prisoner seemed greatly distressed at the idea of her being informed of his plight until he was ready to prove that he was not the man he was accused of being.

The case was puzzling. He claimed to have gone to the hotel in an ordinary business suit. When he was awakened by the police there on the chair on which he had placed his clothes was a suit evidently worn by a clergyman. But the most damning proof against him was that in the rogues' gallery was a photograph of the Rev. Miles Staples, and if it was not a photograph of the prisoner it was certainly very like him. I asked him if he had a brother, who had gone to the bad, and he replied that he had no brother whatever nor was any member of his father's family living.

It seemed to me that unless I could find the party who had telephoned the police of his presence at the Ackley House I would have a difficult job to prove he was what he claimed to be. I had no great confidence in the identification of his friends, for once throw a doubt on a person's identity and one may get evidence against him as well

as for him. But the ultimate proving that he was Arthur Poindexter was not the fundamental point, for he might be Poindexter and all the rest of his aliases as well.

I suggested attending to the matter of bail at once, and, this having been disposed of, I took my client from the jail, he bought other clothes and we went to my office. What was of immediate concern to him was that he was expected by his fiancée, and his nonappearance would trouble her and count against him. Nevertheless we both agreed that we had better get together such evidence as would convince her—if it were possible to convince her—that her lover was what he pretended to be and his arrest was a mistake.

The only evidence I sought which my client did not furnish was at the hotel. I questioned the clerks there, but none of them had any special memory as to Mr. Poindexter's arrival, and it would not have counted for much if they had.

Having made this investigation I returned to my office, where I found my client, who presented his credentials, which were as follows: Arthur Poindexter was a gentleman of means, given to travel. He suggested my telephoning his bankers, which I did, and they vouched for him. I also telephoned several of his friends in his home city, whose stories all agreed. I became convinced that he was what he purported to be and that some trick had been played upon him, by whom or for what purpose I could only conjecture.

Having made up my mind to this, I proposed to him that I should call upon Miss MacDonald and explain the situation. I could plead her fiancée's cause to better advantage under the circumstances than he could himself. He agreed with me, and I set forth on my quest.

I have pleaded many causes before a jury, but never one requiring such care as this. I was obliged to keep constantly in mind that, with the exception of a season at a winter resort, my client was a stranger to the lady. I proceeded with the utmost caution, stating the case from the reverse of which it has been stated here. I pictured her lover coming to town, buoyed with expectation of seeing her the day after his arrival; his being obliged to spend a night at a strange hotel; his going to bed and being awakened to find that a mistake had been made; his astonishment at seeing a clergyman's clothes where he had placed his own; his horror at being led away to a police station. Then I gave her the information I had elicited concerning her lover's identity and the excellent character that had been given him by his friends.

The young lady heard me through without a word, then astonished me by her marvelous penetration into the intricacies of the case.

"I would not think," she said, "of introducing to my family as my fiancée a man under such a charge. Some one, for some unknown purpose, has turned him over to the police as a criminal. He suffers from a misfortune which is as much mine as his. You may prove that he is Arthur Poindexter, but I don't see how you can prove that Arthur Poindexter is not a confidence man. In other words, I see no hope for him. As to my action in the matter his misfortune only draws me closer to him. What do you propose?"

"What I propose is made much easier for me and for my client and for you by your remarkable appreciation for the conditions. Two courses are open to him: Either to stand trial, pleading not guilty, or to jump his bail, which would be a bagatelle for one of his means, and disappear."

"Which do you recommend?" she asked after some thought.

"The latter course."

She sat thinking. I arose from my seat, went to a window and stood looking out, giving her time to consider. Presently she said:

"Tell him, please, that if he decides to follow your advice I will marry him and go with him. But on no account will I inform my family of what I intend to do. It would only make trouble for all of us without changing my resolution."

I returned to my office, where I found Poindexter and reported with enthusiasm what I considered his fiancée's noble sacrifice. I was some time in convincing him that the best thing he could do for both parties was to accept it. A marriage was arranged for the next day in my office, and immediately after the ceremony the bridal couple went on board a steamer sailing that night for a foreign port.

In due time an article appeared in a newspaper stating that Arthur Digby, alias Jimmie Whiffles, alias the Rev. Miles Staples, sneak thief and confidence man, had jumped his bail, talking with him as his wife a young lady well known in the highest social circles.

Naturally the marriage made a great stir in the social world and, for that matter, among those who did not know the parties.

Two years later Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter returned to America vindicated. The real Jimmie Whiffles, Rev. Miles Staples, etc., was captured and made the following confession: One evening in the Ackley hotel he saw a man who resembled himself. Jimmie was in canonicals at the time, and after the man (Poindexter) had gone to bed he stole up to his room, unlocked the door with a pair of pliers, stole the inmate's clothes, went to a bathroom, took off his canonicals, put on the stolen suit and replaced the former in the sleeper's room without awakening him. Then Jimmie went to a telephone booth and notified the police where they would find their quarry.

Practically the young couple's decision was a wise one. Of two evils they chose the lesser.

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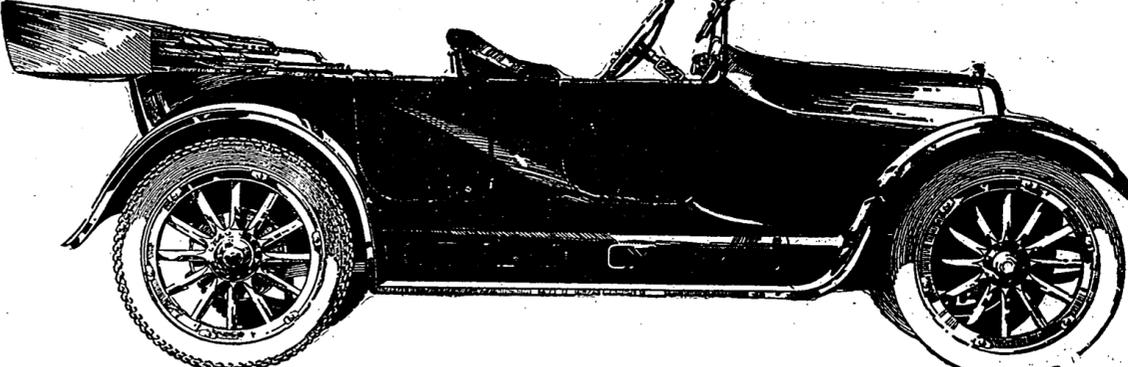
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HARVARD

News Items.

Alfred Willard starts next week for a trip to Montreal, Quebec, where he will visit for a few weeks with his daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Mr. Willard's eighty-three year old, but enjoys splendid health and vigor, and is looking forward to his trip with pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. E. Clark, of Tufts college, with their three daughters, are camping for a month at Sheep Island.

Ellery Royal came home last Saturday from his work in Worcester on the sick list. He was suffering from a disorder of the stomach, but was able to resume work early this week.

Jerome Callahan, employed as chauffeur with a family in Newton, was given the use of the family car and a day off on Thursday. He motored to town, calling on friends and with his family on Bare hill.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will meet with Mrs. H. A. Thayer on next week Thursday at her home for an all-day sewing meeting—ten to four o'clock.

At the recent meeting of the union church fair general committee, Arthur T. West, Miss Lillian A. leaves and Chester P. Willard were appointed to take charge of the entertainment for their first union church fair to be held in November.

Miss Rita Kittredge is visiting at Rocky Hook with Mrs. J. G. Bean.

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George Hardy started this week Friday for a few days' visit with friends in Weston, Vt.

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"Fruitlands" will be open to the public on the afternoon of Labor day, from 12.30 to 6.30 o'clock. Some exceedingly interesting additions to the collection in the old house have been made by members of the Alcott family this summer, and are being much appreciated by the many visitors who are their way there, some coming by train, some by motor and some walking from long distances, thus showing their keen desire to visit this literary shrine.

