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### PEPPERELL

#### News Items.

Charles W. Smith, of Hollis, N. H., has resigned his position as chief of police of this town, the same taking effect at midnight last Saturday. Constable Albert A. Lawrence has been appointed to act in his place.

Another change on the street is the withdrawal of James Attridge from the firm of Attridge Bros., grocers. Mr. Attridge is to be connected with the firm of Webster, Thomas & Co., wholesale grocers, of Boston, and assumes his new duties next month.

Austin R. Paul, superintendent of the public schools of this town, as included in the district of Bolton, Harvard and Dana, for the past nine years, has sent in his resignation, the same to take effect as soon as his successor may be named. Mr. Paul has accepted the superintendent's office in the towns of Ashburnham and Winchendon.

Corp. Russell Wright entertained Sergt. Brinkerhoff and Sergt. Coffey from Camp Devens, at the church supper at the Methodist vestry last week Thursday evening.

Dr. Nelson Wood and family went to Springfield on Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

The box party held at Oak Hill hall on Friday evening of last week was the first of the winter's festivities, and was a success both socially and financially. The auctioneer of the "boxes" was Carl Lawrence, and \$1.30 was received as the highest bid for a special lunch.

The soldier boys from the camp were present as the guests of J. A. Donnelly and family, remaining for the social dance which followed the box party. Miss Doris Durant was pianist. Everybody had a good time, as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tatt will pass Thanksgiving in their new home on Elm street, as their goods arrived from Milton on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee will keep Thanksgiving at their home on Shipley hill, entertaining Mrs. Wetherbee's sister, Miss Carrie Williams, from Boston, and other guests.

Soon after the first of December the Wetherbee family move to Townsend Center, where they have taken a furnished house, for the convenience of their son Roger, who is attending school there.

Mrs. Frank Kaubbeck came from Boston on Wednesday evening to spend Thanksgiving with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Johnson, returning to her work on Monday of next week.

Electric lights have been installed in the double tenement house of Mrs. Pike, Main street, occupied by the Johnson and Oulton families. The workmen of the Shirley Electric Company installed the lighting system at the dwelling of W. E. Sartelle, some weeks ago, although the power is not yet available.

Miss Florence Flynn, of Oak Hill, succeeds Mrs. Suse Dort as teacher of the fourth and fifth grades, commencing her new duties next week.

Miss Rose Alden is to spend the winter with the family of Elmer E. Shattuck, the newly-elected warden of the Charlestown prison, assisting Mrs. Shattuck.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindol French (Miss Arlene Deware) on Friday, November 22, at the Memorial hospital, Nashua, N. H.

Douglas Deware was at home last week on a short furlough, returning to Newport, R. I., Sunday.

Joseph Shepard and family moved on Monday from the cottage on Tucker avenue into the double tenement house on Main street recently vacated by William Ashley.

The Hunt cottage, on Canal street, so long empty, has been rented to the Polish family formerly living near the covered bridge.

Blanchard & Gould are still running their saw mill on the lumber from several small lots, purchased from David Kleinberg and others.

Services were held at Woodlawn cemetery by Rev. B. W. Rust, for the nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford, last Saturday afternoon, the parents bringing the child here from their present home in Halifax.

News has been received by the friends of Miss Carrie M. Hall, of Nashua, N. H., who for a year past has been one of the chief nurses of the Red Cross in England, of a recent promotion. Miss Hall went to France with the Harvard unit from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston.

Otis Merrill, of this town, attended the funeral services of the late Charles Worcester in Hollis on last week Thursday, being one of the same regiment in the civil war, of which Mr. Worcester was sergeant.

Mrs. J. Walter Smith attended the funeral services of her uncle, Charles H. Worcester, in Hollis, last week Thursday.

Mrs. Bert Stoddard and two children came from Greenfield on Tuesday to pass the remainder of the week with Mrs. Stoddard's sister, Mrs. Chester Parker. Mr. Stoddard and his mother were expected here on Thursday.

Miss Ida Shattuck expects to leave soon for Miami, Fla., where she will pass the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stewart, accompanied in their auto by his mother, Mrs. Leander Stewart, Mrs. McElliott and Mrs. E. M. Stewart, went to Lynn on Monday to see Mrs. McCurdy, a friend of the family, who is afflicted with blood poisoning. Mrs. Leander Stewart remained there for the rest of the week, to assist in caring for her, and may stay even longer.

Thomas Bailey, who has been in Haverhill of late as inspector of government shoes, has been at home for the past week on account of illness.

Leonard Nodding and family came from Reading on Thursday to dine at the home of John Frossard and wife, Mrs. Nodding's parents.

Misses Lydia and Gertrude Sullivan were recently at home from Wakefield, where they have been teaching in the public schools there being again closed on account of the second outbreak of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herrig and daughter Rachel came from Somerville to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce at Woodside; also, Mr. and Mrs. Carolyne Kelley, from their new home in Lexington.

The usual Thanksgiving party of daughters and sons met with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Parker on Thanksgiving day, including Albert F. Parker and family of this town; Mrs. Wallace Carkin and husband and her two daughters, from Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gaskill and son, from Nashua, N. H.

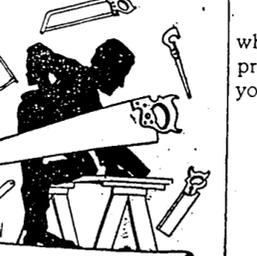
Much anxiety is felt by Mrs. R. B. Baker and family, of Shipley hill, as they have not heard from their son, Clinton, since last July. He was then in the Red Cross ambulance service at Salonica, Greece.

