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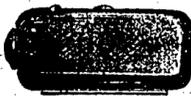
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### LITTLETON

#### News Items.

Misses Mary and Margaret Coughlin, of Acton, were mid-week guests of their Littleton relatives.

Through the death of J. H. Whitcomb, of Ayer, which occurred this last week, J. Hartwell Whitcomb, of this town, is the sole survivor of the late Andrew Whitcomb's sons. Littleton relatives attended the funeral on Wednesday.

Eight members attended the Philanthropy class meeting at Miss Marjorie Plagge's home Wednesday afternoon, and sewed on aprons for the fair. Several matters of business came up for consideration. A vote of thanks was passed for a fine picture of Jerusalem, originally the property of Miss Corinna Shattuck, presented by Miss Julia E. Conant to the class for their room in the vestry. It was voted to hold a social in January for the church people. The hostess served confectionery.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens has been in Chelmsford this week.

Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitcomb, oldest member of the King's Daughters' circle in Littleton, was pleasantly remembered by her relatives, friends and neighbors at her birthday, Wednesday. Although unable to do as much as she would like Mrs. Whitcomb keeps up a keen interest in the circle and its work, and helps along the good cause for which it was instituted.

November 21 and 22 are the dates set for the fair of the United Workers in the Congregational vestry. The sale will be held on Tuesday afternoon only, beginning at 2.30 o'clock, and will include wares at the apron, Christmas gift, flower and bulb, confectionery and bargain booths. The supper will be held on Wednesday evening at 6.30 and will be followed by a popular travel talk by Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Manchester, N. H., sister of Mrs. Charles A. Kimball.

At the Grange meeting on Wednesday night seventeen new members were admitted, the regular officers conferred the first degree and the men's degree staff worked the second

degree. On December 6 the third and fourth degrees will be conferred upon this class. The State Grange meetings will be held in Boston on December 12, 13 and 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrow started on Monday in company with a large party for the National Grange meetings in Washington, D. C. They will be gone from home a week or ten days, stopping over in Philadelphia and New York city for a short time.

Mrs. J. N. Murray has been admitted this past month into membership of the French Bull Dog club of New England. Mrs. Murray's French bull dog, "Lavonne," won a silver trophy in the French bull dog specialty show in Horticultural hall last week. It was announced a reserve winner of one class.

In the election of last week Demon Rum received another wrack, four more states going dry. The "moon" is now taboed in twenty-three states.

Frederick A. Tuttle announces his candidacy for commissioner in the city of Lowell. Mr. Tuttle is remembered by his Littleton friends and former townspeople very pleasantly.

A very appreciative audience taxed the seating capacity at the town hall on Tuesday evening when the Copley quartet, so much anticipated, and Miss Almida, an amateur reader of delightful personality, displayed good taste in her selections and charmed the audience by her artistic presentations.

Members of the Unitarian Guild went to Concord Sunday evening to a union meeting.

The Dairy Improvement association and many outside the organization and from neighboring towns felt amply repaid for their efforts in attending the meeting at E. P. Wilcox's residence on Monday evening. It is evident that

the farmers of this locality are interested in the feeding problem, and Prof. Tufover, of Boston, sustained the information to give on the subject. He is a very fluent speaker and shows that the problem he undertakes to solve is wholly within his grasp.

H. L. Robbins joined his wife in a visit at F. C. Hartwell's last week.

The Ladies' Whist club enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. E. Jones, who gave a luncheon Wednesday. The afternoon was spent at the whist tables.

A son, James Leslie Hager, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hager, of Ironwood, Mich., November 12.

The J. H. Kimballs spent the weekend and Sunday with relatives in Rindge, N. H.

Mrs. H. F. Proctor and daughter Katherine visited the A. W. Turners in Milford, N. H., recently.

Mrs. Earl T. Spear and little daughter, who has been sustained for a visit with Mrs. Spear's parents. Mr. Spear's business takes him to Providence for the present.

The annual banquet of the Back-Log club was held on Thursday evening. Owing to the uncertainty of some speakers and the subjects at time of writing, the program will be held over until the next issue.

The Odd Fellows will celebrate their eleven anniversary on Saturday evening of this week at the town hall. Supper will be served at seven o'clock. Following the supper the return game of cards with the West-Graton lodge will be played. Members are requested to attend without further notice.

The Woman's Missionary society met in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday afternoon and discussed the subject, "Our missionaries in India." World's temperance Sunday was fittingly observed by a union service in the evening at the Baptist church last Sunday.

The Junior C. E. society spent a merry afternoon in the Baptist vestry on Monday in a junior social, playing games, hunting for hidden treasures and disposing of dainty refreshments of cake, cocoa and candy.

The service in the Baptist vestry will begin at seven o'clock on Sunday evening. The subject will be "The good things in the Sunday campaign." An opportunity to participate will be given to all who attend.

Arkin B. Trull, Jr., son of Mrs. Fannie Edwards Trull, of Andover street, Lowell, was seriously injured in Lawrence Friday morning of last week. He was delivering produce from a truck when a runaway horse crashed into him, throwing him with great force to the street. At the Barr sanatorium, where he was removed, it was found that he had sustained internal injuries, including fractures. Two days later his condition was reported as not being dangerous and it is believed that he will recover with but an unusual physique in his favor.

The following Littleton people were recently elected officers in the Pomona Grange: R. T. Barrow, asst. steward; Mrs. R. T. Barrow, chaplain; Mrs. Grace D. Conant, Flora.

Relatives in Littleton of the late Levi Leonard Conant have received a letter from Worcester Polytechnic institute which says: "The institute is planning a memorial service for the late Levi Leonard Conant, Dr. Conant, for Sunday, November 19, at 2.30 p. m., in Central church, Worcester. We hope that you may find it possible to be present; you will certainly find a welcome. And we shall welcome any of Dr. Conant's friends and relatives who may find it possible to be with us. It is our hope that you will accept the most cordial invitation to any who are interested, in Littleton."

A man of Polish extraction was hit and almost instantly killed by the 11.30 express train last week. He was removed to a hospital and died on the railroad track and stooped to pick up an apple near E. P. Sheehan's cider mill, when the express rushed past and struck him beneath the body. He breathed a few times after he was discovered and picked up by the men near. Coroner Wolcott, of Concord, inspected the body, which was later removed to undertaker Davis' rooms for identification. The burial took place in Westlawn cemetery on Tuesday, no one having claimed the body.

Miss Anna Woodbine visited friends in Littleton on Monday. The society of the French Bull Dog club will hold a whist party and social at the residence of C. J. McEneaney, Foster street, Saturday evening, November 18, for the benefit of the church. Everybody is invited to attend the class at the hour mentioned.

Miss Carolyn Conant, taking advantage of Friday as a holiday in the schools, spent the week-end with her brother, Wallace B. Conant, in Concord.

Miss Crompton of Boston and Brookline, a library specialist, will be in town next Wednesday and Thursday and in the forenoon of those days will meet groups of high school students at a meeting to explain the use of the card catalogues, Poole's index and encyclopedias in looking up subjects. At two o'clock Wednesday afternoon Miss Crompton will give a lecture to explain the same to adults who may like to take advantage of her information and the invitation is extended to all adults in town who wish to attend the class at the hour mentioned.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

### Obituary.

In the passing of Charles E. Avery of Russell street on Sunday at twelve o'clock midnight, the scientific world has lost a student of ability whose inventions and discoveries have been many, and in some cases of no small value to science. Although he had attained but 67 years, he had been engaged in scientific work for many years, and a complication of diseases contributed to his death which was due primarily to hardening of the arteries.

He belonged to a family of some distinction, and his father, a prominent Methodist, was a well-known manufacturer in Worcester. The son was educated at Technion, one of the earliest classes and early showed exceptional aptitude in scientific studies, especially chemistry. While still at Tech, at the age of nineteen years, he discovered a new way of folding filter paper that attracted the attention of scientists and was generally adopted throughout the world. He discovered also chemical properties that could be of service in the preparation of dye. Littleton people will always associate him best by his discovery of a method of procuring from corn, through

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chemical process, a powder for baking purposes and a drink called lactar acid. Out of this knowledge which he gave to the world, originated the formation of a company known by his name, "Avery Chemical Company," which built factories and started a promising industry in Littleton and Wameet, with offices in both localities and in Boston.

Mr. Avery also made several minor discoveries of value to science and to the last of his life studied and experimented in his fertile realm. His tastes and interests were not confined to one subject. He had an appreciation of good literature, frequented the public library, and read extensively and thoughtfully on many subjects. The natural world attracted him and he enjoyed all that it possesses in animal and plant life. He was fond of travel and visited Florida, West Indies and England.

Nor were his human interests lacking. He enjoyed children in particular, and even their love and admiration through his gentle and benign influences and his attentions to their desires and aspirations. He understood their nature and they recognized him as a genuine friend and sympathizer. Possessed of a retiring nature he was known best only by those who lived nearest him, and in their judgment he was a thoroughly good man, a gentleman in the best sense of the word. He had made his home at A. H. Gregory's, where he was cared for with a devotion and kindness of which he was very worthy, and for which he was appreciative and grateful.

The deceased is survived by a sister, who lives in Quincy, and a few nephews and nieces. He was at one time connected with the Metropolitan sewer system of New York city.