A four-act feature, with Florence LaBado as the star in "God's witness," will be the headline at the motion picture show this Saturday evening.

The rest of the program will be composed of "The third bolt," "The improbable," gems of McQuirk, and a one-reel comedy, "Hild Rogers." As in the past this show will be one that will repay one to attend.

Arrived Home.

Fiske Warren, who has been devoting his spare time to found single tax

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"Our colony in Andorra," said Mr. Warren, "is still in the stage of nascent. We have two acres and a half, and a house in course of construction on it, but as yet, we have no tenant."

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LUNENBURG

Report of School Committee.

The school committee met at the West schoolhouse on Tuesday afternoon and looked over the work that has been done there. The roof has been slated, the building painted inside and out, and a metal ceiling put in the lower room. Two new stoves have also been added and a good well is to be dug.

The work at the Center building was examined and approved. A partition is being put through the room on the third floor, making two rooms for recitations. The partition in one second floor room is being removed, thus enlarging the room for the eighth grade. An eighth grade teacher has been engaged to take the place of one resigned, and Miss Ida Russell, of New Hampshire, will have charge of that grade.

School will reopen for the fall term on Tuesday, September 1. If the weather should prove too warm for comfort short sessions will be held. This seemed a better plan than to carry the schools so far into June next year.

It is proposed to hold a series of illustrated lectures on school subjects to which the general public will be invited, especially parents, teachers and all interested in matters pertaining to schools. The first will be held on Friday evening, September 22.

A very comprehensive report was received from the school physician and was read with appreciation and approval by the committee.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilchrist took a trip to Hubbardston last Saturday.

Mrs. Florence (Tyler) Harley and her son Eugene are spending their vacation during the hot season at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler, in Lunenburg.

Joseph Powell and a party of friends from Townsend are camping out and enjoying fishing with all its possibilities this week in Rindke. Mrs. Powell is spending the week with his mother and sister in Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvan T. Simonds are rusticating at Moosehead Lake, having made the trip by auto.

Miss Mary Keith, of Marblehead, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Orren Bennett.

Eben H. Mead started on Thursday morning at a very early hour for an auto journey to Dennistown, Me., where he will spend a few days with his wife and little daughter Helen, who will return with him from their two-weeks' visit with old friends and neighbors.

Miss Doris Nickerson went to Biddeford, Me., Thursday, where she will spend her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Lottie Swaney.

Mrs. Abbie Billings and Mrs. F. E. Lancy are spending this week with their daughters and granddaughters, Misses Blanche and Lilla Lancy, at Wells Beach, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Bickford have returned from their vacation at the seashore, sun-burned and happy, and report a very pleasant time, with all the fixings.

Miss Nellie Jewett is inhaling salt water breezes at Wells Beach, Me., this week.

A much-needed improvement has been made at the Methodist parsonage, that of placing running water. For many years the occupants of the parsonage have had to carry water from a well outside. Now it has been established in the house and is very much more convenient. A lawn party was given by the Ladies' Aid society at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening to help defray the expense. It was well attended and all were much pleased with the very interesting program presented, and refreshments served.

Isaac M. Woolson, of Northwood, N. H., came into town on Monday evening to oversee the work of cutting and curing his hay. On Tuesday he received a telegram announcing the death of his brother, in New Haven, Conn. He immediately left for that place, returning later to finish his haying. James Gilchrist has charge of the work and with an able band of helpers and good weather will soon finish it.

William Brown, who has been in failing health for several months, died at his home on the Northfield road on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Obituary.

Died, in Brookline, August 18, Harriet A. Bingham, aged 81 years, 3 months, 10 days. Mrs. Bingham was native of Lunenburg, being one of twelve children of the late Cyrus and Abigail Kilburn, and much of her early life was spent here. She was united in marriage to William P. Bingham, of Indianapolis, Ind., whose death occurred several years ago. Her funeral was held at the home of her only surviving brother, William L. Kilburn, on Sunday afternoon, and was attended by many of the townspeople who had known her for years. Always bright and cheerful, full of music and fun, she made friends wherever she went. She was a prominent member of the Congregational church choir, for years, and always attended services in that church whenever visiting in town. The funeral service was conducted according to the Christian Science ritual by Reader J. E. Graham, of Boston. Most beautiful flowers, in wreaths and other designs, were brought by the daughter and friends from Brookline, covering the casket and supports, boxes handsome sprays upon the table, in vases and other places. The bearers were her son-in-law, J. V. Dittmore, Boston; Winthrop Daniels, nephew, Washington; and John Wool-dredge and Edwin S. Marshall, of Lunenburg. The burial was in the family lot in the South cemetery. The deceased leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. V. Dittmore, and a brother, William L. Kilburn, of Lunenburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carleton A. Shaw and children are away on a vacation. Mrs. Dowling, wife of Chief Dowling, coming from their home in Marlboro last Saturday is visiting her husband here at his rooms on Pleasant street with two of their children, Francis and Delphine.

Miss Charibel Vickery, accompanied by Mrs. Everett, who has been visiting her aunts to Arlington. They went with theirs, making a good auto load.

There will be a band concert this Saturday evening at the Grotto. The band will be augmented to about twenty-five musicians for the last band concert of the season, the program consisting mostly of requested numbers.

Mr. Beers, of the firm of Beers and Martin, took a party to Baddcock for a day's outing and fishing recently. Mrs. James Fraser, Miss Givley, Miss Charlotte Sibley and Mrs. W. W. Ames. Before noon they had caught enough fish for dinner and all took some home. At four o'clock Mr. Beers came for the party and they all went to have a picnic at a place where they had been before. Mrs. Violet Beers and her four children were of the party and they had great-grandmother, Ellen Barrows, who was seventy-eight years old last week Friday, and their aunt, Miss Helen Barrows. Baby Beers came from being one of the party this time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bickel of Beverly, are with a two-weeks' vacation. Harold Smith, of Rosindale, coming Saturday evening, was an over Sunday visitor of his college chum, Laurence Gay.

Alfred Gay went Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Jackson, back to her home in Hyde Park, where he will spend a week.

William Putnam went Monday for a stay at York Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Woods have named their little daughter Norma Helen.

William Gay was home from Manchester, N. H., over Sunday.

Only a little over a week before the public schools open. The day for opening is on Tuesday, September 5.

Miss Lillian Kane is spending a part of her vacation with her uncle in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton A. Shaw are camping out at Baddcock, occupying the late C. E. Bissett cottage.

News of the recent birth of a little daughter to Capt. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence, of Boston and Groton, is heard here in town.

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tendance, enjoyed their annual outing at Sandy pond on Wednesday. As the day was excessively warm, boating and bathing proved to be the prevailing diversion of the day, while the refreshing breeze from the rippling water was most delightful to those who preferred a stroll on land. Ample justice was done to the sliced ham, salads, olives, coffee, ice cream, cake and marshmallows. The latter delicacies are annually contributed in generous quantities by one of the honored guests. All these refreshments, served on the shores of old Sandy pond to such a congenial assembly, were enjoyed with more than usual relish.

The club appreciates with many thanks the courtesy of Fred Hosmer, who has for years opened his big cabin and ping-pong for their use and enjoyment of those at these picnics.

A Letter. The following letter was written by Edwin Hynes of Co. E, 9th Mass. regt., to John H. Hynes, his father, of this town, dated August 13:

We left Camp Cotton, El Paso, Friday, August 13, and went to El Paso, where we were taken in motor trucks to a place about sixty miles south of El Paso, called Fort Hancock, only two houses, seven people and a store, all in a better than Camp Cotton for there is a breeze at all times and no dust. It is very quiet here with only 1 1/2 miles from the Rio Grande river. We did not have to clear the grounds of cactus for the grounds were left by men of the eighth cavalry.

While en route the food was fair, but now that we are settled we have fine food, such as boiled eggs, peaches, prunes, hot coffee, ice cream, all kinds of canned goods, fish and salads. Sundays we have splendidly conducted services for both Catholics and Protestants. This regiment consists mostly of Catholics. Sometimes they interest everyone is how Spanish everything is. Everybody here, Catholics and all, eat meat on Fridays.