#### Grange Notes.

At the regular meeting of Prescott Grange on last week Friday evening the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: Miss Ellen I. Miller, m.; Mrs. Jennie McDonald, o.; George H. Stewart, treas.; Mrs. George A. Shattuck, sec.; Mrs. Maude Dow, chap.; Mrs. George H. Stewart, lect.; Mrs. Adeline Tucker, stew.; Clarence Gilbert, asst. stew.; Mrs. Jennie Rice, l. a. s.; Lester Lawrence, g. k.; Miss Bertha Gilbert, Pomona; Miss Kathryn Blood, Ceres; Miss Kate Fossie, Flora; Miss Muriel Robinson, chorister; Mrs. M. M. Richards, Charles M. Blood and Miss Sarah Tucker, ex. com. 1, 2 and 1 year, respectively.

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Martin attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Ayer on last week Thursday.

The death of Charles Frederick Parker occurred on Friday of last week at his home in East Village, the Parker homestead, where he was born. By a singular coincidence the date of his death was that also of his birth, November 22, his age being exactly eighty-two years.

He was the elder son of the late Frederick and Ann (Vernum) Parker, and was never married. He has always lived in the house built by his parents, with his sister, Miss Harriet Parker, as housekeeper. With the exception of a trip with his brother, the late Henry A. Parker, in 1876, to Philadelphia, and one winter, spent with his brother in the south, he has rarely left home for a day. He farmed extensively in days gone by and was quite successful with rare and unusual plants, having for some years a small greenhouse at the rear of his home.

Although quiet and unassuming he was exceedingly well informed on passing events and a great reader. Those who knew him best he often showed the humorous side of his nature, and in days past he was often called upon to settle estates and adjust legal difficulties, being a man of deliberation and not easily confused.

He has been in failing health since a shock of paralysis, which affected his right side, occurring about ten weeks ago. He has since been confined to his room and gradually becoming more feeble.

Besides the sister referred to, who is the last of the family, he leaves a nephew, Frederick H. Parker, of this town, and a grandnephew, Charles H. F. Parker, who is in the marine service in France.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Benjamin W. Rust, and burial was in Walton cemetery, the bearers being Edgar W. Blako, C. G. Willey, John Pierce and William Robinson.

#### Letters from France.

The following extracts are taken from the last two letters from Karl Newhall, who is at a base hospital in France, going out last year, 1917, with the Harvard unit:

October 15, 1918.  
Another line or two to let you know

that all goes well. The peace situation looks quite lively just now, and Foch is giving them all up and down the line from the coast to Verdun. It's the kind of talk that the Huns can understand.

Night duty goes quite well, though we have had some busy nights, with convoys and evacuations. Last night we had a case with a hemorrhage and we took him to the operating room, where the artery was tied, and then, as his condition was so poor, they decided to transfuse him. Result—he came back looking much better and is doing finely now.

In about an hour we start work, as we have a lot to do this morning. Usually we start at five, but we have twenty-four stretchers going out for England at 5.30, so we must get an early start. Thirteen of them are in my section, which means thirteen to be dressed, put on the stretchers and morning's work on the washing patients. Still it's all in a day's (or rather night's) work so we should worry.

I received your letters of September 16 and 23 the other day. So B. U. is giving war courses? The student soldier plan is a good one, especially for the students, as that is about as near the "line" as they will get.

Must stop now to get to work. Twenty-four stretchers, seventy-two

baskets and twenty-four pillows to be brought in for the evacuation.

October 24, 1918.  
At last it looks as if I might be able to find time to write. The last few nights have been such full ones I couldn't do so. There is always plenty to do, and I always seem to land in a hard ward when I am on night duty, which in a way is good, for one is kept busy enough to keep awake easily.

The war news lately is most encouraging. Foch's method of talking "peace" is much more effective than that of Prince Max or Solt, or any other German diplomat.

The common attitude here is "fight to the finish." "Let there be a military decision, not a diplomatic one." That there will be one before long goes without question, and it is the only way to quench German military ardor for good.

The October moon is in full view now, and we are having some lovely weather, especially the nights. The recent fighting has gained the territory occupied by the "Gotha" aerodromes, so now we can enjoy the clear nights without looking for aerial visitors.

I'll say good-night, or perhaps I should say good-morning, as it is 3.45 a. m. As ever,

Karl Newhall,  
U. S. Base Hospital No. 5, Boulogne, France.

## SINCE IT IS A NECESSITY, MOST DESIRABLE, AND WILL LAST A LIFETIME,

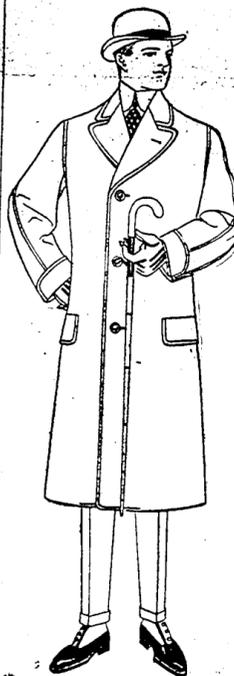
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Saturday, November 30, 1918

GROTON

News Items: E. Dexter Howe spent Thanksgiving day in Ayer with his brother, Harry M. Howe.

At the last meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church votes were taken to appropriate ten dollars for the United Way work fund and to adopt a little French orphan girl.