A funeral service was held at his late home on Foster street Thursday afternoon and the burial was in Quincy. Rev. O. J. Fairfield was the officiating clergyman.

### Fraudulent Concern.

The acting postmaster general, having had satisfactory evidence that the National Mail Order Brokers Exchange at 529 Globe building, Minneapolis, Minn., is conducting a scheme of obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and practices in violation of the law, notices that the same is unremovable and all postmasters are directed to withdraw from the mails all matter of any kind addressed to the concern and return the same to the sender where known and where not known to send such matter to the dead letter office for proper disposition.

The scheme conducted under this name consists in the sending out of circular letters in which a silk Petticoat worth \$4.75 is promised to the addressee if she will remit five dollars to the concern and send five exact copies of the letter received by her to five of her acquaintances. The promoters of the scheme have left Minnesota and cannot be located and many thousands of letters are now being received at the postoffice there for this concern which cannot be delivered and are being treated in accordance with the provisions of a fraud order issued against this concern.

### SHIRLEY

Center. John W. Evans, who has been spending a short vacation with his family, returned on Tuesday to his work at Irwin, Pa.

The Marston Aid society held a pleasant meeting on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Mabel Graves. The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, November 28, at the home of Mrs. Horace C. Harris.

Members of Shirley Grange are requested not to forget the election of officers on Tuesday evening, November 21.

News Items. Mrs. John C. Habb, of Shirley, has received news of the death of her oldest brother, Solomon Story, at his home in Gardner.

The Atkinson club will meet next week Thursday in the vestry of the Universalist church.

### New Advertisements.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most hearty thanks to all who so earnestly rendered assistance in searching for our son. MR. and MRS. FRANK D. LEWIS. Groton, Mass., November 14, 1916.

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Youth's Fancy Mixture Overcoats	\$8.47, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00
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WESTFORD

Center. George H. Walker, after finishing up the work of the season on his fruit farm, has returned to his position in the Waltham watch factory. Special police officers A. H. Sutherland and C. H. Bickering were summoned to Forest Village last Sunday afternoon to assist in subduing a Polish mix-up. Their help was much needed for at the time the two clubs and knives were being used pretty freely. At least two of the participants were badly bruised and cut but a physician was needed afterwards to take care of them.

The Sewing club, a recently organized social group among the younger set, held their meeting with Miss Beatrice Sutherland on Wednesday evening. Busy fingers were about the looms and knives were being used pretty freely. At least two of the participants were badly bruised and cut but a physician was needed afterwards to take care of them.

H. Bert Walker has gone to Marblehead to work and Mrs. Walker, who has not fully recovered from her recent severe illness, will stay with her home people in Waltham for a time, and later expects to join her husband in Marblehead.

Preparatory to cleaning up what is known as Keyes lot at the center of the town, an auction was held on last Saturday afternoon under the direction of the committee in charge, consisting of O. E. Spalding, S. E. Watson, E. M. Abbot, H. V. Hildreth and Robert Prescott. John M. Farrell was the auctioneer and sold the old harness shop to John Spalding, S. E. Watson, E. M. Abbot, H. V. Hildreth and Robert Prescott.

The Charles D. Colburns have recently had the misfortune to have a fine flock of turkeys stolen from their farm. A Jewish peddler wanted to buy the birds earlier in the fall, but Mr. Colburn did not care to sell. At the time they were stolen John Spalding, S. E. Watson, E. M. Abbot, H. V. Hildreth and Robert Prescott.

At the Congregational church banquet last week evening, L. W. Wheeler, clerk of the church, and chairman of the supply committee, read a letter from Rev. Howard A. Lincoln, who has recently been elected pastor of the church. It is expected he will take up his new duties about December 1.

Miss May E. Day is recovering from an unfortunate fall which she recently met. A young heifer at her home got at some squashes stored in a sunny corner temporarily, and in going to drive her away the animal struck up in such a way as to strike Miss Day in the face with its heels, knocking her unconscious and breaking her nose. Fortunately the fracture was slight, but a ruptured blood vessel caused a serious hemorrhage which the attending physician worked hard to control. She was obliged to be in bed for nearly a week, but is now up and about, but still weak from loss of blood.

The Ladies of the Unitarian society held a most attractive food sale on Thursday afternoon. Some of the cooks in the society contributed most attractive edibles which found a ready sale. The committee in charge were Mrs. Alma M. Richardson, Mrs. John Burbeck, Mrs. Frances Prescott, Mrs. E. M. Frost, Miss Emily F. Fletcher, Miss Clara A. Smith, Miss A. G. Flanders and Mrs. C. P. R. Decatur.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, Mrs. A. E. Lovelass and Miss Sarah W. Loker assisted in the program.

The wintry weather with snow and cold of this week, coming after the especially pleasant fall weather, made winter seem close at hand and a hustle of preparation for colder weather was the order of things. Some of the orchardists had not succeeded in getting all their apples under cover. Perley E. Wright, who is one of the town's busiest men, keeping his own big trucks going over the road with apples and other produce, reports seeing many piles of apples still out between here and Boston.

The repairs at the parsonage are progressing nicely and the new pastor and his wife will find the freshly renovated rooms very fresh and attractive. The Lowell firm who is doing the work are also doing work for Mrs. Augusta Prescott and Mrs. Alma M. Richardson.

Next Tuesday afternoon, at the Congregational church, presidents' day will be held by the Tadnuck club. This is one of the most attractive days in the club calendar and as there will be many strangers present, each mem-

ber will please try and constitute herself an assistant hostess. The address will be by Mrs. J. Harry Poole, organizing secretary of the General Federation of Women's clubs, and Mrs. Turner Carlisle Kelly, of Tufts college, an accomplished violinist will play. Mrs. E. Lovelass is the hostess of the afternoon.

Rev. E. C. Whiting, of Southbury, preached at a supply at the Congregational church in Sunday. The evening service was conducted by L. W. Wheeler. A supply will be sent by Dr. Wheeler of the supply bureau in Boston for Sunday. The last of the missionary collections for the year, the American Board collection, will be taken at this service. A week from Sunday it is expected that Rev. A. C. Pite, of Granitville, will occupy the pulpit.

Banquet. The annual church banquet which took place at the Congregational church last week evening, was the greatest credit upon the committee in charge. The dinner, decorations, music and speaking were all most enjoyable. There were 100 present to partake of the good menu. Booth's orchestra, of Lowell, five pieces, furnished music for the evening and Mr. and Mrs. E. Lovelass, most accomplished pianists, furnished special music, his rendering of a descriptive Hungarian rhapsody being particularly enjoyable.

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Carloads of cider apples are being loaded at Westford for the Jewett Vinegar Company in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gould and family, of Westford, are in Mid-diessex Village, all well-known former residents of Westford, left Wednesday for California.

At the Coram hospital last Tuesday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moore of Brookside. The Brookside please rise and hand out a salute.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, Mrs. Hammett D. Riggs, Mrs. Fred Anderson attended a federation meeting in Melrose on Wednesday.

Forge Village. The pupils of Cameron school enjoyed a holiday last week Friday, the teachers attending a convention in Ayer.

Mrs. Matthew Elliott fell on the cattle bars on the railroad near Pine Ridge station on Thursday evening. He is recovering from his injuries.

According to the town report, certain changes have been made in the school calendar, which after the Cambridge holidays will commence on November 29 and will end Sunday, the school being reopened on December 4. On December 15 the school will close for the winter vacation and will re-open on new year's day. The spring vacation will begin on March 16 and end April 2.

Hugh Ferguson and William Burgett attended the meeting of the vestrymen of St. Andrew's parish held in Ayer on Tuesday evening.

The annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's church was held at Groton School on last week Thursday evening. Many were present from here. Barges met the electric car at Ayer for the ride to Groton, and a special car conveyed the delegation home.

Little Alice Mountain still lies in a sorry condition, but the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mountain, is recovering from their injuries.

J. A. Healey, of Granitville, has finished the work of laying cement sidewalks on Pleasant street.

John E. Burnett leaves for Clinton on Sunday, where he has accepted a position as second-hand in the wool-combing department of the Bixelow-Hurtford Carpet Co. His family will join him later.

John Edwards has been confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spain suffered a severe attack of heart trouble on Wednesday, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beaver have welcomed a little son into their home.

William Baker is ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkle, of Chelmsford Center, and little granddaughter, Edith Charlton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Precious last Sunday evening.

Harvest home services were held at St. Andrew's parish on last Sunday afternoon. The chapel was decorated especially for the occasion with autumn leaves and berries, and the altar was tastefully arranged with cut flowers and large evergreen cross. A fine display of fruits and vegetables occupied a prominent place. Special music by the vested choir was sung. Rev. Endicot Peabody, lay minister at Groton School, conducted the services and preached a most interesting sermon on the great European war.

Mr. Peabody and daughter, Miss Rose, opened the past summer at the front in France and as a result had many experiences to relate.

The quiet of the Lord's day was rashly broken last Sunday afternoon by a Polish mix-up which occurred on Pleasant street in front of the mill of Abbot & Co. The weapons used were knives, brooms and a cobbler's iron. Two men were injured as a result. Special Officers Dickering and Sutherland were brought to the scene and appointed John Burbeck, of the police, to take charge of the remainder of the day.