The boys are all in good health and are all in good spirits. We have had the change for 1400 to 4000 feet altitude at first affected many with nose bleed. We have free movies every night and various other amusements for El Paso once a week, giving us a chance to do individual purchasing. El Paso is a beautiful city of 70,000 population. The city is very clean and the most beautiful I ever saw, far prettier than those of the east. The Rio Grande is a slow, sluggish stream, winding in and out as dirty as can be, but strange to say the natives catch fish in it. We have a regimental canteen or spa, as one might call it, ice cream, tonics, cards, etc., are sold there.

The sun is very glaring and lots of the boys are wearing smoked glasses. Be sure to write—mail is more than welcome down here. Give my best regards to all.

History of Groton Band. On the morning of the 17th of June, 1869, the band returned and played several selections. The crowd, estimated at the time to be five thousand in number, gathered in the street, and at about ten or eleven o'clock the reception took place. Mr. Boutwell's band passed into Mr. Boutwell's house, shake hands with the president, and pass out the back door. The band were among the first to proceed to the band line and he recollects how impressed he was with the president's sharp, steel-gray eyes. Mr. Boutwell stood at the side and announced the names of the people to President Grant as they shook hands with him. Directly in front of Capt. Palmer was Asa Stillman Lawrence, formerly known as "Bill" Lawrence, who was father of William A. Lawrence, an honored resident of Groton.

Mr. Boutwell, with a twinkle in his eye, blandly announced to the president that this gentleman was Asa Stillman Lawrence, a native of Groton, who had been deputy sheriff for a number of years, and to his recollection had managed to keep out of jail himself. Mr. Palmer says that both Lawrence and Grant were Masons of high degree and understood each other, even though Mr. Lawrence was somewhat taken aback for a moment by the unexpected and unusual introduction.

Mr. Baldwin says that he did not get a chance to shake hands with the president. He was behind Capt. Palmer and got pushed out of line and missed his turn. George Blood, although only thirteen years old at the time, recollects shaking hands with Grant. This was a big day for him, as it was his first appearance with the band, and much attention was paid to "the drumming boy."

Frank Blood, who carried the drum on this day, like Mr. Baldwin, got pushed out of line. He felt very badly over missing his turn and the line and got to the end of the line and got to it, as his services at the forward end of the band drum were needed before the waiting line was half exhausted. The reception lasted quite a while, during which the band played on the street again, and Mr. Boutwell thinks they later played in the town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Adams, with grandson, Mr. Dugan, started at ten o'clock on Tuesday forenoon for Chester, Vt., a distance of 146 miles. Edward Duffey was chauffeur. Word came back that they were having a very good time, having had only one blow-out on the trip.

John Forcino, chauffeur for John Lawrence, came up front Nahant last Tuesday, bringing Mr. Lawrence's daughter, Mrs. Sabine and sister, Miss Geraldine Lawrence. The auto trip to Nahant was made the same day, taking back Miss Lawrence. Mrs. Forcino was another passenger to Groton and back on the auto drive.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tyrrell and family, who were residents of Groton for awhile, have come from Adrian, Mich., and are with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell, for an indefinite stay.

The Grange met on Tuesday evening with about thirty present. Lewis M. Knapp and Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell were really too warm for comfort, although the description of college life was interesting.

Miss Mildred Brown, graduate of Simmons college, is to be the domestic science teacher in the course opening this fall for the first time in the public school course. The upper room in the Chapin school building is to be devoted to this work. In looking over the arrangements it is found that there is a scarcity of chairs. Have not some of the parents or other citizens in town some good chairs that they can donate to the school? Bring them to the room by September 8, and they will be gladly received.

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SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 26

America's favorite stage star, ETHEL BARRYMORE, now a permanent member of Metro's staff of star artists, will appear here in "THE KISS OF HATE," a dramatic story of Russian life, Saturday Evening, August 26. Miss Barrymore, who made her debut in Metro Pictures in "The Final Judgment," shows here recently, won a sweeping success in this production, duplicating on the screen countless triumphs which have been hers in the spoken drama.



ETHEL BARRYMORE ASSISTED BY H. COOPER CLIFFE IN A POWERFUL STORY OF ROMANCE AND INTRIGUE IN FAR OFF RUSSIA

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News Items. Mrs. Florence Bywater Forcino was in town the other day for a short visit to her home folks. When she returned to Nahant with her husband, John Forcino, is employed, his sister Anna went back with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton A. Shaw and children are away on a vacation. Mrs. Dowling, wife of Chief Dowling, coming from their home in Marlboro last Saturday is visiting her husband here at his rooms on Pleasant street with two of their children, Francis and Delphine.

Miss Charibel Vickery, accompanied by Mrs. Everett, who has been visiting her aunts to Arlington. They went with theirs, making a good auto load.

There will be a band concert this Saturday evening at the Grotto. The band will be augmented to about twenty-five musicians for the last band concert of the season, the program consisting mostly of requested numbers.

Mr. Beers, of the firm of Beers and Martin, took a party to Baddcock for a day's outing and fishing recently. Mrs. James Fraser, Miss Givley, Miss Charlotte Sibley and Mrs. W. W. Ames. Before noon they had caught enough fish for dinner and all took some home. At four o'clock Mr. Beers came for the party and they all went to have a picnic at a place where they had been before. Mrs. Violet Beers and her four children were of the party and they had great-grandmother, Ellen Barrows, who was seventy-eight years old last week Friday, and their aunt, Miss Helen Barrows. Baby Beers came from being one of the party this time.

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Saturday, August 26, 1916.

AYER

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, September 1, at 2.30 o'clock.

E. O. Proctor, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, Louis H. Cushing, Theodore Barry and Huntley S. Turner were among the Shriners from Ayer who attended the Red Sox-Cleveland game on Monday as guests of President J. J. Lannin, who entertained Aleppo Temple in honor of Tris Speaker, who is also a Shriner.

Mrs. William J. Mullin, of Grove street, attended a meeting of the Ladies' Auxillary of the A. O. H. in Lowell on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mrs. Martin Carrigan, of Newton street, attended with her.

J. R. Phileas Daudelin was in town last week, visiting friends. Mr. Daudelin was a former resident of Ayer.

An alarm from box 7 at the corner of Pearl street and Grotton road at 9.55 Tuesday morning, called out the department to a fire in the house occupied by Thomas F. Ryan on Pearl street. The fire was put out before the arrival of the firemen by means of a fire extinguisher in the hands of Ryan in an upstairs closet in front of the house. There was little damage.

Mrs. Mary A. Babcock, of Somerville, visited at the home of J. W. Clark last week.

Mrs. Emeline Goddard and her daughter, of Charlestown, are visiting at the home of Walter Goddard.

Charles L. Washburn and family are at Peak's Island, Me., for two weeks.

George W. Luddington has returned from the Massachusetts General hospital, where he has been for treatment.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church has been spending a week with his sister in Providence, R. I.

The news of the death of Samuel L. White, of Beverly, which appeared in the Littleton column of this paper last week, came as a surprise to many of our oldest residents who knew him as a former resident of Ayer. Mr. White reached the advanced age of eighty years, his death following an accident by being injured by a motorcycle a few weeks ago. He was a native of Grotton. He attended the Sunday school while living here and always maintained a deep interest in its welfare, and in the Sandy Pond School association, which was formed after the school was closed as a place of learning several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dickinson have gone to Swanton, N. H., to attend the observance of Old Home Day, and will visit friends before returning home.

Miss Madeline Hill, of Keene, N. H., is a guest of Mrs. Lois E. Porter this week.

Mrs. Mary Connors is at the Weirs, N. H., for a vacation.