The woman's branch Alliance held an all-day meeting in the church parlors on Thursday of last week, sewing for their annual fair.

The Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club held on Monday evening a very interesting and profitable meeting.

Those who attended the Unitarian conference in Lowell on Wednesday of last week were Mrs. Frank F. Woods, Mrs. R. G. Smith, and Mrs. Francis Lawrence.

The public schools closed on Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving recess.

Dr. Endicott Peabody, headmaster of Groton School, preached the sermon at the meeting of the Peperell Federation of Churches in Peperell, last Sunday morning.

Helen and Romane Sherwood, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Joseph Pauthus, returned to their home in Haverhill on Sunday.

The pupils of the Boutwell school have sent thirty-seven dollars to help furnish Christmas cheer for some of the less fortunate children of our allies.

Mrs. L. G. Woods, formerly of this town, has been enjoying an extended visit from her sister, Miss Eunice Walsh, of Hollis.

The annual fair of the Alliance will be held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 5. Things you will need will be found on the apron, bag and baby, food and household tables.

The music section of the Woman's club met on last Tuesday afternoon with Miss Susan Hill, of West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor are well established in their new home on Farmers' row, which is near the Groton School, where Mr. Taylor is employed.

J. E. Adams is entertaining his sister, Mrs. Grace Graves, of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hudson, of Hollis street, extended their hospitality on Sunday to three of their gentlemen friends in Lawrence, one of whom was Mr. Hudson's partner, Mr. Thompson.

Mrs. Frank M. Blood was in Arlington over last week-end with her daughter Ruth.

Lieut. Charles Campbell, grandson of Charles H. Berry, who is stationed at Camp Crane, Allentown, Pa., expects to leave for overseas soon.

Mrs. Allaby, who has been such an assistance in the home of her brother, Herman Frazee, Elm street, during the serious illness of his wife, has returned to her home in Boston.

Ruth Beers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beers, is ill with chicken-pox.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman returned to their home in Winchester, Sunday, after enjoying a week's outing in Groton and a short visit with Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Kemp, of Peperell.

Conditions in Massachusetts do not warrant increasing the monthly allowance of sugar for households until December 15. The three-pounds-per-person-per-month limit will, therefore, be continued until the middle of the month.

Dr. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody were guests on Wednesday at Camp Devens and were entertained at lunch by Major-General McLean, together with Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. John N. Hodson and Lieut.-Gen. John E. Woodworth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lott were entertained Thanksgiving in Groton by Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody.

Mrs. William A. Lawrence and Mrs. Frank Woods attended a neighborhood meeting of the Fitchburg Alliance last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Irene Tyrrell, who has been taking an enforced vacation of seven weeks from her teaching post in Springfield, returned to her duties last week.

Harry Peterson, of Concord, was at home to enjoy the Thanksgiving festivities.

Miss Charlotte Robbins, who has been making her home at the Groton Inn during the past year, has taken an apartment at the Hotel Vendome, Boston, for the winter.

The Red Cross headquarters will be over the store of Appleton H. Torrey. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Harrington and two children, Ernest and Richard, who have been enjoying a delightful lengthy vacation in Napoleonville, La., returned to town on Wednesday afternoon.

Friends who remember Eris Parsons, of Groton School, will be interested to learn that he is in France, engaged in Red Cross work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hart, of Newport, N. H., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett.

Mrs. Timothy Crowley has closed her house on Court street for the winter. She, with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Hartman, has taken rooms with another daughter, Mrs. Peter McPherson, of Ayer.

Mrs. William Tyrrell was called to Brookline last week Friday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, M. N. Diah.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Smith and daughter, of Providence, were guests at the Smith home over Thanksgiving. They arrived in town on Wednesday afternoon.

G. W. C. The last meeting of the Woman's club was held at the usual place on Friday afternoon, November 21, which was a food conference.

The previous meeting were read and approved. An interesting report was read of the fall meeting of the State Federation, held in Marlboro on November 13.

The president, Mrs. Mary Torrey, then turned the meeting over to Miss Georgianna Boutwell, chairman of the food conference, who gave a very interesting account of the day's work at which time she was residing in Washington, D. C.

Miss Louise Sampson, stationed at Philadelphia, came home to spend Thanksgiving with her mother.

Roy Bennett came from Worcester Polytechnic, where he is attending school, to spend the holiday at his home.

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The following were appointed a committee to draw up a new set of by-laws: W. P. Wharton, S. W. Sabine, B. M. Shaw, P. L. Blood, and M. J. Cleary.

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split the week-end in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Moseley Gilson was taken to Nashua Friday afternoon for an X-ray examination and will be obliged to use her crutches in the future.

Graton Inn entertained nearly 100 at dinner on Sunday, the day being fine.

The Bishop family spent Thanksgiving in Millford, N. H.

Mrs. George Dodge has been taken to Dr. Ayres' hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett entertained fifteen at dinner on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Ellen Denahy, who was reported in these columns as being poorly, is improving, but will be unable to take up her work at the Misses Warren's again.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown motored to Maynard last week Friday and attended a meeting of the Pomona Grange, witnessing the work of the fifth degree. They returned on Saturday.

Union Thanksgiving services were held in the Unitarian church on Sunday evening. The sermon was preached by the new pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Bangs.

Rev. Mr. Bangs, of the Congregational church, offered prayer and read the scriptures. The choir of the three churches united and the music was excellent.

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Miss Sara Precious spent the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Townsend.