Mary A. Livermore Rebeckah Lodge entertained the Alpha Past Grands of the Atrian club held its meeting at the library on last week Thursday afternoon, a good number being present. The president, Miss Grace M. Kibburn, presided, and gave several notices for the president and delegates to attend their meetings from the Tadnuck club, Westford, November 21; the Ayer club, Westford, November 21; the Leominster club, Leominster, November 13. The general subject for the afternoon was on "South America." Mrs. Martha J. other ways, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leominster, November 13. The general subject for the afternoon was on "South America." Mrs. Martha J. other ways, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leominster, November 13.

The friends and neighbors of Mrs. Lucy A. Blood arranged a very successful birthday surprise party for her on last Saturday evening. Knowing that the crowd would be too large for the house, the party was held in the M. E. church vestry. On some pretext the ones in charge managed to get her there in the surprise feature was a musical which was presented by W. O. Hawkes, in behalf of the donors, a splendid metal plant holder and a mahogany cabinet. During the evening, the following pleasing program was enjoyed: Piano solo, Florence Caution; song, Henry Hillier, a member of the choir; vocal, one of Lowell's most accomplished pianists, furnished special music, his rendering of a descriptive Hungarian rhapsody being particularly enjoyable.

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Carloads of cider apples are being loaded at Westford for the Jewett Vinegar Company in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gould and family, of Westford, are in Mid-diessex Village, all well-known former residents of Westford, left Wednesday for California.

At the Coram hospital last Tuesday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Moore of Brookside. The Brookside please rise and hand out a salute.

Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, Mrs. Hammett D. Riggs, Mrs. Fred Anderson attended a federation meeting in Melrose on Wednesday.

Forge Village. The pupils of Cameron school enjoyed a holiday last week Friday, the teachers attending a convention in Ayer.

Mrs. Matthew Elliott fell on the cattle bars on the railroad near Pine Ridge station on Thursday evening. He is recovering from his injuries.

According to the town report, certain changes have been made in the school calendar, which after the Cambridge holidays will commence on November 29 and will end Sunday, the school being reopened on December 4. On December 15 the school will close for the winter vacation and will re-open on new year's day. The spring vacation will begin on March 16 and end April 2.

Hugh Ferguson and William Burgett attended the meeting of the vestrymen of St. Andrew's parish held in Ayer on Tuesday evening.

The annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's church was held at Groton School on last week Thursday evening. Many were present from here. Barges met the electric car at Ayer for the ride to Groton, and a special car conveyed the delegation home.

Little Alice Mountain still lies in a sorry condition, but the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mountain, is recovering from their injuries.

J. A. Healey, of Granitville, has finished the work of laying cement sidewalks on Pleasant street.

John E. Burnett leaves for Clinton on Sunday, where he has accepted a position as second-hand in the wool-combing department of the Bixelow-Hurtford Carpet Co. His family will join him later.

John Edwards has been confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spain suffered a severe attack of heart trouble on Wednesday, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beaver have welcomed a little son into their home.

William Baker is ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkle, of Chelmsford Center, and little granddaughter, Edith Charlton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Precious last Sunday evening.

Harwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated big feature for Monday evening motion picture show. In this great photoplay will be seen the famous actress, Valli Valli. A farce comedy, "A symphony in words and motion," concludes a first-class program. "Always in the way," given Monday evening, was one of the best pictures yet seen here and was much appreciated.

Mrs. George Greenleaf is spending this week in Boston, attending the meetings of Billy Sunday. She is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson.

Miss Rena Churchill is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence.

Mrs. George W. Dinmore has returned from the Clinton hospital, where she recently underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor. Miss Ruth Nelson is confined to her home with a sprained ankle.

The jellies contributed by the Atrian club are to be packed at the home of Mrs. Thomas Lilly. All are requested to be sent in by Tuesday afternoon, so as to arrive in time for Thanksgiving.

George F. Buxton, past grand of Fredonian lodge, I. O. F., has been appointed district deputy grand master of the district, covering Beacon lodge of Pepperell and Groton lodge of Groton. The appointment was made to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred J. Piper of Townsend.

George N. Herson and family have moved near Whalton, so as to be near Mr. Herson's place of business.

Mrs. Nellie Ford, who was operated upon recently at the home of her daughter, is recovering from the effects of the operation.

Lester James started to work as clerk in "onant Bros. store last Monday, taking the place of Mr. Ernest W. Walker, of Leominster.

Howard M. Knowles was a guest for a few days at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ernest W. Walker, of Leominster.

Miss Irene McMurray of Boston is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burrage.

Mrs. Jacob Beach of Somerville is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Whitaker.

Fire. The barn of William H. Brown, Lancaster road, was partially destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. The barn is only a few yards from his residence. The cause of the fire is not known, but the fire department and citizens of the town is the only factor that saved the house and confined the fire to the upper floor of the barn. The roof of the barn, however, is a total loss and two and a half tons of hay and some tools kept in the hayloft were also destroyed. A few sparks during the fire, which were blown into the barn, but were promptly extinguished by a strong pressure of water from the hose of the fire department.

Unfortunately Mr. Brown was away from his home with his horse and team attending to his duties as the superintendent of the Shirley Village Water District, but nearby neighbors who saw the fire rushed into the barn and brought out three carriages, a sleigh and worked like beavers in every way possible to confine the fire to the upper story of the barn. The fire, however, entered the barn and did everything possible to consume Mr. Brown, who has been in failing health for some time past.

Much credit is due the residents of the neighborhood and also the firemen for their able assistance. The total loss of the fire will probably figure close up to \$700, which is covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Brown scents the idea of spontaneous combustion as he claims the hay when placed in his barn was perfectly dry.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed, of Wollaston, entertained a party of friends at their summer home on Center road over the week-end.

Mrs. Clarence Clark, of Hinsdale, N. H., spent the latter part of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

The woodlot on Horsepond road belonging to George Peabody at the North, is being cut off by L. W. Phelps of Ayer.

Twenty-eight members of Shirley Grange went to Leominster on last week Friday evening, when they were entertained by the Wachusett Grange and furnished part of the entertainment.

Mrs. Sidney Peabody, of Lunenburg, was a guest last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams.

At the meeting of the Grange on Wednesday evening, November 21, the election of officers will take place. A luncheon will be served under the direction of the steward, Horace C. Harris, and the assisting stewards, Elmer G. Wilkins and Miss Mildred Evans.

Ten from Shirley attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Leominster last week Thursday. At the election of officers William Jubb was elected gate-

keeper and Mrs. Alice Cummings was elected Pomona.

The whist party which was to be held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Groat on Saturday evening, November 18, under the direction of the Girls' Sewing Guild, has been postponed, and the first party of the season will probably occur on December 2, at the home of Mrs. C. K. Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow and family, of Newton, arrived at their new home on last Saturday and expect now to remain permanently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, spent Sunday in town, coming in for the regular service on their intense interest, combined with cleanliness and force, are filling the chapel to capacity every Sunday. He will conduct the regular service on Sunday afternoon at 2:15, Sunday school immediately after the service.

Dump Problem. The subject now uppermost in the minds of the people of this part of the town is the dump on Horsepond road. This dump, which is on private land, has been used by the people of the center for a good many years, as an impromptu dump for the refuse of dumping along the highway wherever one saw fit. The dump has, until lately, been used moderately, and no objection has ever been made by the owners of the land. In the last year, however, the dumping has greatly increased, and the rubbish, instead of being thrown into the hole, has been spread around to both sides in great quantities. The consequence is that the wind has strewn the highway with the rubbish and conditions have become so bad that the residents of the Center are complaining, not only of the unsightly condition of Horsepond road, but also of the danger of disease arising from the rotting animal and vegetable matter dumped there.

It would seem that the best solution of the matter could be for the town to purchase a small dump in some location where it would not prove objectionable. Certainly a dump is necessary, but the place for it is not on private land adjoining a highway.

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New England has the land and the markets and needs only the determination to take its rightful place as a provider of food for its people. Land in the middle west is no longer cheap; it no longer will yield big crops without good tillage and fertilizer; transportation costs more, and there is now a great number of large and growing cities demanding an ever increasing amount of food.

These facts constitute New England's opportunity. That she is disposed to grasp it is apparent in many ways. The rise of the co-operative spirit in the last few years has been notable. This contains one of the greatest promises of the immediate future. It is not vain that men argue now for closer relations between the rural and urban sections.

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Brought Dairy Show to East. The bringing of the 10th annual National Dairy Show to New England is one of several definite accomplishments of the credit of the Eastern States for the upbuilding of the agriculture and dairying of the six states. Always heretofore held in Chicago, the effort to transplant it to New England for a year could never have succeeded had the directors of the exposition not been able to show the men of the middle west that New England would appreciate a dairy stimulus and that there was an organization here big enough to fittingly handle the greatest thing of its kind in the world. Soil fertility is an essential to a successful agriculture and the encouragement of dairying is therefore one of the chief aims of the new movement. The dairy show will be a great force in this direction.