The ninth annual reunion of the Sandy pond school pupils, teachers and friends will be held on Saturday afternoon, September 2, at two o'clock. The usual business will be transacted and officers elected for the ensuing year, after which an entertainment will follow. The program committee have secured the services of Miss L. Hazel Childs, of Worcester, entertainer, who, besides highly recommended, other interesting features are included in the program. At its close lunch will be served by the supper committee, consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, etc.

Dr. Samuel Green, ex-mayor of Boston, and an honorary member of the association, is expected to be present. Former teachers and pupils and all others interested are cordially invited to come and enjoy this social occasion. Dancing will be enjoyed in the evening by the young people. Refreshments will be served.

The Unitarian girls' club will meet at Mrs. M. H. Sargent's on Monday, line Bigelow on Wednesday evening, August 30, at 7.30 o'clock.

The voting list for the state primary is posted. The revised list contains the names of 602 voters.

Alton Washburn is on a two-weeks' vacation in Portland, Me., from his duties as clerk in Sherburne.

Lewis Sargent, of Houston, Texas, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Sargent, started on his return journey Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Sargent is visiting her brother, Harry Sargent, in Springfield. State Office. Evidence was in town the first of the week in consultation with Chief Beatty in connection with the mysterious death of Daniel Mahy, whose body was found in Graniteville last Saturday. The police thought at first that the man was murdered, but it is said that all work on the case has been abandoned after an investigation which plainly eliminated the murder theory.

Chief Beatty arrested George Dominic by request of the Lowell police department Tuesday, on a complaint for non-support of his family in that city. An officer from Lowell came here and took Dominic back.

Miss R. M. Graham, with her trimmer, Miss Alice Ford, will attend the millinery openings in Boston on Monday. She will wear her millinery room in Phelps' block on Monday evening for the season.

F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, is expected back this Saturday from Red Beach, Me.

These additional names as candidates to be voted for at the coming primaries were filed with the town clerk when the time limit expired at five o'clock last Saturday: Louis I. Green, for district attorney; H. H. Hale, for county commissioner; Roger Sherman Hoar, for congressman, fifth district; M. E. Markham, James E. McGuane, Joseph P. Walsh, John M. Carrigan, Charles H. Meacham, John W. McGuane, Thomas W. Sculley, democratic town committee.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley was called to Graniteville to view the body of Daniel Mahy, who was found dead in the woods in that place last Sunday.

The registrars of voters have arranged for the following dates for registration: Thursday evening, September 21, from 7.30 to 9.30, for the primary; Wednesday evening, October 18, from 7.30 to 9.30; Saturday, October 28, from 12 noon to 10 in the evening, continuously. The meetings will be held as usual in the selectmen's room, town hall building.

For other Ayer news see opposite page.

A public hearing was given by the selectmen Monday evening on the petition of the Fletcher and Leominster Street Railway Company, authorizing it to act as a common carrier of newspapers, express matter, baggage and freight over the entire location of its street railway in the town of Ayer, also, for a location for a spur track on

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\$20.00 and \$22.00 Suits, mark down price.....	\$16.47
\$18.00 Suits, mark down price.....	\$13.47
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\$12.00 Suits, mark down price.....	\$9.47

BOYS' AND YOUTH'S SUITS	
\$5.50 Knickerbocker Trousers Suits, marked down to.....	\$4.47
\$5.00 Knickerbocker Trousers Suits, marked down to.....	\$3.75
\$4.00 Knickerbocker Trousers Suits, marked down to.....	\$3.00

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\$3.00 Straws, mark down price.....	\$2.00
\$2.50 Straws, mark down price.....	\$1.50
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Straws, mark down price.....	\$1.00
\$1.00 Straws, mark down price.....	75c
\$5.00 Panamas, mark down price.....	\$3.50
50c Boys' and Children's Straws, mark down price.....	35c
25c Boys' and Children's Straws, mark down price.....	18c
50c Men's and Boys' Cloth Hats.....	39c
25c Men's and Boys' Cloth Hats.....	18c

LADIES' SHOES	
One lot of Ladies' Walk-over Oxfords, Tan and Gun Metal \$3.50 value, mark down price.....	\$2.50
One lot of Ladies' Patent Pumps, \$3.50 value, mark down price.....	\$2.75
One lot of Ladies' Patent Pumps, \$3.00 value, mark down price.....	\$2.25
One lot of Ladies' Gun Metal and Patent Pumps, \$2.50 value, mark down price.....	\$1.95
One lot of 40 pairs Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords, all black, not this season's styles, regular price \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50, to close out, per pair.....	\$1.00

MEN'S OXFORDS	
\$4.50 Tan Oxfords, Walk-over, Foss-Packard and Crossett makes, mark down price.....	\$3.50
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords, mark down price.....	\$3.25
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords, mark down price.....	\$3.00
One lot of Patent Leather Shoes and Oxfords, \$4.00 value, mark down price.....	\$3.00
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One lot of \$3.00 Trousers, mark down price.....	\$2.45
One lot of \$2.50 Trousers, mark down price.....	\$2.00
One lot of \$2.00 Trousers, mark down price.....	\$1.75

BOYS' AND YOUTH'S WASH SUITS	
\$1.50 Value, mark down price.....	\$1.15
\$1.00 Value, mark down price.....	79c
75c Value, mark down price.....	59c
50c Value, mark down price.....	39c

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One lot of Men's Negligee Shirts, "Cluett" and Arrow Brand, \$1.50 value, mark down price.....	\$1.15
One lot of Men's Negligee Shirts, "Stag" and "Congress," \$1.00 value, mark down price.....	79c
One lot of Men's Negligee Shirts, 50c value, mark down price.....	42c
Boys' and Youth's Sport Shirts and Blouses, 50c value, mark down price.....	39c

UNDERWEAR	
Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, 50c value, mark down price.....	39c
Poroknit Shirts and Drawers, 50c value, mark down price.....	39c
One lot of Balbriggan and Derby Ribbed Underwear, 25c value, mark down price.....	19c

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REMEMBER—WE CLOSE TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 6.30, AND AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON WEDNESDAYS DURING AUGUST

Central avenue and a relocation for its track on Main street. Supt. Louis H. Cushing, of Ayer appeared for the company. There were no re-monstrants. The selectmen also heard the petitions of the Telephone and Ayer Electric Light Companies for location of poles on Maple and Elm streets and the old Grotton road. Action on these latter petitions was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

John M. Wallace returned from Bethlehem, N. H., last Saturday, where he has been engaged in doing electrical work.

D. S. Boyden, a former manager of the Ayer Electric Light Company, and for many years employed by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston, has been chosen director of the board selected from the employees of that company.

Ethel Barrymore, the celebrated stage star, supported by the eminent English Actor, H. Cooper Cliffe, will appear in "The Kiss of Hate," this Saturday evening at the motion picture show in Page hall. The play is a powerful story of Russian life brimming with romance, mystery and intrigue in five graphic acts. Next Wednesday, Marguerite Snow, the brilliant and popular motion picture star, will be seen in "Rosemary," a five-act photoplay produced by the Quality Pictures Corporation for release on the

Merta program. This will mark Miss Snow's first appearance starring alone under Metro auspices, and in the future she will be seen at the head of her own company of that program. Her last appearance in a Metro feature was in "The silent voice" with Francis X. Bushman, a big production in which they divided stellar honors. Miss Snow is surrounded by a notable cast in "Rosemary," which includes Paul Gilmore, the eminent romantic and dramatic actor; Frank Bacon, William Clifford, Virginia Kraft and others.

Andrew Leger, mechanic at the Ayer Auto Station, gets through this Saturday night and has accepted a position with the Cadillac Automobile Company in Boston.

Leroy C. Smith leaves about September 15 for Nutley, N. J., where he has a position as principal of the Lincoln grammar school.