Those having clothing for the Belgian refugees requested to leave stamps. Miss Sara Precious, clothing of all kinds is needed and it is hoped many will contribute.

The movies are drawing a large number every week. There are pictures for the older ones and humorous ones to suit the little folks.

The next game in the fraternal whist tournament will be played on Thursday evening, December 3.

Thanksgiving was observed in the usual quiet way with many visitors from outside towns and little activity in town on the occasion to go to the camp, where there were many attractions for the boys there.

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Robbed Again.

Another case of the base ingratitude that some people display became known Thursday morning when William Fitzgerald, proprietor of a lunch stand on West Main street, was informed by his night clerk that he had been robbed of \$25, the proceeds left in the cash register at the close of business the preceding night.

The man thief was tracked as far as the railroad station, where he was arrested in getting ready to board a train. The thief is well known, however, and there appears to be no doubt that he will be later brought to justice.

A week ago Mr. Fitzgerald's place was robbed of \$18.

Jitney Driver Robbed.

Andrew Cheever, a jitney driver of this town was held up by three men dressed in the garb of American soldiers and a fourth, wearing the uniform of the Canadian army, where they held him for money for the use of a revolver.

The jitney driver operates between Ayer and Boston. He met the four men in Boston. They asked him to take them to Marlboro, where they had a party.

When they reached Marlboro they entered a house and in a few minutes came out and announced that their friend was not at home and that they desired to be taken to Worcester.

This was done. Cheever then asked for money for the use of a revolver. One of the four men said he would be paid as soon as he took them to their home, outside of Worcester.

Arriving at a part of Lincoln street which was particularly dark, Cheever was told to stop his car. Before he realized what the reason was, he had another pointed one at his stomach. After he was robbed of \$70 he was allowed to start his machine.

Red Cross.

It has been decided to suspend the work meetings on Monday afternoons at Hardy's hall till the end of December. There will, therefore, be no meeting on Monday, December 2.

Knitting of sweaters and socks will be carried on as usual and yarn can be obtained from Mrs. James D. Wilson, Washington street.

With the beginning of the year the Red Cross workers and others interested are asked to make an effort to get the sewing machine.

Belgians can be secured for the following: Miss Livingston, Mrs. Theodore Barry and Mrs. John T. Smith on Tuesday, December 3.

The date for mailing Christmas packages is Saturday, November 30.

LITTLETON

News Items. The former parishioners and many other friends of Rev. Harold B. Guyer, who died at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Tuesday night, December 2, were gathered by pneumonia following influenza.

The remains were brought to Providence, the home of his parents and the funeral was held in that city Friday afternoon.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard has accepted a call to Winchendon and will begin his pastorate there the first of December.

The United Workers will meet next Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. George H. Kimball's home in Newtown.

Everett Kimball and family joined the Kimball brothers and sisters in a Thanksgiving reunion at Henry J. Couper's.

James E. Smith had a large family gathering at his home Thanksgiving day.

The woman's club guest evening entertainment on Monday evening was not largely attended.

Misses Faith and Junia Fairfield were at home Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith spent the holiday in Winthrop.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith entertained their children and grandchildren in all minutes of the day at home together, Thanksgiving.

Hon. Frank A. Patch and sister, Miss Ewings, were holiday guests of the L. C. Gillets.

George H. Kimball and family dined at F. S. Kimball's on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephens extended hospitality to their daughter, Mrs. Plummer, and family, of Worcester, Thursday.

The J. H. D. Whitcombs had a holiday guests the Herbert Whitcombs at their home in the H. R. Stewart's of Worcester, Mr. Marshall and sister, Miss Belle Marshall, of Stow, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carr of Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell went to Somerville for the holiday.

The G. E. Prouty family dined at W. G. Brown's, Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Eames entertained his sister and her husband on Thursday.

The Walter Titcombs had their brother, Arthur Titcomb, and Mrs. Titcomb, of Boston, with them, Thanksgiving.

W. Bartlett and daughter, from Greenfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Kimball spent the Thanksgiving season with Mrs. John A. Kimball.

Deacon J. W. Thacher and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown were holiday guests of the J. P. Thachers.

The Elmer Flag family went to Stow to spend the holiday with the Wheeler family.

Miss Mary Nye was the guest of the E. W. Fletcher on Thursday.

Miss Laurice Flag, from Brown, brought a friend home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Cora Warren was the holiday guest of Curtis Drew, whose family dined with the Arthur Drews.

Representative-elect James H. Wilson, of Carlisle, invited the republican town committees of towns in this district to a banquet and smoke talk in his home town last Saturday night.

Hon. C. A. Kimball, E. H. Woodbury, H. W. Conant and J. W. Dods were among the invited guests.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley writes from Los Angeles, Cal., of a very delightful automobile trip across the continent, favored by fine weather, good roads, with only one punctured tire and a minor other mishap.

She has taken a room at Abbottford Inn, where she will spend the winter.

Will those people who can contribute clothing, boots, shoes, etc., for the Belgians, kindly have the goods ready for the collectors the last of this week, probably Saturday.

In connection with this there will be also a linen shower for the needy Belgians to which everybody is expected to contribute.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Pennsylvania's mineral resources yielded an output valued at nearly two billion dollars last year.

A Brazilian city uses a trolley car ambulance to transport patients to and from hospitals in its suburbs.

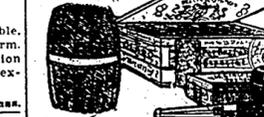
The inventor of a pulley with depressions in its surface contends that belts will not slip when used.