The dairy show will be given in a group of buildings consisting of a Coliseum, 300 by 200 feet, containing an unobstructed arena, 200 by 100 feet, and seats for 5,000 persons; a Machinery Hall, 301 by 234 feet, horse show and cattle buildings for 1,200 head, a beautiful new woman's building and other structures.

The woman's building will this year be used for the exhibition of the work of the boys' and girls' clubs of New England and the North Atlantic states. The Eastern States Exposition, together with the dairy show, created a committee to co-operate with the state and local club leaders in this project.

Work of Boys and Girls. There are 100,000 boys and girls doing work as club members. These boys and girls are carefully supervised and directed. They are engaged in one or more of ten projects: Market gardening, can

**HOW TO CLEANSE AND CARE FOR A WOUND WITHOUT A DOCTOR.**

In cleansing any wound the final washing should be with boiled water that has been cooled. Boiling kills any germs that may be in the water, so that when the germ carrying dirt has been washed away the boiled water will leave no other germs in its place. Boiled bandages are best too. Of course they cannot be boiled as wanted every time, so it is a wise plan to boil some pieces of old tablecloth and roll them up ready for use. In case of sudden emergency, when dry bandages must be applied and there are no boiled ones at hand put a piece of old linen or other clean white cloth on a plate and bake it in a hot oven for ten minutes. The oven must not be hot enough to scorch the cloth.

Mothers who remain in the city ought not depend upon the drug store too much, either. It is equally wise for them to be prepared for accidents. There is so much refuse left in vacant lots, such as broken china and tin cans, on which a child may cut himself, or a fall on the pavement may grind dirt into hands and knees. It is the part of wisdom to keep a solution of boric acid in the house and use it to bathe the infected parts, using one tablespoonful of the liquid to a glassful of boiled water.

While a broken skin is one chief factor in infection, there are other ways for children to get germs and dirt into their systems. These cannot be reached by antiseptics. They must be prevented by teaching children to form clean habits.

**TOWNSEND**

Center.

Last Saturday the Nissequisset Camp-fire girls and the antiquook Patrol Scouts went on a hike to Walspaulling's cabin in the edge of the Pepperville woods. Mrs. Clement, the camp-fire guard, and Dr. E. C. C. Turner, accompanied them. A camp dinner and general good time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Bacheller, of Malden, was the week-end and over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter. Mrs. Bacheller is the mother of Evangelist Lewis H. Bacheller, who is conducting meetings at the Highland Baptist church in Fitchburg.

Miss Amy Whitcomb was the over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur H. Scales in Greenfield, N. H.

Mrs. John Piper gave a colonial whist party last week Friday afternoon at her attractive home on Park avenue, when twenty-eight ladies were present dressed in "ye olden time" costumes. Several of the costumes worn were 100 years old, many of the shawls and jewelry rare and costly, and the bonnets extremely quaint in size and trimmings. At the seven whist tables each lady was provided with a small silk bag containing kernels of corn used as counters in the old times. Later, the hostess presented the ladies with these bags as souvenirs of the occasion. Prizes were won by Mrs. C. F. Worcester and Mrs. Clarence J. Joselyn. Before departing the guests sang "Auld Lang Syne." Refreshments were served by the hostess.

George L. Eastman left on last week Friday noon for a several-weeks' visit with his wife, Peony Eastman of Albany, N. Y., and Jasper Eastman of Binghamton, N. Y.

The Parent-Teachers' association met in the high school-room Tuesday evening with the following program: Musical selections, trio, Miss Annie Griggs, Mrs. Ica Crowder, H. C. Knight, solo, Mr. Knight. The president, Albert S. Howard, appointed the following committees: Membership, Mrs. Harry Whitcomb; publicity, C. J. Ross, Stephen W. Keefe; Mrs. Angie Lang. The topic discussed was "External vital factors to education outside of the control of the school board." Mrs. Clara A. Craig spoke on "The home as factor, home duties and home influence relative to education. The second speaker, R. C. Blake, made emphasis on the importance of good roads in this town where so many children attend school from the outlying districts. He gave clear explanation of his subject by the use of chalk illustration. A general discussion followed. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Turner left town on Tuesday afternoon for a brief visit with Mr. Turner's mother, Mrs. C. B. Carrigan, before going to their winter home in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery, of Rockland, Me., are enjoying a several weeks' visit at the home of Mrs. Emery's son, William Greeley. They will also visit her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Greeley Minsner, and her sister, Mrs. Harry Felch.

The Townsend Brass band announce a concert and dance to be given in Memorial hall on Thanksgiving evening. The customary guess cake and other contests will be on the evening's program.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley have closed their summer home on Brookline street, leaving Thursday for their city home in East Boston.

Mrs. Annie Copeland Jordan, of Grafton, is spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Copeland, Townsend hill.

Grange.

At the meeting of the Grange on Monday evening in the Congregational church the following officers for 1917 were elected: Hanson A. Bray, mod.; Edna W. Bray, o.; May Parker, sec.; Winnifred Farrar, stew.; Albert Cowland, asst. stew.; Hester Burdette, chap.; George L. Whitcomb, treas.; Flora L. Atwood, sec.; Charles Dix, g. k.; Clara B. Clement, Ceres; Amy Whitcomb, Pomona; Flora L. Parker, Flora M. Heston, Miss Hazel Morse, J. Seaver, pianist; Galen A. Proctor 1 yr., Emma F. Seaver 2 yrs., Frank A. Woods 3 yrs., ex. com. A collation was served during recess by the master and lecturer. The Grange hall will probably be completed by the time of the next Grange meeting, which will be held on Monday evening, November 27, at 7 o'clock, in charge of G. L. Whitcomb, E. E. Campbell and Edna W. Bray. "How I obtained my result," by winner of potato planting contest, from potatoes given out by the Grange last spring. Every member bring a knife and participate in potato paring contest.

Brotherhood Meeting.

Last week Friday evening the Brotherhood held its monthly meeting and banquet in the M. E. hall. The L. B. S. of the Methodist church served an excellent old-time buffet supper at seven o'clock. The meeting was followed by a fine lecture by Dr. A. E. Turner, of Boston, dean of "Chautauqua, the people's university." He explained very clearly what the Chautauqua movement promises to accomplish and of the progressive sentiment and personal uplift to be derived by the introduction of this splendid movement into our community life. The lectures are informing, the concerts are the best music, and the entertainments are clean and refreshing. Dr. Turner spoke highly of the courtesy shown Mrs. Bertha Merrill, field manager for this circuit, during her recent canvass in town for the purpose of securing fifty guarantors for a Chautauqua summer. It is regretted that more citizens were not present to hear his concluding and stirring theme, "Rebuilding your town," in which he gave many words of wisdom and vital messages for more wide-awake citizenship. It is anticipated that Dr. Turner will again visit our town and be one of the speakers during the Chautauqua week here in 1917.

Monday Club Meeting.

One of the pleasantest meetings of the Townsend Monday club was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Albert Fessenden on Highland street with Mrs. Fessenden and her sister, Mrs. James A. Doane, as hostesses. The attractive and spacious home was decorated with bouquets of pink and white chrysanthemums with luncheon table centerpiece of English wall flowers. About forty were present, including club members, lady friends and a few gentlemen guests. The speaker of the afternoon, Herman C. Knight, superintendent of schools, gave a very profitable paper on "Our debt to the birds and what we can do to repay it." Following Mr. Knight's talk the guests enjoyed an exceptionally fine concert from the duo-art Steinway piano Mrs. Fessen-

den has recently added to her home. The concert was in charge of Earl W. Smith, concert artist of the Steiner & Sons Co., Boston, and a short musicalian accompanying Victrola selections by famous artists on the duo-art piano. The following program was given:

Duo-art selection, "Valse" Moszkowski, played by Clarence Adier; Victrola selection with piano accompaniment, "Tost's Good-bye" sung by Clarence Adier - art selection, "Nymph and faun," by Bemberg; Victrola selection, with piano accompaniment, "Sing me to sleep" sung by Alma Gluck, with Zimballist, violinist; duo-art selection, "Hungarian No. 2," by Liszt, played by David Stein; Victrola selection, piano accompaniment, "My dreams," sung by John McCormack; duo-art selection, Nevin's "Venetian love song"; Victrola selection, piano accompaniment, Chopin's Ballad in G minor, sung by David Stein; duo-art selection, Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso, played by Schwarwenka.

Various other selections were pleasingly rendered during the refreshment and social hour. Besides the above-named artist guests present from out of town were Mrs. Amy Lane Powell, of Sagittow, Mich., and David Manning of the M. Steiner & Sons Co., Fitchburg.

West.

At the annual meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., held at the home of the president the following officers and committees were elected: Warren Elliot, pres.; Charles Hanson, v. p.; Ian Buss, sec.; Mervin Ware, asst. sec.; committees—prayer meeting, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, Estelle Tucker, Charles Hodgman, Mrs. Warren Elliot, James Rusk, Kenneth Reed; social, Ian Rusk, Mrs. R. S. Ely, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, Doris Fennedy, Richard Rusk; missionary, Estelle Tucker, Mrs. M. H. Henty, B. Hathaway, Mervin Ware, Abbott Hodgman; music, Alice Seaver, Mrs. Harriet Stickle, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, Gladys Rawson, Marion Boutelle, Ian Rusk; flower, Mrs. E. S. Ely, Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, Lucy Reynolds, Ruth Bennett, Clarence Jodery.