T. Clarence Moore has bought a new Overland automobile from Edward O. Proctor.

Miss Harriet S. Hume has a position as stenographer with the Guaranteed Trust Company, Boston. She was formerly employed in a similar position at the office of the President Suspender Company, Shirley.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Murphy was held last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Services at the house were

conducted by Rev. Frank B. Crandall of the Unitarian church. The bearers were John R. Robert F., and William E. Murphy, sons of the deceased, and Herbert H. Proctor. The Weber male quartet of Boston gave several selections. The interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

The Palace Cafe had a record number of patrons for Saturday and Sunday night, when 187 people were served with Proprietor Larrabee's choice viands. Of the total 260 were served Saturday and 227 Saturday night. The proprietor has no use for a key, as the cafe is always open. People from all over the country are included in the patrons of this place.

Atty. George L. Wilson is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation.

Frederick A. Pierce, D. M. D., son of Rev. Charles L. Pierce, a graduate of Pratt's High School, Essex, Conn. who also took a year's course in the mechanical department of the Connecticut State college, a student of Colby college, Maine, and a graduate of Harvard University Dental school, one year medical, two dental, passed the Massachusetts Dental State Board recently, where two hundred and ten took the examination, one hundred and twenty-five passed and Dr. Pierce among the first five who got the best and highest marks. He comes well recommended for character and reputation. He has ability of a high order and has made his way mostly by his own efforts. His qualities and talent will achieve success for any person. He will be connected with the dental office of Dr. E. Earland Gibson.

(Clipping.) The following appeared in the Fitchburg Sentinel of August 22: James M. Barrett, proprietor of the Leominster Ice Co., and John H. Manderschedl, driver for the company, were summoned today to appear in district court, Thursday morning, to answer to complaints charging them with giving short weight on ice deliveries on Saturday, August 19. Manderschedl is also charged with having in his possession and using a scale which was not sealed. The summons are the result of many complaints which have been received during the past few days from all sections of the city. Complaints alleging that the ice men were short weighing their customers were received from the west side Friday, and Saturday the scaler of weights and measures was waiting on the route for the Leominster Ice Company team. It is alleged that Manderschedl filled a refrigerator at one of the houses and charged for 100 pounds of ice and accepted coupons for that amount. The ice was immediately reweighed by the scaler and found to be nine pounds short of 100 pounds.

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News Items. Pupils planning to attend either the Ayer or the Fitchburg high schools...

Mrs. Newton I. Damon, of Gardner, with two children, are spending a vacation at the home of her parents...

Mrs. Stanley F. White has been promoted to the position of assistant chief chemist of the American Systematic Dye Works...

Ruth Elizabeth is the name given to the daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman...

Miss Leona Lee has left for her home in Lyndonville, Vt. for a vacation of five weeks.

Mrs. Dora Suhke, of Pittsford, has had her daughter at the home of her parents...

Mrs. Felix Toel, with little daughter, of Fitchburg, is spending the week at the home of her sister...

Miss Virginia MacElroy has accepted a position in the office of the President of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Adams spent last week at the Brookfield estate, Cummery pond.

Mrs. Lydia B. Binney, spending a vacation at Marblehead.

William A. Dodman, son of Walter and his daughters, Misses Bessie and Helen, spent last week with the parents...

Miss Gertrude L. Grant, in company with Miss Margaret M. Mason, also, Miss Elizabeth Mason of Winchester and Miss Elizabeth Shattuck...

Miss Madeline McCarthy, of the President's Suspenders Company office staff, is spending a vacation in New York city and suburbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pratt have returned home from their vacation spent in New York state.

C. A. McCarthy is building a semi-bungalow on Benjamin road. When completed the house will be occupied by Mrs. M. D. Dugan and family...

Notices were posted on Wednesday in the braiding, spinning and finishing departments of the Sanson Carding Works...

Miss Marion Moriarty, formerly commercial teacher at the Shirley high school, has accepted a position as commercial teacher at the high school in Greenfield.

Arthur C. Annis, clerk at the store of C. E. White, is spending his annual vacation this week at Revere with a party of friends.

Miss Nellie Gardner left on Tuesday for an extended vacation at Presque Isle, Me.

A son weighing nine pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Harkins on Wednesday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Elmer H. Allen has been confined to his home a few days this week with sickness.

Edmund E. Winterbottom is spending a few days in Westford and Hopkinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, with daughter Ruth, who spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Knowles, parents of Mrs. French, were unable to return to their home at Fitchburg the first of the week...

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should be of great interest at this time, and the cause is surely a worthy one.

Miss Christine G. Longley spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Boston with her sister, Miss Margaret Longley.

There was a good attendance Wednesday afternoon at the meeting of the ladies who are sewing slippers for the wounded in the French hospitals.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles K. Bolton on Center road, and Charles Flamand, son of the French consul in Boston, will be present, and it is hoped that all who have helped in the relief work in Shirley will be present also.

The Central Campfire Girls went on Thursday morning to Fort Pond, where they have taken the week-end course for a week. Those who went were Mae Bradford, Eleanor Longley, Dorothy Jones, Marion Jobu, Phyllis Fagan, Florence Wilkin, Miss Verice Houghton and Miss Carrie Bradford.

H. E. Grant spent the week-end at Madonia, where Mrs. Grant and family are spending the summer.

Mrs. Anna E. Dakin has returned to her summer home at the common shore on several occasions.

There was a good attendance at the First Parish church last Sunday to listen to Rev. Frank B. Chamberlain on "The treasure of the world."

Madame Delaware, the soprano singer for many years in the Universalist church choir, Madame Delaware is not one who easily forgets the friends of her youth, and while Shirley is not her native town, being a native of Delaware, she is evidently very fond of Shirley, where her young married life was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence K. Bolton and sons, Stanwood and Geoffrey, returned home last Saturday after a short vacation spent in Maine.

Miss Marguerite Sargent returned to her home at the North last Saturday after a short visit with Mrs. Clarence Clark in Hinsdale, N. H.

The Shirley company band will give a concert on Tuesday evening on the common in front of the town hall. This will be the second and last concert of the season for the Center.

John Farrar, at the North, has recently purchased a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow, of Newton, and Rev. L. E. Perry, of Hudson, N. H., were in town Sunday at the Wirs, for a visit which Mrs. Snow has recently brought.

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When finished turn the beading side outward. Sew the two sides of the mouth on a pair of cross-bars with a pin and drop for the other end of the purse.

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A Jabot From a Collar. Another way for the flat Dutch collar of value is to make it into a jabot. This will require no cutting at all. The center of the back and the two pointed ends turned directly underneath. It is then hung from the front of a stock collar. Of course a stock collar of lace or lace trimmed batiste will fill in this purpose best.

Hank Elwood's Conversion. By EDITH V. ROSS

Hank Elwood one evening stood at the door of his house looking out on his broad acres. There were the farm, well stocked, and crops just springing from the ground; there was the house, well furnished for one of its kind. But Hank was the only person in it.

"I'd ought to have a woman," he said to himself. "But what am I going to find one? Besides, women are a rascankous lot, and I dunno but if I should get one I'd wish I hadn't."

But Hank was desperate. He went down to Mrs. Blakeley's, an excellent friend of his, and said to her: "Moll, I want you to find me a wife. I'll tell you just what kind of a gal I want. She must be—"

"Hank," interrupted his friend, "if I'm going to recommend a gal to you, you'd better take her on my say so. You don't know anything about women."

"Don't! I know enough to keep clear of one of the kind to slobber all over a man before she's married and after the knot's tied to jump on him and boss the whole job."

"Oh, you do, do you? Well, I'll tell you what I'll do: I'm expectin' a niece of mine from the east to visit me next week. You kin come in here as much as you like while she's here, and mebbe she you kin git her. She wants to get married powerful bad. But it's my opinion you'd better let me pick out a woman for you and go in blind on my recommendation."

"Reckon I'll come in and see your niece. If nothin' comes of it mebbe I'll try your plan."

When the niece came she proved to be a strapping lass, with a pair of rosy cheeks, and she made a dead set for Hank. Her voice was a low contralto, sometimes with the tone of a man's. She was rather awkward, and her hair was short, which she explained by stating that she had had a fever and it had all come out.