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AYER

News Items.

Tuesday morning was far the coldest of the season, the mercury dropping to fourteen degrees. The sharp decline in temperature from the mildness of the preceding day came as a great surprise. There were flurries of snow, the first frost of the season and ice formed in exposed places.

"The middle window," a thrilling mystery, in three acts, was presented by a student cast from Harvard University and Radcliffe college at the Soldiers' club, West street, Monday evening, before an audience that filled the large auditorium to the doors.

There was a large attendance at the Baptist church last Sunday morning, many soldiers being present. The pastor will preach at 10:45 Sunday morning, and communion will follow. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Service of song at 6:45. One of the Y. M. C. A. workers at the camp is expected to speak at seven in the evening.

At the Christian Science service on Sunday morning in Turner's block, Washington and Main streets, the subject will be "Ancient and modern necromancy, alias mesmerism and hypnotism, denounced." Sunday school at the same hour.

Marrion in Ayer, November 23, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Lieut. Merie A. Wood and Holly W. Norman, Messengers; Lieut. Edward C. Remick and Beatrice C. Mishou, of Old Town, Me.

The following is the motion picture program for next week at Page's hall: Monday, William S. Hart in "Shark Munroe"; Tuesday, Marguerite Clavin in "Uncle Tom's cabin"; Wednesday, Farnum and Nelson in "The Judgment"; Thursday, Clara Kimball Young in "The claw"; Saturday, the usual good show, with a William Fox production, a two-reel comedy, and Fathé News.

Edward J. Bassett, a well-known local driver, was arrested Sunday night by Officer T. J. Pirone at the request of the Arlington police, for the larceny of an automobile tire. Bassett was taken to Arlington for trial.

At the regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday evening the following officers were chosen for the coming year: Joseph M. Markham, g. k.; Alexander H. McDonald, d. g. k.; John H. Hooley, chan.; Martin H. O'Neil, f. s.; John F. Ryan, treas.; George E. Barrett, r. s.; M. J. Griffin, w. g.; George L. Wilson, adv. g.; William R. Hurst, testas. It was voted that the council open its rooms to the soldiers at the camp for them to use as they see fit.

The demonstrations given by Miss Ruth D. Daly, under the auspices of the household economics committee of the Woman's club, last week Wednesday and Friday at the domestic science rooms in the high school building, proved to be very interesting. Miss Daly was well prepared to illustrate her subjects and ready to give any information called for. Her wheatless cooking was all that could be desired. Miss Daly represents the Agricultural college in connection with the Middlesex County Farm Bureau. Those who were present enjoyed the demonstrations and acquired some knowledge of present day cooking.

John H. Hooley, who has been attending the officers' training school at Camp Lee, Virginia, was honorably discharged from the service last Saturday. He returned home on Monday. All the men in the camp are being demobilized and sent home because of the end of the war.

John F. Luce, a member of the Depot Brigade at Camp Devens, was arrested in Burlington, Vt., Monday, for the murder of Albert N. Prentiss, messenger agent at the Union station in that city. Luce started from the camp to go to his home in Troy, N. Y., but on the way he was found in himself in Burlington. Prentiss discovered him later on top of a car attached to a south bound train and placed him under arrest, when Luce stabbed him in the face, severing an artery. Death resulted soon afterwards.

Marrion in Ayer, by Rev. Frank B. Crandall, November 23, Vernon J. Butler, 424 Company, Depot Brigade, and Miss Ruth W. Coombs, of Portland, Me.

Unitarian church, Sunday—Morning service in the vestry at 10:45; preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister; subject, "The two great facts in religion."

\$1600 and the revenue from licenses \$1450, making the total amount received by the town from these two sources \$3050. The new automobiles in town as a result of the location of the camp here has increased the valuation of the town by about \$150,000.

Major Sergeant James D. Parker, U. S. A., retired, of Newport, R. I., visited the camp on Tuesday.

Earl L. Church, a bandman, collapsed at the camp on Tuesday afternoon from the cold. He was taken into the K. C. hut and revived.

Col. George L. Byroade, camp executive and Depot Brigade commander, is ill with influenza at the base hospital.

The first act in demobilizing the soldiers at the camp occurred on this week Friday, when 200 soldiers were honorably discharged. The enemy aliens and neutral aliens, who have been released from service, were given plain discharges, such as are issued for physical disability.

The auto fire trucks responded to a fire alarm on Tuesday when a vigorous grass fire was in progress in the field off upper Washington street, near the telephone lodging house. The lighter truck got stuck in the mud, but was extricated by the heavier machine, which had returned to fire headquarters. There was no damage.

Federated church, Sunday, 10:30, "The stewardship of life." Sunday school at twelve. Warren Winslow, leader of men's class; six o'clock, stereopticon address, "Pilgrims in the wilderness"; 6:30, young people's meeting; leader, Miss Edessa Crawford.

The Camp Fire Girls gave a pleasing social to the soldiers last Tuesday night.

The Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls take a hike to Harvard today.

Miss Helen Savage returned from her visit to New York city last week Friday night with Mrs. Penick, who invited Miss Savage to accompany her as her guest. Mrs. Penick left for her home in Little Rock, Ark., Monday.

The regular meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be held at the Unitarian church vestry on Monday evening, December 2. The club closed about twenty-five dollars at the military whist party last week.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. will be held in Hardy's hall on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held.