Mrs. Mary Wilson has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson after a visit with relatives in Temple, N. H., and vicinity. She expects to go soon to Rochester, N. Y., where she will spend the winter.

Miss Gertrude Wilson entertained the Ladies' Whist club at the reading-room on last week Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Dwinell and two children, from North Easton, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dwinell, Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Reed and baby, from Springfield, have also been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reed.

West.

Miss Cordelia Brown, of Worcester, is a guest of Mrs. Fred Davis and of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence this week.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met at the Baptist vestry on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, and scripture reading by Mrs. Fred A. Patch, after which interesting articles were read. Miss Brown, of Worcester, the guest of Mrs. Lawrence, also read a very interesting article.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph MacKean have returned from Vermont on Monday, enjoying a visit from Edward MacKean, of Worcester.

The Ladies' Study club will meet at the reading-room on Monday evening. The subject will be "Our man," in charge of Mrs. Ernest G. Adams and Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Mrs. Alexander Reed assisted at the reading-room in charge of the library book, the custodian being detained at her home.

Mrs. Augustus Stevens, of Stevens' hill, met with a painful accident on last week Friday evening, when she stumbled over a washing tub and fell to the floor with considerable force, injuring her side and shoulder very painfully. Mrs. Hamilton is assisting in caring for her.

It is expected that Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, and the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be led by Mrs. Abbott Hodgman in interest of missions.

A Boutwell and family motored to the home of Mrs. Boutwell's parents in Barre last Sunday.

Wilbur Z. Sherwin is again quite ill and suffering severely at his home on Bridge street.

Mrs. Frank D. Parsons is quite ill at her home on Elm street this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Willard and little daughter, from Belmont, visited their home here last Sunday.

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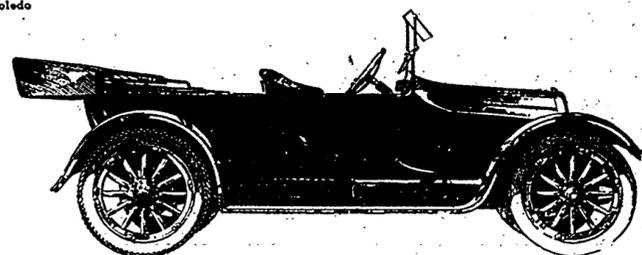
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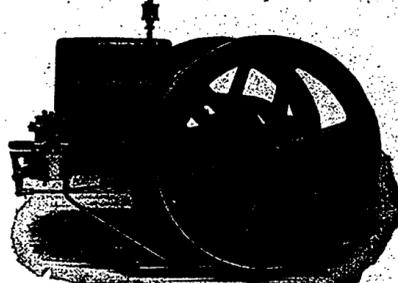
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There were also second prizes, George Folkins and Mrs. Kenzie Fletcher were the next best costumes.

Dancing of the Virginia reel, Potomac fancy, etc., were given by Thomas Gilson and Mrs. Thomas Gilson with Eber Kestead as her partner.

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Mark Blood met with an accident while out Monday night. He was with the section of men who were searching down near the old Cummings mill and he fell on the old sluiceway.

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The house on Hollis street owned by Charles B. Baldwin and occupied by Allan Patterson and family is undergoing some repairs.

The Bird club meets in the lower town hall Monday evening, November 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Elizabeth Hill has not been able to prepare the paper on "The Bird Club."

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Miss Fannie Forbes, going last Sunday, spent most of the week in Worcester with her daughter Gertrude at the Y. W. C. A., where she is a member.

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The proceeds above all expenses of the play, "All on Account of Polly," excellent supper and entertainment staged in town hall Monday evening for the benefit of Groton Grange by the Harvard Grange were fifty dollars.

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St. Mark's then opened up its game, but was unsuccessful with the forward passes, several being intercepted with Frothingham finally intercepting one on his Lothrop 40-yard line and running for a touchdown.

The Military Ball. Preceding the military ball on November 29, Thanksgiving eve, the celebration of the provisional company will be presented to it. The presentation will be followed by two military ceremonies. These ceremonies will be rendered by the entire provisional company in uniform and under arms. The presentation ceremonies will be held at the Lothrop school house. After the ceremonies there will be a short military concert by a six-piece orchestra selected from the Lothrop school.

Groton Military Training School. The provisional company was called out Monday evening to search for the Lewis boy who had been lost since morning could be reached, but practically everyone that was notified reported promptly. The men left the town hall in automobiles at seven o'clock. From there, after building a large fire on top of a hill, the company, with a number of volunteers, started off on a hunt. Marching in a steady line, row by row, they went about a mile and a half from the Lewis house, they faced to the right, deployed as skirmishers, and struck into the woods. The men were at intervals of about ten yards, every man carrying a lantern. They combed the ground thoroughly until they came out on another road. Then, turning about, they repeated the process over the territory. This sort of work they kept up patiently and faithfully until about 10.30, when the boy was found, returning home.

The night was cold, a steady rain was falling, and the woods were thoroughly wet with the rain that had fallen during the day. The tract which the company was searching was thick with wooded and cut with gullies, pits, steep embankments, marshes, barbed-

wire fences, and a brook. More difficult conditions could hardly have been obtained. The work of the men was much better than was to be expected, their willingness and energy overcoming the natural handicaps.

The search was instructive in the difficulty of night operations. It was found impossible to maintain the same direction in any other manner than by keeping one end of the line on the road; the changes of direction were so great that one could not be expected to maintain the same direction from the rest, actually got turned directly around, went over ground that had already been completely covered and came out on the same road from which they had started in, perhaps half a mile in the rear, under the belief that they had been going straight ahead all the time.

The difficulty of the difficulty of the party that got lost was completely out of sight and hearing about three minutes after they had been in their place on the line.

At the drill on Wednesday evening most of the time was taken up with preparation for the ceremonies to be held on Thanksgiving eve. Setting-up exercises, the manual of arms and a school on arm, bugle, flag and whistle signals followed the drill.

Baptist Church. Subject of Sunday morning service at 10.30, "Companionship of Christ." Sunday school, with classes for all, at twelve. Evening praise service at 7.30 on Thanksgiving eve. The preacher—has Groton out-grown him? Billy Sunday hymn books will be used at this service.

There were a good number present at the social gathering on last week Thursday evening. At the close of the supper the following program was enjoyed by all present: Piano solo, Dorothy Stevens; vocal, Mrs. Bishop and Misses Patterson; piano solo, Miss Kemp.

The Ladies' Circle met on Tuesday afternoon in the church parlor. The afternoon was devoted to sewing for the Christmas sale.

Boy Scouts. On last Saturday evening the fifteen members of Troop I, Boy Scouts of Groton, accepted the invitation of Dr. Ayer to hold their regular meeting at the hospital. After the opening exercises Dr. Ayer instructed the scouts for fifteen minutes on the subject of "The Scout's Oath." The evening he devoted to the "first aid" required for a second class scout. Six scouts have now passed this test. Refreshments were served at the close of the troop meeting.

On last Saturday eight scouts took the test in tracking required for a second-class scout. The trail led along the school house, through the Martin's pond road and then through the Bancroft estate to the Lowell road. Five of the scouts passed the test.

The scouts will have a winter sale in the lower town hall on the second Saturday in December.

Disappearance Caused Excitement. The town was thrown into a state of great anxiety and excitement on Monday afternoon and evening over the sudden and strange disappearance of the eldest son of Frank D. Lewis, of Chicopee, a youth of seventeen years. He has been missing since Monday morning with his father and hired man on a hill back of the house, when about nine o'clock his father sent him down to get some milk. When he failed to return, the father became quite uneasy and called for him. He was not seen until about ten o'clock, when he was found in the woods. He had been out for some time and was very tired. He had been carrying a milk pail and a bucket of milk. He had been out for some time and was very tired. He had been carrying a milk pail and a bucket of milk.

The next regular meeting of the Improvement society will be held Tuesday evening, November 21. Everybody is cordially invited to be present to enjoy the bird talk by Mr. Sturges of Groton School, which will be both entertaining and instructive.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon a very interesting program was given. The meeting was held in the Methodist auditorium and was in charge of the public health department of the city. Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, chairman, the speaker was Dr. Lily G. Burbank of Boston and the topic was "The wear and tear of the diseases of adult life." The strong point made was that most troubles arise from constipation and great care should be taken to see that the bowels should be kept in the food consumed. It should not be highly concentrated. Coarse food, as the dark breads should be freely used with abundance of lettuce and other like articles to drive food along its course. Very little was said of cancer, merely that if one had a slight sore that would not heal it should be regarded as a warning. It was expected that the lecture would be illustrated by slides, or at least by charts, but these failed to arrive for some unknown reason, but despite this disappointment the lecturer held the attention of an interested audience.

The music, in charge of Miss Mabelle Clough, was a vocal solo by Mrs. Walter Sargent, Miss Helen Hardy accompanist. It received an encore.

PASTORAL LETTER. To My People: Dear friends—I have something to say about Billy Sunday.