"What do you think of her?" asked Mrs. Blakeley.

"I think she'd make a good farmer's wife," replied Hank. "She isn't one of the kind to sit round and look purty them hands of hers are specially fitted for milkin', and washin' dishes wouldn't spoil 'em."

"How about her disposition?"

"I hadn't had time yet to make no observations as to that, but she seems to be good natured enough. What do you think of her?"

"I thought you was to decide the matter for yourself, you know so much about women. What use would it be for me to tell you she wasn't the kind of a woman you want? Would you pay any attention to me?"

Hank admitted that he had confidence in himself in knowing what he liked and what he didn't like, but it there was any defect in the girl he saw no reason why he should not be informed of it.

"There's nothin' the matter with her, so far as I know," was the noncommittal reply. But Hank did not consider it noncommittal. He made up to Lizzie, as her aunt called her, and did a bit of courting, but he found her coy and not disposed to permit him to be familiar.

"She's the gal for me," said Hank to the aunt one day. "I tried to kiss her, and she wouldn't let me do it. There's safety in that kind of a gal. After a man's married to her he don't always feel unorthodox about her every time a good lookin' man comes round."

"That's all hosh," said his friend.

Hank, finding that Lizzie would not permit courting, assumed that he must first make his intentions known. He was in a hurry to get some one into his home and was much pleased with her. One evening he called at Mrs. Blakeley's. The aunt was washing dishes and the niece was wiping them. On Hank's arrival Lizzie threw down her dishcloth, took off her kitchen apron and joined the visitor on the porch.

Mrs. Blakeley went on with her work. Lizzie had been with Hank a few minutes when her aunt heard her break out into a guffaw.

"Aunt Moll," she cried, "what do you think? Mr. Elwood wants me to marry him."

The woman went outside. Lizzie had lifted her skirts above her knees, showing a pair of trousers under them, and was responding to the proposal by a clog dance.

"Reckon you don't know so much about women, Hank, as you think you do. "Whereupon Lizzie took off the rest of her feminine apparel and appeared as a youth of eighteen.

Hank stood looking on this exhibition for a few minutes appalled. Then turning on his heel he went back to his farm.

It was weeks before he came to see his friend Moll Blakeley again; then he said to her: "I give in, Moll. I don't know nothin' about women. I'm powerful lonesome at the farm. Get me a wife."

"I don't need to get you one. There's Sallie Perkins, the best woman I know, has been wantin' you for a couple of years."

"How do you know that?"

"No matter how I know it. If you want a mighty good wife go for her."

Hank took his friend's advice and has been very happy ever since.



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PEPPERELL

Howard Denham of the office force at the Boot mills at Lowell spent last week in town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denham. He returned to Lowell on Saturday with his parents by auto. On Monday he was to start for the White Mountains with friends and the trip there will include mountain climbing and camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wentz of Brooklyn, N. Y., who have been visiting here, returned last week for a few days' visit with her brother, Chester Hill, and family. They returned to New York on Saturday, leaving their little son, Chester Wentz, with relatives here on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis.

Mrs. John McMurray and daughter Ruth returned last week from Hopedale, N. Y., where they have been for a week. Mrs. McMurray's health, which has been improved by her stay.

Leo Thayer arrived home from Portland, Me., last week, where he has had a position with a shoe factory. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson, who were at their farm in town early in the season, are now at their seaside home on Misery Island, near Beverly Farms, on the North Shore. They do not expect to be here before the middle of September.

Ernest Robbins, from Westminster, is taking a short vacation from his work on account of a slight indisposition and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Judson Willoughby.

Monday's hot wave, thermometers registering anywhere from 90° to 100° in the shade, caused some prostrations. Hot waves are expected to stop about noon time for a few hours, and the Pepperell Card shop shut down the drying rack in the upper story after dinner. Everyone who kept indoors or in the shade, and no extreme heat prostrations are reported.

Francis Lawrence returned to his work in Bridgeport, Conn., last Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Sullivan has been at Hampstead, N. H., camping with a party of friends from Wakefield, where she teaches.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drummey are occupying the cottage where he is employed at the Champlain International card shop for some time past. He is at present engaged in starting the paper machine at the factory of the Nashua River Paper Company, which has been shut down for some time and is running. It is probably the other machines that started at the season's workmen can be secured.

Miss Janet Riddick, who has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Fred W. Ringdahl, returned to her home in Linden, N. J., Monday.

Miss Edith Dow had an important attack of the flu at the home of Mrs. Eljah Reed, where she has been employed, and was obliged to return home.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred A. Davis returned home on Monday, having spent the week-end with friends in Salem.

Miss Georgianna Maynard entertained her friend, Miss Elva Delano, from Townsend last week Thursday, and on her return accompanied her home for a week-end.

Mrs. B. K. Humphrey was in town from West Groton last Saturday, where the family now reside.

Master Willis Gillespie, who is staying with his mother, Mrs. Fred W. Ringdahl, at the home of his grandparents on the South road, celebrated his eighth birthday on last Saturday afternoon by a quiet little gathering of his small associates. Among his little guests were Martha, John and Madeline Carr, Elmer and Elizabeth Sherwood, Esther Martin, Edna and Margherita Hill and Amos Humphrey from West Groton. Dorothy Hayes was also a guest at the party. The children were entertained with games, cake and fancy cookies on the lawn. Mrs. Fred Gillespie and Miss Minerva Miller.

Miss Sarah Hunter, who was the first nurse in town when the District Nurse association was commenced, visited in town at the home of Mrs. Jerry Annis over the week-end. She returned Monday to Dorchester, where she now has a position as matron in a private hospital.

Mrs. Fannie Lawrence and her sister, Mrs. Walter of Nashua, N. H., visited their nephew, Harry Lawrence, at Manchester, N. H., last week.

On Sunday evening at the Congregational church Miss Annah P. Blood will speak at the service.

Miss Harriet Dow, who has been spending the summer with her mother and relatives at the Pierce home, returned to her duties at Palmerston, Pa., last week.

Mrs. John Thayer, who has been held at home, but was postponed on account of bad weather, will now be postponed until next year.

The families of James Winch and Henry Messer went down to Massachusetts on last Saturday and will remain for a week or longer at Camp Florida.

David Kleinberg is making extensive repairs on his house on Canal street, shingling the roof and having a piazza built on two sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Winch and little daughter, and Miss Shirley Morse, spent Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wood, at Lake Massapoag, in Camp Florida.

Thomas Parker, of Hanover, N. H., visited his parents and other relatives in town the first of this week.

Miss Margaret Boynton entertained her classmate at Mr. Holyoke college, 17, Marion Nash, of Franklin, N. H., over the week-end.

Mrs. Fred G. Nye and children, from Leominster, visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Letender, this week.

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Oliver Thayer went to Nottingham, N. H., Tuesday, to play in an orchestra.

Mrs. Wallace G. Small and daughter Ruth went to Thomaston, Me., on Thursday of last week to spend the remainder of the school vacation.

Miss Marion Burns, of Worcester, has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, Brookline street.

The section men under Mr. Munson on the north part of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division, had a chance to walk up to the station Monday by an extra freight train overtook their handcar just north of the yard limit. The men jumped and were uninjured, but their handcar was up by the freight and rather shaken up.

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Mrs. Helen Corey, with her children and a friend, Mrs. Mary Cox, all of Brookline, N. H., spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Mrs. Julia Lawrence. On their return home Mrs. Lawrence accompanied them for a needed rest, leaving her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Corey, in her absence. Master Lawrence Corey remained with his aunt for a little vacation.

The stock of Alexander Odette, which has been stored at the Tarbell store, was sold Monday by public auction. The purchaser was Willis Muzzey, the new proprietor of the week of the Tarbell store, who is interested in his goods up to the Tarbell block. This would indicate that Kemp & Bennett would be obliged to find a new show-room for their autos.