Mrs. Timothy Crowley and her daughter, Mrs. Annie Carman, of Groton, will spend the winter with Mrs. Crowley's daughter, Mrs. Peter McClellan, of this town.

Mrs. Dennis Sullivan received a letter recently from her son, Joseph L. Sullivan, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

A large crowd of soldiers and civilians greatly enjoyed a concert given by a Metropolitan opera star of New York city, Thanksgiving night at the soldiers' club.

On Tuesday evening, at 7:30, there will be a special entertainment, consisting of negro dialect stories by Rev. F. Marion Ham, of Reading.

Friday evening, at 7:30, there will be an entertainment, with social and refreshments by the Lutheran church of Worcester, for soldiers and their wives.

Saturday afternoon and evening at 2:30 and 7:30, motion picture—"Fathé News and Mary Pickford in her greatest picture, "The eagle's mate."

District Court. Last Saturday morning A. R. Grover, of West Somerville, pleaded guilty to a complaint for larceny. He was found not guilty and discharged.

Grover was charged with the larceny of an automobile shoe, commonly known as a tire, and two number plates, the value of the articles being set at \$76.50. The complaint was George Washington Cain, of Brookline. The alleged thief was committed in Depot street, Ayer, early Sunday morning, November 24, as stated that he was a driver of a jitney car operating between Ayer, Camp Devens and other towns and cities. He said that he drove his car into the square about one o'clock in the morning on the date mentioned. Upon returning to the square after a short absence he found that the automobile was missing. Later, it was found in a Boston garage with the tire missing. The evidence given by the defendant was to the effect that the automobile was purchased by Cain and his brother, James Cain, who acted for a series of elementary business, the machine to be paid for on the installment plan. The defendant claimed that the complainant and his brother failed to meet the terms of the agreement as to the payments, and that in consequence of this he had a right to take the property. Judge Atwood stated that as the defendant took the property under a claim of right with no larcenous intent, he was not guilty of the charge alleged against him. The court, however, said that there might be grounds for a civil suit for conversion. The discharge of the defendant was then ordered.

Another bunch of violators of the town by-law, some of whom were persistent violators, were in court on Monday morning before Judge C. F. Worcester. John H. Gordon was found guilty and fined \$10, appealed. The next defendant for trial in the December term of the superior court in Cambridge in \$200 bonds; Walter Blevins found guilty and paid \$10; Walter Grant was found not guilty and discharged.

All Mohammed, a familiar figure in court, was found guilty of larceny of an automobile tire and was fined \$25. The tire was the property of Frank DeFalso. The defendant claimed to have bought the tire from a well-known man for \$40, although he knew it was worth at least \$50.

Edward Honeyman, of Ayer, whose appealed case was heard in the superior court in Cambridge last week Friday, pleaded nolo and was fined \$50. Honeyman was found guilty of larceny in the district court a short time ago and appealed.

Abraham Miller and Max Solberg were arraigned Tuesday morning on charges of violation of the town automobile by-law. After pleading nolo Miller was fined \$10, it being his second offense, and Solberg was assessed \$10, this being his first time in court on this charge. Judge Worcester presided.

Philip Sheridan, a wayward youth of Cambridge, who has been before the court several times for various offenses, appeared for sentence on an old complaint for larceny, which case was heard a few weeks ago. Sheridan was also wanted on a similar complaint by the Boston police. When he was brought here he was turned over to the local authorities with the understanding if he was found not guilty in the Boston court he should be returned to Ayer for sentence. The fact became known that he was placed on probation by the city court. After communicating with the Boston police he was brought back to send Sheridan home, where a strict watch will be kept upon him in the future. He immediately left for the University City after being given a severe warning to keep out of Ayer in the future.

Five jitney drivers appeared in court on Wednesday morning for violation of the town by-law. All were found guilty. Edward A. Nagle pleaded nolo and was fined \$5; Thomas E. Seymour pleaded not guilty, fined \$15; Constantine Hetch was fined \$10; Bertram Williams \$5, and Ettore Manni \$10. Clarence Tynes, who makes frequent visits to court, failed to appear for trial. He was declared defaulted.

Clipping. The following editorial, under the heading, "What shall we do with the Ayer cantonment?" is taken from the Boston Herald of November 27:

"The United States government does not own the land on which the Ayer cantonment rests. It has merely leased it, but with some privileges of renewal. The structures which stand there have already cost the government upwards of \$8,000,000. What is to become of them all? The cement-floored laundry, for example, recently completed there, is one of extraordinary proportions. Its machinery is the latest that the washing art knows. In it 200 women could do a fortnightly work. And this is only typical of hospitals, power plants and other phases of the establishment. What are we to do with it?"

"Massachusetts is constantly needing more institutions and institutional buildings. We need a new state prison, for example. We ought long ago to have abandoned the unscientific and unhealthy chamber of gloom at Charlestown. And it has come to pass that our various towns and localities do not like to have any state institution 'wished on them.' Time was when they regarded one as a community asset, and accorded with pleasure whatever came their way. But today the theory of the residents is quite different; they are glad of the existence of an institution for blind babies, but they do not like to live opposite. They are glad to have hospitals for the insane and the inebriate, but not as next door neighbors. You will recall the effort which the authorities had to make in getting lodgment for their new Psychopathic hospital in the Fenway. They first wanted it in Lexington, and then in a series of suburban towns; but local protests proved effective in driving it from one place and another.