As you probably know, Mr. Sunday spoke last Monday afternoon before the Unitarian ministers assembled in the Unitarian house of the Second church in Boston. Hundreds of our clergy were present. They had come from all over the state.

If anyone has any doubts that Unitarian Christians possess the simple spirit of the early Christians the reception our men gave Mr. Sunday would have dispelled such doubts. Every man there remembered, of course, that Mr. Sunday had cursed and despised us both as our faith. Nevertheless when he arose to speak our men applauded him to the echo. That applause meant nothing less than that they blessed him and prayed for his success.

Mr. Sunday's address was a frank statement of the theological terms of the Unitarian faith. He was not a theologian, but he was a man of common sense and common sense is the best of all guides.

You may think that it was inconsistent for our men to applaud an address with which they disagreed. They were not more inclined to accept Mr. Sunday's theology than they would have been to accept the orthodox astronomy of a few centuries ago, which taught that the world is flat and that the sun revolves around the earth. Our men applauded precisely because they are liberal minded enough to recognize that while there are theological and theological terms there is one Christian gospel and one Christian life. Mr. Sunday puts the frame of one theology around the picture of that gospel and that life and our men applaud because they are liberal minded enough to recognize that while there are theological and theological terms there is one Christian gospel and one Christian life. 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# The Chase of An Aeroplane

## And What Resulted Therefrom.

By AGNES G. BROGAN

When the house that had been building opposite where Madge Carlton lived was finished, the refuse removed and the grounds had been leveled and sodded Madge looked upon the place with envy. The house was as dainty as a Swiss cottage. On the grounds here and there were little clumps of evergreens, while the whole was surrounded by a hedge.

"It'll be that house," said Madge to herself, "was built by an artistic architect and the grounds were laid out by a landscape gardener."

Madge had a taste for pretty places, and the burden of her desires was to be mistress of one. The house opposite suited her exactly.

The next passion to covetousness that took possession of Madge Carlton was curiosity. Who would occupy it when finished? Would it be an old woman living alone, with no one to comfort her? Would it be a middle aged couple with many small children? Would there be an unmarried man in the family, and would he be—nice?

That was the womanly way of expressing it. It was not: Would he be heroic? Would he be manly? Would he be honorable? No; it was not any of these alone, but all in one, and that one was expressed in the word nice. She hoped there would be a single man in the new house, that he would be nice, and on these hopes rested a third. We shall see whether or not this third hope was gratified.

One morning Mrs. Westinghouse decorated the town where Madge lived announcing that an exhibition would be given by an aeroplane. Every member of her family except Madge was on tiptoe of excitement to see the performance. On the morning of its occurrence she was sitting on the porch. She was looking at the new house opposite which was now occupied. From it she turned her gaze upon the throng who passed continuously on their way to the city pleasure grounds, where the famous bird man was due to arrive in his wonderful aeroplane, and to give there his exhibition. Her own family had gone long ago, and Madge had shaken her head in decided refusal at her brother's invitation to join them.

"No, thank you," she answered. "I wouldn't walk as far as the corner on a hot day like this to see all the aeroplanes in the world. This cool veranda suits me much better."

She rocked back and forth now, enjoying the light breeze which softly flapped the awnings, her little bare arms clasped high above her head. The last football died away, and the shady avenue was unusually silent when presently there came from out the sky a loud humming noise as of a giant bee. "Nearer," it drew—still nearer, echoing and resounding in the stillness, until at length, pell-mell from verandas and doorways, people ran flocking into the street.

"It is coming," they called to each other; "it is coming; it is here."

Madge leaned forward excitedly. High across the cloudless blue, with great outstretched wings like some monstrous bird, there rushed a dark object. Onward it went, straight as an arrow, never swerving from its course, never ceasing in its mad flight until screening trees hid it from view of the watchers.

Wildly the crowd gave chase, hoping to get another glimpse in the next clearing of this wondrous, whirling thing.

Without an instant's hesitation Madge, who had scorned her brother's enthusiasm, now breathlessly followed the crowd. Over the lawn and down the street twinkled the heels of her little white shoes. She fell at the curb and when a kindly hand assisted her to rise hurried on again without a "thank you." With lips disengaged she tripped lightly across the road before the very lamps of a racing automobile.

"There it is!" said a triumphant voice.

"Where?" she cried.

"Above the tallest tree," the voice answered.

"I cannot see it," Madge said impatiently.

A hand reached over her shoulder, pointing upward.

"If you will look exactly where I tell you," the owner of the hand suggested, "you will see it."

"I do now," she replied. "It is growing smaller. It must be very high up."

"About 1,800 feet," the voice answered exultantly.

Madge gave a little cry of disappointment.

"Oh, it is gone!" she said. "Can't we see it farther on?"

The man looked around quickly.

"This way!" he called, and ran swiftly up a wide, graveled path. She started bravely in pursuit, then stood still.

"I cannot go another step," she answered wearily.

The man turned back.

"Let me help you," he said, and immediately slipped his arm beneath her own. It was a very strong arm. Madge accepted its aid unquestioningly and was conscious of a comforting sense of protection throughout her confusing flight. They rested at last

upon a broad expanse of lovely lawn. "Stand just here," the man commanded, "and you will have an unobstructed view."

Madge the willful meekly obeyed, gazing in awed silence until the "ship of the sky" had sailed far into the distance, its throbbing engines sending back no sound. Then with its disappearance her strange excitement seemed to vanish. She turned, half dazedly, to look into the eyes of her companion.

"Where are we?" she asked slowly.

"The young man in turn regarded his surroundings with a puzzled air.

"I don't know," he stammered. Then his dark eyes twinkled. "Looks like somebody's flower garden."

It was indeed a flower garden. Blooming geraniums bordered the hedge and roses clambered riotously up their trellises.

"We are trespassing," the girl said severely. "You should not have brought me here."

"Brought you!" the young man exclaimed reproachfully. "Why, you were so keen on seeing that aeroplane I just had to help you along."

Madge studied her escort with interest. He had evidently started out upon this chase as unexpectedly as she, for he was both hatless and coatless. She put up her hand to smooth her disheveled locks, flushing with embarrassment for her sudden interest in aeroplanes should have led her into this peculiar position.

"Never mind," the young man said kindly. "Give me permission and I will see you safely home. The streets will be filled with the returning crowd at this time."

As Madge lingered irresolutely a heavy rumbling overhead caused both to look up in apprehension; then without further warning down came a heavy shower. Great sheets of rain swept the garden; it blew in their faces; it soaked their rumpled hair; it lay in little pools across the driveway. The man caught her hand, drawing her compellingly toward the house in the background.

"Place seems to have been vacated for the summer," he said as they found shelter beneath a veranda roof, "otherwise you might ask for protection inside. The best thing under the circumstances for you to do is to wait here while I go for an umbrella."

Madge looked up at him indignantly.

"Do you think I would be as selfish as that?" she said. "Why, you would be drenched before you could reach the gate."

The man smiled.

"Then we both had better stay where we are for the present. This shower cannot last long."

She flashed a glance at him as he dropped easily into a seat at her side; then, as their eyes met, her laughter rippled merrily.

"Do you know," she said, "I think that in some unaccountable way I have slipped back to my childhood days. Surely it is an unusual proceeding for a grown-up to go racing about chasing a big balloon with—"

"A big boy," the man finished laughingly. He bent over her, "Let us keep up the game for awhile," he said impulsively. "One is not often privileged to return to the happy hours of childhood. Now, when I was a kid we became acquainted by simply asking two questions—'What is your name, and where do you live?'"

"Very well," Madge agreed demurely. "What is your name, little boy, and where do you live?"

"My name," the young man answered gravely, "is Thomas Westinghouse Chalmers, generally known as Tommy, and I live on Beechwood avenue."

The girl's eyes widened. "Why, so do I!" she exclaimed.

"Your number?" Tommy asked eagerly.

"Two hundred forty-four. And yours?"

"We are neighbors—near neighbors," the young man answered delightedly. "Mother and I moved recently into the house directly across from yours."

"Really?" said Madge. "How very strange that we should meet in this—er—informal manner."

"Isn't it?" said Thomas Westinghouse Chalmers. His eyes were sought hers.

"It will not be our last meeting if I can help it," he added fervently.

The sun had removed all trace of the shower when he finally stood at the entrance of Madge's home bidding her a reluctant goodby. Then as he reached the gateway he slowly retraced his steps.

"I have a confession to make," he began diffidently. "Please pardon a poor, lonely sinner. You see, I knew that you lived in this house all along. Fact is I spend most of my time just looking over here—and—and it was my overwhelming desire to know you which prompted me to deliberately follow you this afternoon."

Madge looked up at him, gently accusing. Then her lips curved into an inscrutable little smile. "I knew that you followed me," she replied. "I hoped you would when I started."

And when her family returned later, damp and weary after a tiresome wait, because of overcrowded cars, they found that young lady calm and serene rocking to and fro on the veranda.

"You were wise to remain at home, my dear," her mother said, "for gazing at airships is but a foolish pastime."

Madge's eyes shone dreamily. "I think it's a lovely one," she said.

How Madge made the acquaintance of the young man who had moved into the house opposite none of her family could find out. The rest of it was plain enough. He called, he sent her flowers, he took her out to ride in his car, he proposed to her and was accepted, but until Madge, as his wife, entered the place—and took possession no one knew how she had angled it and caught it on her hook when the rest of them were gazing skyward.