Mrs. M. M. Pond and daughter, Miss Helen, returned to Arlington last week with Harold Morse by auto. Mrs. Pond's niece, Constance McCarthy, who has been visiting here for some time, also returned to her home in Boston.

Miss Doris Durant returned recently from a visit with her schoolmates, the Misses Hildreth, who are occupying a cottage on the banks of the Merrimack river in North Chelmsford.

Miss Mildred Storkan returned recently to her home at Fairview farm, from New York, where she has been a student at Pratt's Institute, taking a course in nursing, and taking a position as private secretary.

Miss Bertha Johnson arrived home Monday for the last half of her vacation at her home. She spent last week at Five Islands, and during the hot wave the first of the week she regretted that she was not still there.

Mr. and Mrs. Inez Kitzredge and daughter, Miss Edna, took auto to Wakefield on Monday morning. They returned on Tuesday, August 22, after a ten days' stay with relatives.

Mrs. A. H. Harris went to Hampstead, N. H., with her two little girls on Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Harris, of that place. She expects to return with them on Saturday night.

Mrs. Ella Durrell has been entertaining her brother and wife, and Mrs. W. F. Stone, of East Boston, this week.

Relatives of Mrs. W. H. Deware have taken the lower tenement in the Pike house nearly opposite her and will occupy it next month, about the 15th, it is expected. The family consist of her sister, Mrs. Humbert Coulton, her husband, and two children, and mother, Mrs. Copp, from Sheddac, N. B.

Frederic Wilson returns to Torrington, Conn., the last of next week to resume his work as instructor at the high school, following Labor day.

Services will be held both morning and evening at the Methodist church. At the morning service the pastor will preach on the subject: "The city without limit."

Miss Edith Annis and nephew Russell went to Charlotte, Me., his home, on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Marshall is caring for little Ruth Pitman during an attack of tonsillitis. Symptoms of an attack of the disease were observed in Mrs. Pitman's condition on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. E. Elkins was called to Portsmouth, N. H., last week by the death of her mother, Mrs. Elkins, at a hospital in that city of peritonitis. Mrs. Pitman has been employed at a hotel on the Isles of Shoals during the summer, and contracted the illness during an epidemic among the guests and help at the hotel. She was partially covered when she was taken with rheumatism. Symptoms of appendicitis appeared and she was operated upon at a Portsmouth hospital. Being in a weak physical condition from former illness her case was complicated. She died from the first and last week peritonitis followed the operation. Mrs. Elkins telephoned her friends in town this week that there was a very slight improvement in Mrs. Pitman's condition on Wednesday.

Fred Milan, formerly employed in the office of the Nashua River Paper Company, severed his connection with that firm on Saturday last.

Among those who attended Grange who attended the field day of Westford Grange on Thursday were Misses Edna Kitzredge and Lena McGrath. The address of the day was given by Senator Lodge and they report also a fine program.

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Mrs. Nelson Archambault, of Shelburne, returned this week from a visit with relatives in Fitchburg and Leominster.

Miss Miriam Deware is visiting relatives in Milby, Province of Quebec. She returned with Miss Berton to St. Johnsbury, Vt., recently, and from there went to Canada for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Newell and family returned from a visit to the home of Mrs. A. S. Woodward, and her sister, Mrs. A. Addison Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Parker, their two sons, Clayton and Albert, Jr., and daughter, Mary, were at Green Park near Old Orchard, Me., by auto last Sunday. They will take a two-weeks' rest there.

Miss Florence Kemp, of the Pepperell Card office, spent her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Frank Chapman at Winchester, and at Nantasket and the North Shore. She returned on Saturday by auto with her parents, and Mr. E. J. Kemp, who motored to Levere that morning.

Gertrude Cherry was a guest of the Pennequin Camp-fire circle at Sandy pond camp last week.

Mrs. Lucy Dow Cushing and Miss Ruth Miller, who were at Green Park of the summer in town, return home to Westford next week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Holman and family have been in town this week and will be moving to Green Park, N. H. They are moving from Fitchburg to Newton, where he assumes his new position in the schools September 11. They are spending a few days while their goods are in transit.

The Ladies Aid society will meet in the ladies' room at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday afternoon, August 30. It is necessary that all interested should attend this meeting as definite plans for the work of the fair will be made.

Mrs. Paul Maxwell and small daughter came home from the Groton hospital last week.

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The bride was gowned in a handsome blue tulle traveling suit, with large lorgnon hat with trimmings of pale pink and blue. The bridesmaid wore a darker shade of blue silk with Georgette trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Keay left for an extended wedding trip to the mountains in the Adirondacks. They are expected to return after October 1, at 66 Hudson street, Somerville, until their new home, 39 Park Lane, Quincy, is completed.

Miss Drummey is the daughter of Mr. C. and the late James Drummey, formerly of this town. She was born here thirty-three years ago, but has made her home in Natick since she was nine years of age with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ripley. Since her graduation from the Natick high school she has been employed at the New England Telephone and Telegraph exchange at Framingham, as toll operator.

Mr. Keay, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Keay, of Lebanon, Me., and has held a position with the Shawmut National Bank of Boston for the past six years.

A quiet home marriage ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Tucker on Thursday afternoon, August 24, at 66 Hudson street, Somerville. The bride was Miss May Wood, of Framingham, England. Miss Wood has been a resident of this town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller since coming to this country about five years ago, and has made many friends.

The service was performed by Rev. W. H. Beers of the M. E. church in the presence of the parents of the groom, his sister, Mrs. Ernesty, and her husband, from West Groton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wood, the brother of the bride, and sister of the groom, and Miss Edna Fuller.

The bridal couple held a reception at the home of Mrs. Tucker, where they were served by Mrs. Charles Fuller, the hostess, a fine wedding cake being cut and distributed by the bride. The bride looked very charming in a gown of white satin with overture of white lace and pearl trimming. The room in which the ceremony was performed was attractively decorated for the occasion with an abundance of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller took a trip to Boston, where they will visit friends in the city. On their return they will reside for the present at the home of the groom's parents. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents of silver and linen, and the bride was presented with a box of the groom's parents, and both have many friends there who join in the general good wishes for the long life and happiness of the couple.

Fiftieth Anniversary. A quiet celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Marzesson was planned by their friends on Tuesday, August 22, by a reception afternoon and evening. The affair was a complete surprise, but a very pleasant occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Marzesson have been residents here in town for the past eight years. They came here from Boston and purchased the place on the Hollis road now owned by Mrs. Marzesson. They are natives of Nova Scotia and their marriage occurred there, Mrs. Marzesson being but sixteen years of age. They have few relatives in this section. Mrs. Marzesson has one brother, living at Beverly and a sister who is ill in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Marzesson was the recipient of flowers, confectionery and gifts of various kinds from her good friends from the many friends, both here and out of town.

Her pastor, Rev. W. H. Beers, and wife were among those who called in the afternoon to attend their best wishes to the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Marzesson are enjoying very good health at present, and are able to entertain the friends and relatives of their friends in planning this quiet reception.

Ice cream and cake were served the guests as refreshments.

"The Colonel's Maid." On Thursday evening, August 31, at eight o'clock, the Community Service club presents the play, "The Colonel's Maid." The cast of characters are local talent. Robert Robbins taking the part of Col. Rudd, a widower of North Carolina, who is a young gentleman of the South Carolina being left unmarried at present. The two are mortally antagonistic. The part of Marjorie Byrd, the colonel's daughter, is taken by Miss Edna Fuller. Bob Rudd, the other colonel's son, is acted by Lloyd Baneroff. These two are not so antagonistic as their respective fathers. Ethel Wells takes the part of Mrs. Carroll, a widow, and Col. Rudd's sister-in-law, and Margaret Boynton the part of Julia Carroll, her daughter. The character, Neil Gray, the young gentleman of exceedingly faulty memory, is taken by Dana Merrill, James Baskom, Col. Rudd's lawyer, by Guy Rouse, "Ching-A-Ling," the Chinese cook, is enacted by L. J. Walte.