"This condition has given rise to the notion that the community might well profit by an 'institutional town,' or by assembling in one place all institutions yet to be established, and all the accommodations necessary for the institution needs of existing plants. In other words, we might concentrate

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state institutions in a single locality, profiting by wholesale purchases and supervision. For this purpose how would the Ayer cantonment do? It is not ideally fitted. It is not exactly the next demand for a series of elementary institutions. But it certainly would not tax the resources of ingenuity to make the necessary adjustments. For example, could not our scientific penologists go out to Ayer and pick out such a part or section of its area and structures as would meet the next demand for increased facilities for the housing of the modern and humane lines? If so, the commonwealth could buy the land of its private owners and the buildings at a mark-down figure from the government. Ayer is well suited for such purposes, with its railroad junction facilities. It is about the right distance from Boston. The community has become accustomed to the institutional idea, and would not object to such uses as the state might make of the cantonment property.

"And then if the state's prison absorbed a part of the cantonment, let the next demand for a prison facility of the insane, lead to the absorption of more of its territory. And so on down the line.

"This suggestion may seem chimerical, but is it not worth investigating? Here we have a plant that will accommodate 15,000 people, for which no large future need looms in sight. Even with the compulsory military service, on the Swiss system, which many people are advocating, we should make small use of all our cantonments. We have one in South Carolina nearly twice the size of that at Ayer, and if any way could be found to utilize this plant for the progressive needs of civil life, it would seemingly reward some research and inquiry."

St. Andrew's Church. The service at 10:30 on Sunday morning at St. Andrew's church will be the holy communion. At this service an important letter from Bishop Lawrence to the parish will be read, and it is his personal request that each member of the parish should be present to hear it.

The preacher at the evening service at 7:30, will be Rev. Frederick C. Landerburn, formerly of St. Stephen's church, Boston, and now serving as one of the executive secretaries for the "Bishop's call to the diocese." It is expected that the Boston choir will sing.

On Sunday afternoon a committee of the parish will distribute a message from Bishop Lawrence to every man, woman and child over the age of eight years.

At the great service in Trinity church, Boston, on last Saturday, attended by over a thousand representatives from parishes in Massachusetts, the following represented St. Andrew: Rev. Mr. Vincent, Rev. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams.

Union Fair Entertainment. The committee of entertainment for the union fair has been fortunate in securing the Pierce Players for the entertainment on Tuesday evening, October 5, at eight o'clock in the town hall. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce will present the following program of humorous and dramatic sketches, readings in costume, presenting characters in real life, the subjects of which are as follows: "Men's purposes," "An old country gentleman," "A child study," "An impersonation from life," "A royal princess," "The lawyer's advice." A large sale of tickets is expected.

The union fair will open at two o'clock in the town hall on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. The tea room will serve the following menu: From 3 to 5, toast, tea, sandwiches and cake; 5 to 7, chicken patties, Welsh rarebit, salads, tea and coffee. There will be an exhibit of marine life foods and two manicure tables with attendants.

The Home Fires Burning. The friends of E. E. Williams, who makes daily deliveries of Boston papers of the largest circulation at Camp Devens, are having a good deal of fun at his expense, in which Mr. Williams, being a "good sport," also joins.

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"On to Richmond," was the favorite cry during the Civil war, and it was kept up until Richmond was captured. Now the rallying cry should be "On to Berlin!" and it should be kept up until that citadel of Prussianism tumbles, says Ohio State Journal. The force of public sentiment upon this matter would soon penetrate military duty and give it purpose and strength. It really looks as if we won't have peace until we reach Berlin. That is the headquarters of Hunnism. When we get there the terms of peace will be easy. The United States does not want any portion of Germany, but there would be great justice in dividing it up among France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Poland, Roumania and those nations which have suffered the most. If Germany keeps up the war until the bitter end, that is liable to be the result. It would at least give Germany a taste of her own medicine. The world could better get along with Germany off the planet.

Thomas A. Edison was not particularly good as a train "butcher." In fact, it is said that when, as a boy, he sold papers, candy and such stuff on a railroad in the middle West, he was pretty near to being no account. As a telegraph operator he had ability, but was negligible. When it came to inventing the phonograph, the quadruplex and a hundred other things Edison was without a peer. We cannot all be Edisons, but there is a lesson for all in Edison's career. The right man and the right job came together when Edison took to the study of electricity, says Boston Globe. Many men never find the job for which they are best fitted. Many men could find it if they gave earnest attention to the subject.

The stage is doing its bit nobly for the country. Actors have sacrificed handsome profits to enlist; they have come promptly to the aid of every patriotic and war-aid enterprise; have given unsparingly of their time, talents and money, and have considered it a privilege to put aside their own interests to supply the much-needed element of amusement for the soldiers at home and abroad. Their patriotism, self-sacrifice and valuable service deserve grateful recognition from the nation at large.

In the first three months of this year 114 American railroads received an operating income of only \$54,000,000, compared with \$144,000,000 for the corresponding period in 1917. A year ago, it is true, they were under private direction, while this year they were operated by the government. However, unusual weather was one of several causes contributing to this year's dolorous result.

The total estimated value of all farm products, including animals and animal products, for 1917 is given as \$19,448,849,381, as against \$13,406,304,011 for 1916, and \$9,388,785,799 for the five-year average (1910-1914). These valuations are based upon prices received by producers, which are applied to the total output regardless of whether the products are consumed on the farms or sold.