### HARVARD

News Items. Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Mildred E. Tucker and Benjamin S. Reeves, both of this town. The wedding will take place on Saturday afternoon, November 25, at the home of the bride.

The Warner lecture committee call attention to the next lecture in the course to be given on Wednesday evening, November 22, by L. B. Wickert. The subject is to be "When chickens come home to roost." Those who heard Mr. Wickert's lecture in "The dream," will miss this opportunity to hear him a second time.

E. Forrest Taylor and Helene Ross will appear at the motion picture show on Saturday evening in "The mobster," a five-act feature, a beautiful heart interest drama. Two comedy reels will also be shown.

Hartwell hose company concert and ball at town hall, Ayer, Thanksgiving night. Poole's celebrated orchestra.

Old Shaker Journals. The following was taken from the Boston Transcript of last Saturday evening:

Gleanings from Old Shaker Journals. By Clara Endicott Sears. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.

Harvard, Massachusetts, in the site of many idealistic enterprises—of the early Shaker settlement, of Mr. Alcott's "Fruitlands," and of the present Single Tax colony. The longest-lived of these has been the Shaker settlement which, founded in 1781 by Mother Ann Lee, was twice uprooted by Puritanical persecutors, and persists in modified and diminished form to the present time. The Shaker religion, although it exceeded in strangeness of ritual any that New England has witnessed, included as an integral part of the belief in cleanliness and industry. The last one, are the real causes of its survival.

Miss Sears traces the history of the Shakers from the flight from English persecution to the new country, through the arduous journey from Albany to the Square house at Harvard, through the unpeopled persecutions, down to its comparative stagnation at the present day. To tell the truth, in reading the old accounts of the manifestations of the Shaker religion, one does not wholly wonder at the bewilderment of our New England forebears. Here is a description of the form of worship from "the world's viewpoint."

"When they meet together for worship they fall a-zoaning and trembling, and everyone acts alone for himself, one will fall on his knees and another on his hands; another will be muttering inarticulate sounds which neither they nor anybody else can understand. And they are singing, each in his own tune without words in an Indian tone."

Others will be jumping up and down, spirits out of the house; all in different tones, groaning, jumping, laughing, talking, and scuttering about in a way that might be called perfect bedlam; this they call the worship of God."

One of their postures which increases among them as time goes on is to sit for an hour and be dripping with sweat; at this time they say it is to show the great power of God."

The explanation of their behavior is contained in their own words: "Why should the tongue, which is the most usually member of the body, be the only chosen instrument of worship? God has also created the hands and the feet and enabled them to perform their functions in the service of the body. And shall these important facilities be used for any other purpose than the service of God? We have a blessed good time," as one of them quaintly described it."

In 1791, after the death of the beloved Ann Lee, the Shakers were for the first time well organized into a communistic society under the leadership of Joseph Meacham. Before this, because of the bitter persecutions, the simple members of Mother Ann's sect to gain converts, from "the World," there had been little time for anything more than bare existence. There now began a period of industry and prosperity, without, apparently, any slackening of the simple, whole-souled virtue of the founders. We all know the exquisite made basket work of their fellow Shakers, and all manner of fresh and preserved produce were justly famous. Science, psychology, and many other modern inventions have driven into obscurity the Shaker belief, together with many other sincere and worthy things. It survives only in a subdued form, and in the quiet manners and the firm acquaintance of the few remaining Shakers, and in the records of the older days.

These records the author has brought together and sifted with great care. She is to be congratulated for her patient research and for the interesting manner in which she has composed her volume of gleanings.

### LITTLETON

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Murray have the sympathy of their fellow townspeople in the loss of their infant son Lester at the age of 1 month and 18 days. Death occurred at a hospital in Boston.

The sympathy of their friends is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt in the death of their young son from acute indigestion at the age of sixteen months. The burial was in Ayer.

An accident occurred at New Estate road crossing on Tuesday afternoon at 4.30, when a Ford automobile, carrying three persons, two men and a woman, bound for the Mohawk Trail, ran into a light engine going west, and overturned and threw the engine to the road. The woman received a cut over one eye, but was otherwise unharmed. One of the men received injuries in the region of the collar bone and was taken by the engine to Sullivan. The second man was not hurt. The automobile was damaged somewhat. The occupants believe that they would all have been killed had they ridden in a larger, heavier car.

The Intermediate and Junior Endeavors of the Congregational church were convened by automobiles at Concord Junction Sunday afternoon and attended the union meeting of C. E. societies, which they greatly enjoyed.

F. C. Hartwell and C. W. Perry started last week Friday on their annual hunting trip in Coldbrook, N. H., and vicinity.

Mr. Wilson, of the Edward Robbins place in the west district, is seriously ill at his home. He is missed by the men who have been riding with him daily to and from Boston.

L. W. C. The Woman's club listened with attention to Lect. O. J. Fairfield's scholarly address Monday on "James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet."

Mr. Fairfield reviewed the life of the poet and read many of his poems, sympathies of the author. Everybody present expressed in emphatic terms the enjoyment and instruction received from the lecture, so only presented Mrs. Vera S. Hager sang "Oh, heart of mine," accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Houghton, pianist, and Miss Marion Flagg read "Reveries."

"You are the sweetest heart of mine," with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Houghton, making a complete and very delightful program.

Miss Dorothy Hegner was welcomed to club membership. Ten dollars was voted to the Union school grounds fund. Reports were heard of Federation day at the Pepperell Woman's club, the household economics meeting of the Middlesex Woman's club, Lowell, and the State Federation meeting in Franklin by Mrs. Parker, president. The recording secretary, Miss Kate Wood, reported on the last Guest evening will be held in the Orthodox Congregational church on Monday evening, November 27, beginning at eight o'clock. Charles Newton Ballou, will favor the club with "Incidents in life abroad" with French, Russian, Italian and German organ selections. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. James. Club members may secure tickets at the Center of Mrs. Hattie Robinson, treasurer, at the station of Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, or at the door guest evening.

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Whereas LYMAN K. CLARK, trustee and executor of said will, has presented to said court his petition praying that he may be authorized to sell, either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee situated in Middlesex in the County of Worcester, and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of November, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted, and to be heard on the same.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 14th day of November, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 14th day of November, 1916, in year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To JEANETTE BEACH, the executrix of the will of HENRY PARKER, deceased, and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY PARKER, deceased, I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Court, do hereby give notice that a petition has been presented to said court by ISLEY H. BEACH of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, praying for the appointment of himself, or some other suitable person, as guardian.

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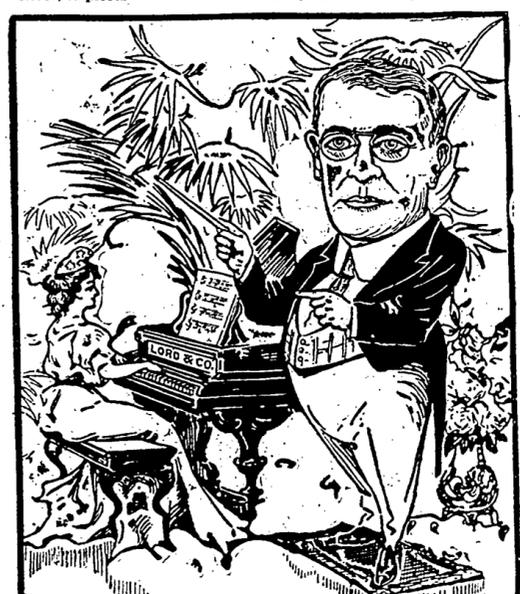
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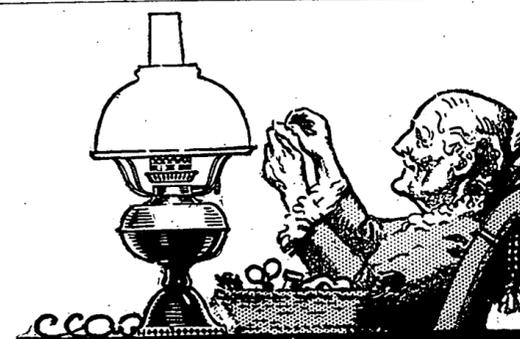


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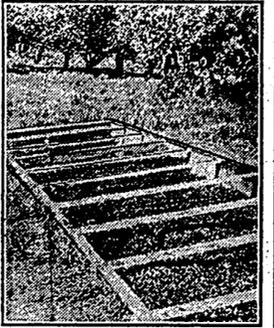
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Cold frame construction is essentially the same as that of the hotbed. The frame may be permanent or temporary. The permanent frame should be made of brick, cement or heavy plank and should extend to the bottom of the pit. The pit for ordinary purposes need not be as deep as that for the hotbed since no heating material is required. However, if it is desired to use it as a storage pit for half hardy flowers an excavation of three feet is necessary, which should be lined on



A COLD FRAME.

sides and bottom. A few inches of sawdust or cinders should then be put in and the plants in pots plunged into it.