Mrs. Colter of Manchester, N. H., who has successfully coached this same play in other towns, and has coached the rehearsals on Wednesday and Friday evenings of this week.

On account of the length of the play and in order to secure as long a time as possible for the dance, which is to follow, the curtain will rise promptly at eight o'clock.

During the first act, which is short and appears the funniest of the three, the ushers will seat no one and the public is requested to be in their seats outside the doors until the end of the first act.

Tickets may be obtained from the "Camp-fire girls and the Girl Scouts" or may be reserved by telephoning Mrs. Helen Willey at the home of the orchestra will furnish music during the entire evening.

The club and cast have spared no effort to make this program successful. It is in general way the District Nurse association may have sufficient funds to carry on its work.

Sudden Death. Arthur McMurray, son of Mr. and Mrs. John K. McMurray, died very suddenly of heart trouble on Wednesday evening, August 23. Although he had been suffering from the trouble for some time the end came with unexpected suddenness to his many friends and associates. He was born in Mechanicville, N. Y., his age being eighteen years and seven months. The family removed from Mechanicville to this town about 1906, living on Pleasant street in the house now occupied by Mrs. Harriet E. McMurray was connected with the Nashua River Paper Company in town and later assumed charge of their Groton

mill, the family removing to that town. Arthur was a student in the Groton Union school for about six years, where he made many friends among his associates.

Mr. McMurray was given the superintendent's position in the mills here, about four years ago and the family came back to town, residing in the corner Main and Mill streets.

Arthur was a student in our Pepperell High school for about two years, leaving on account of his health. Last year he attended the Lawrence academy at Groton. He was of a quiet retiring disposition, but was universally liked and esteemed by his classmates. He sustained an injury by being thrown from his bicycle by an automobile some weeks ago, and undoubtedly the shock to his system was underestimated at the time, although he apparently recovered from it.

Beside his parents he leaves a brother, Harold, and younger sister, Ruth, of this town, and two sisters in Mechanicville, N. Y.

Services will be held at his late home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. W. H. Beers being the officiating clergyman and burial will be in Pepperell.

About Town. Mr. and Mrs. L. Ripley of Natick announce the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Ripley, to Mr. Ripley, Monday, August 21. It was a quiet, home wedding, only three immediate families and relatives being present. They left for a town of their own on Monday, August 21, at 66 Hudson street, Somerville.

Read the new advertisement of J. J. Shea, of Groton, who will open the blacksmith shop at N. S. Pike, Main street, Monday, August 28.

HOLLIS, N. H. News Items. Mrs. Wesley Ladd, after a short illness, passed away Wednesday afternoon. She is survived by her husband and two children, Dorothy and George. Her mother, Mrs. Samuel Thayer, of Nashua, and a sister, Miss Maud Grey.

Treasure Hurd passed away at his home on Tuesday morning at the age of eighty-six. He was a well-known and respected man of Hollis. He is survived by two sons, Monroe and Everett, and a daughter, Kate. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon with interment in the East yard.

Mrs. George Manning and daughter, Cora, of Malden, Mass., are visiting with Francis Lovejoy.

A cabaret under the direction of Mrs. John Sawyer and Miss Agnes Toney was given on Tuesday evening. The program consisted of a vocal solo, Mrs. John Sawyer; reading, Mrs. F. Leo McNeill; Highland dance, Miss Ellen Clark; and a well-known waltz. The tables, which had been brought before the band, were filled and refreshments served. Dancing followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burbee and Mrs. William Burbee are in town, enjoying Old Home Week.

Arthur Wright spent the week-end at home.

Nelson Parkhurst's horse ran away on Tuesday evening in front of Dr. Beery's home. The horse became frightened at something and ran through the gate and struck the gate post, breaking the whiffletree and throwing Mr. Parkhurst to the ground. He is injured but he did not receive any serious injury.

HARVARD News Items. During Labor day week the Harvard Woman's club exchange and tea-room will be changed into a Japanese tea garden. Attractive Japanese articles will be for sale and a special menu will be served.

For the convenience of those who are arranging winter programs for the various organizations of the following is a list of dates for the lecture course: October 27, November 22, December 5, January 12, February 2 and 21.

The Massachusetts Highway Commission will give a quarterly mission to the county of Worcester, on Friday morning, September 1, at ten o'clock for the discussion of questions relating to the public roads, and all who are interested are invited to be present.

Invitations for the wedding of Earle C. Turner and Miss Louise Freeman are out, the event to take place on Thursday evening, August 31, in Needham.

Mrs. James Barry is visiting with her son, Fred Barry, and wife, in Shenectady, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Whitney celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Whitney. Friends who were called were received on the veranda, where Mr. Whitney spends his time these summer days.

News Items. Elmer H. Allen has left for Marblehead for a few days' rest and recuperation.

Mrs. George Greenleaf left Friday morning for Burlington, Vt.

Madame Arina Delaware, of New York, is visiting at the home of Miss Mily Parker.

Miss Ruby Crockett, of Ayer, is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. L. Crockett, at the North.

The Alliance sale on Thursday afternoon was a successful affair. It was originally planned to hold the sale on the First Parish church lawn, but on account of the damp weather it was held in the school. The measure of the afternoon was added to by vocal and piano selections by Madame Arina Delaware, and a song and recitation by Mrs. H. A. Walker, accompanied by Miss Walker. Those in charge of the tables were Mrs. Julia E. Holden, Mrs. Bessie M. Price and Mrs. Bessie A. Buxton, food made the ideals and traditions of the afternoon, apron and fancy; Mrs. Lavonne J. Edgerton, grab bag; Mrs. Althea W. Lindenberg, punch; Mrs. Gertrude C. North and Mrs. E. J. Miller, ice cream.

WESTFORD Grange Field Day. All concerned were thankful for the cooler weather for the Grange field day held on Thursday at Westford Center. But sorry that to hold the gathering in the town hall. Beautiful and spacious Whitney playground would have been enjoyed for the gathering. The day was held on the Grange grounds. The afternoon's exercises were preceded earlier in the day with friendly greetings and at noon a basket lunch, supplemented with hot coffee and cream by the hostess Grange. The truant school band of North Chelmsford furnished music throughout the day.

In the afternoon U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was the speaker and special guest of honor. A large audience gave him a hearty welcome and close attention. He was so friendly and courteous, he gave a short but excellent address. He bespoke the large possibilities of Massachusetts agriculture, especially the national measures, for good roads and some of its fallacies as it concerns the individual state, and in closing made a splendid plea for the best Americanism. Mrs. George S. Ladd, lecturer of the State Grange, was the presiding officer of the day, and other speakers were Mrs. S. S. Sargent of Lexington, who spoke in behalf of the State Grange educational fund, Mr. Sherburne, master of the North Middlesex Hortons Grange, at Groton, George W. Trull, its lecturer, Lewis E. MacBryane of the Courier-Citizen and Mr. Pfeiffer of Bedford.

The band supplemented the speakers and the speakers gave vocal selections. At the close of the program Senator Lodge held a brief reception, assisted by Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher.

Those in charge of the day were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, Frank C. Wright, master of the local Grange, gave the word of welcome. The Westford friends much regretted the absence of Rev. David Wallace, his being detained by illness in Lunenburg, where he is spending his summer vacation.

SOUND IN THEORY Pat and Murphy, since both had fallen in love with the same woman, became involved in a deadly feud. There seemed to be only one way of settling the matter—a duel.

The two were agreed upon—at twenty paces.

But when the stout Murphy saw his lean adversary facing him he began immediately to raise objections. "I'm twice as big as you are, he is, so I ought to stand twice as far away from him as he is from me."

"Second" treated this amazing proposition quite seriously, and for a long while stood, thoughtful and puzzled.

Then: "There's no need for that," he said. "Be my now. I'll soon put the matter right."