The temporary cold frame does not require a pit and can be constructed of one inch stock. The frame is simply set on top of the ground on soil which has been supplied with plenty of organic matter. It may or may not be of the same dimensions as the hotbed, but since the standard size of sash is 6 by 3 feet it is more convenient to make the frame of the same width. The length, however, is not arbitrary and can be made to suit conditions. Ordinarily for a 50 by 50 foot garden two sash will suffice.

If the frame is to be used as a seed bed in which to raise plants for transplanting to the open it should have preferably a rather light sandy loam soil, but if it is to be used for maturing early spring or fall crops it should contain an abundance of organic matter. A soil for maturing crops is usually too rich to be used as a seed bed. The soil should be well smoothed with an iron trowel rake in order to make it as fine as possible. The sash, if put on for a couple of days before the seed is planted, tends to warm up the soil and greatly assist the germination of the seeds.

### New Damson Plum.

Damson plums and plum butter are two Pennsylvania products, but the great drawback to the old fashioned damson is that the fruit is so small that it takes a long time to pick a bushel, says the Philadelphia Ledger. For that reason the Shropshire damson has become popular because the fruits are much larger. And now we have another damson plum. The French damson has been introduced to the nursery trade and bids fair as soon as the older varieties in its popularity.

The French damson is hardy in tree, is very fruitful and holds its fruit and foliage well. The trees are larger and more productive than most damsons. The fruit is excellent in quality, handsome in appearance, of large size and when fully ripe or after a touch of light frost it can be eaten out of the hand with a relish. Its season is a week or two later than that of the Shropshire, which is an advantage, as it helps to prolong the season, and the price of plums is going up at the same time.

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### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

At a meeting of the Grange on November 8 officers for the coming year were appointed as follows: Mrs. Clarence Russell, m.; Forrester Hall, o.; Fred Hall, sec.; Harlan Whitcomb, stew.; Grover Farwell, asst. stew.; Grace Whitcomb, chap.; Clarence Russell, treas.; Mrs. Albert Pierce, sec.; Robert Taylor, r. k.; Mrs. Ellen Ceres, Miss Marian Holcomb, Pomona; Mrs. Minnie Holcomb, Flora; Mrs. Henry Bailey, l. a. s.; Miss Alice Whitcomb, pianist; Freeman Wright, v. s.; Albert Pierce, v. s.; Fred Hall 1 yr. executive and finance committee. Following the meeting a supper was served by the ladies who took part in the competition entertainment.

Freeman Wright has returned from Newport, Wash., where he spent the summer on his brother's ranch.

Edward O'Heron, a former resident of The Welts, was in town yesterday, visiting old friends and neighbors.

On the afternoon of November 7 the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church were entertained at the home of Mrs. Oscar Elliot.

Lena Houle, of Nashua, is spending a few days at the home of Michael Riordan.

Mrs. Athenia Campbell, who was quite ill a few days last week, is better at the present time.

Mrs. Belle Gould is at her rooms in the Cleveland house for a stay of a few weeks.

On the afternoon of November 8 the Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. George Cady. The afternoon was devoted to sewing, during which they were entertained with readings by Mrs. Mary Beach and Miss Ellen Sawtelle, who were the guests of the afternoon.

Miss Edith Stiekney, of Hollis, was the guest last week Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barnaby.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell entertained at dinner last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. George French and Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall, who moved from their homes in Townsend in Mr. French's car.

Mrs. Frank Wright and children, of Gloucester, who have been spending a few weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. Weaver, returned to her home on last Saturday. Mr. Wright came Friday to accompany his family back home.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wheeler entertained John and Robert McLoughlin, of Goffstown; James McDougall, of Nova Scotia; Bessie Wheeler, Daisy Burns and Gladys Burns of Milford.

Mrs. Maria Witherell, of Winchendon, and Mrs. Jennie Smytheman of Leominster, were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Mary Cox.

Nineteen motored from here to Nashua on the evening of November 11 for the election returns.

Mr. and Mrs. William Boutelle were in Winchendon last Friday and Saturday, completing arrangements for moving there, where Mr. Boutelle expects to set up a new grocery business.

Miss Grace Whitcomb spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, of Methuen, Mass. On Saturday evening they attended the Colonial theatre in Boston.

Mrs. Frank Austin and baby was the guest last week Friday of her mother, Mrs. Hammond, of Pepperell.

Miss Mary O'Connell is confined to her bed with a severe cold and under the care of a doctor.

On last Sunday Rev. Charles Dock-ill exchanged pulpits with Rev. E. C. Charlton, of Townsend.

Workmen are engaged in putting up the new iron guard rail on the top of the stone wall on the town house grounds at William Hughes is in charge of the work.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet left for Milford on last week Thursday, where she expects to spend the winter at the home of Mr. Fisher.

Miss Hazel Goss has been engaged as stenographer in the law office of Bates & Cheever, of Wilton.

Herbert Cory is having electric lights installed in his home, store, garage and all other out-door buildings in his place. Andrew Marshall is doing the work.

William Brown and Mrs. William Hall were appointed delegates to attend the ordination of John Livberg in the Congregational church of Milford, N. H., on Friday, November 17. Mr. Livberg has had charge of a church in the north part of the town here for some time.

Mrs. James Hill, of Pepperell, was a visitor in town last week Friday.

After repeated requests the men of the Grange are to give their mock initiation and minstrel show with which they won the laurel over that given in competition with the ladies, at a public entertainment on the evening of November 24. This is the same one they gave at the Granite Grange of Milford on the evening of November 1.

### LUNENBURG

News Items.

Rev. Charles P. Cleaves, of Ossipee, N. H., preached his second sermon in the Congregational church last Sunday morning and in the evening he spoke for about twenty minutes at the young people's meeting. The favorable impression made upon the church and society on the previous Sunday was much increased on this second effort, the people generally appearing very much pleased with him.

The C. E. society have been collecting autumn leaves to send to Miss Florence Lowe in Hopkinton, where the leaves have been placed in the beautiful autumn scene seen here in New England. The society held an informal social at the home of Mrs. C. E. Stone on Tuesday evening to add one final touch and write the messages to accompany the package to be sent by mail to a much loved teacher and her pupils in far-away Hopkinton.

Rev. George B. Dean, district superintendent, held quarterly service at the Methodist church on Monday evening.

A special town meeting is appointed for Friday evening, December 1, to see if the town will appropriate \$500 to meet extra expenses which seemed actually necessary in digging a well at the West schoolhouse, repairs in the building, increased teachers' wages, cost of fuel, etc. These expenses have been greater than was anticipated and were thought to be provided for, hence the call for a special town meeting.

A fine large buck was the fruit of a deer-hunting trip to Maine by Frank Wornham and son, who returned on last Saturday.

Roy Moreland met with quite a severe and painful accident last week. While driving a team for J. S. Gilchrist, coming home from Fitchburg with a load of coal, and riding on the wagon pole, he struck the right horse with a rein, causing the horse to jump and Roy fell to the ground, and in some unexplainable manner received a compound fracture of the right leg. Fortunately the accident occurred near a house where a telephone call brought Dr. Woods, who saw that the injury was a serious one and conveyed the young man to the local hospital, where an X-ray picture revealed the fact that both bones were broken between the knee and the ankle, the large one in one place and the smaller one in two places, necessitating a major operation. He is comfortable as can be under the circumstances, but will be confined to his bed and room for some time.

The Hildreth place on the Northfield road has been purchased by Edward E. Adams, who intends moving there very soon.

Edward L. Davis and Albert W. Nelson, of Worcester, spent the week-end and Sunday with Mr. Davis' grandmother, Mrs. J. E. Longley, and called on other friends in town.

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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to the executor named in said will having declined to accept the trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in the County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of November A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, the seventh day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

### HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

George F. Hale passed away at his home last Saturday after a long illness. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. Fred Hall officiating. A hymn, "Let us sing, 'Sometime we'll understand' and 'The Homeland.'" The odd fellows held the service at the grave, led by George Robbins, public grand, and Samuel Bascom, chaplain. The bearers were S. F. Woods, M. J. Powers, Ralph E. Tenney and C. Anderson Colburn. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Maud, and a son, Arthur.

Mrs. George Woodin passed away after a short illness last Sunday morning. The funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Harbert M. French officiating. Interment was in the South yard. She is survived by her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Marcy of Waltham and Mrs. Edward Mace of Billerica; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph B. Munn of Melrose, and Mrs. Edwin A. Bosworth of West Newton, Mass.; a son-in-law, George S. Stiekney of Waltham, and seven grandchildren.

The Home Economics club met in the vestry on last week Friday afternoon. The lesson was "Home sanitation."

On last week Friday evening the first church supper was held under the direction of Mrs. Charles J. Bell. The entertainment consisted of a musical selection by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Merrill and Miss Hazel Lougee, mandolin, violin and piano; reading, Harlan Muzzey; violin solo, Miss Hazel Marshall, and another musical selection by Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and Miss Hazel Lougee.

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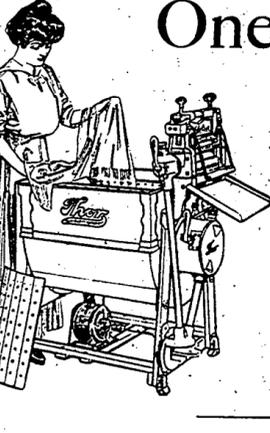
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