We want the ladies to have good luck with their first political efforts, says Houston Post. This is why we advise the ladies' executive committee to be sure and not send an old maid or a married woman without immediate descendants to electioneer with the mother of four singles and two sets of twins.

The anemic-looking fashionable girl who seems about to drop from exhaustion after walking seven steps can dance from 3 p. m. until 5-40 a. m. without more than a minute's intermission and roar because the festivities can't go on for the balance of the week.

When the war-risk insurance rate on American steamers passing through the war zone to British and French ports is reduced from three to two percent it serves as a fair index to the effectiveness of the campaign against the Kaiser's U-boats.

The holshetki have decided to allow the ex-czar's family 300 rubles (about \$150) per month for food. Somebody ought to send Nick one of those American programs on living on 11 cents per day, and doing your own washing.

The central powers will discover that it is a most difficult task to win out with a latching rally when all the best hitters have quit the team and their places have been filled in with recruits from the minors.

One of the difficulties of keeping in touch with current opinion in Japan is that the Japanese papers are so hard to read.

As a household hint we suggest that all good wood savers should consider the merits of open-faced pie.

**Metric Denominations.**

The metric denominations and units for measures of capacity are as follows: Kiloliter or cetera, 1,000 liters, equals one cubic meter; hectoliter, 100 liters, equals one-tenth of a cubic meter; dekaliter, ten liters, equals ten cubic decimeters; liter, equals one cubic decimeter; deciliter, one-tenth of a liter, equals one-tenth of a cubic decimeter; centiliter, one-hundredth of a liter, equals ten cubic centimeters; milliliter, one one-hundredth of a liter, equals one cubic centimeter.

**THE LITTLE WIZARD**  
By MADGE WESTON.

Eleanor leaned back in her chair and considered the problem. Though Eleanor's lips were pressed together firmly, there was about her long-lashed eyes an expression of childlike appeal. Out of all the chaos of change, some sort of home must be saved for Elizabeth, and how to make that home was Eleanor's problem. She had kept the country home as long as their small legacy would allow, and it had been the fact of Elizabeth's helplessness which prevented the elder sister from going to seek work in the city.

Both had always been a frail little creature, with no positive ailment, and no strength of constitution. The lightest household tasks were all that had fallen to her share. Cheerfully willing was the little sister, but pathetically incapable. Eleanor had shouldered naturally the hardest part, the seamy side of living. Its material cares were borne in silence; anxiety also upon any subject was apt to put the child into a depression which was hard to dispel. The old home must be sold for what it would bring, and in the meantime, she, Eleanor, must go to the city to seek a position which later would supply their needs. Elizabeth could visit with one of their old neighbors until Eleanor should send for her. But with sweet obstinacy the little sister objected.

"I will go when you go," she said. Reasoning was useless. "The room which will hold you will hold me also," Elizabeth insisted. So to the dingy room which Eleanor found she brought as many comforts as she conveniently could from the pleasant home which had been theirs. She was promptly successful in finding, through the influence of one of her father's friends, a position which would grow in advantage with her own efficiency.

It was comforting, returning at evening from an indifferent world, to find Elizabeth waiting always in the lighted transformed room of the city boarding house. The old piano, which Eleanor had saved from the selling gave to the little sister many hours of pleasure. It was usually seated before this instrument that Eleanor found her, the little hands touching with loving harmony the yellowed keys.

"What do you do to amuse yourself all day, dear?" Eleanor asked one evening. "These four narrow walls inclose so little."

Beth with one of her gay laughs dropped down resting her head against her sister's knees. "These four walls," she replied, "inclose my whole world—that is yourself, Nell, and my music. For when you are not here I am dreaming of all that you have been to me, and of all that I would wish for you in the future." The girl raised her face slowly. "And when my wishing grows too great for my heart to hold I voice it all in music. Wait—" She ran to the piano and dashed off a brilliant introduction.

"Listen," said Beth. "This is your love song." Eleanor's tired face brightened. "You are a wizard, Beth," she said. "You can drive dull care away." It was the appearance of the man which disturbed Nell's serenity and brought her to her disquieting fears. She had found him in the cozy room upon her return one evening. He was hanging over Elizabeth at her piano with an air of very evident adoration.

Rebellion at his intrusion possessed the elder sister. Who was he to enter into the quiet of her home with his daring admiration? Elizabeth explained the stranger's presence easily. "A neighbor of ours who lives in the big room across the hall, Nell," she introduced. "Mr. Shaw is his name and Mrs. Brandon brought him in to meet me."

"At my request," the man added smilingly, but Nell did not smile. Elizabeth's eyes were sparkling, her cheeks were flushed with some new excitement. Long had she guarded the frail little sister best love finding Elizabeth might pass on to her hurt. True love comes not always; her charge must suffer no grief.

Leonard Shaw's personality was one to inspire confidence, his manner one of frank charm. Nell's heart sank within her as she found him oftener at her sister's side. Sometimes he would walk down the block in order to meet Eleanor and return with her. To the elder sister these evening hours brought a mixture of pain and pleasure. Then at last she faced the truth: Her resentment against Elizabeth's evident approaching happiness was not apprehension for her sister's welfare, rather was it a regretful cry from all her years of sacrifice. Was she growing selfish now? Had she not always chosen for Elizabeth "the better part?"

"Don't," cried Elizabeth. "Leonard Shaw was at the piano tonight," and both bent above her sister, speaking in breathless whispers. "I can keep the secret no longer. Mr. Shaw is the most popular singer. He heard me singing and that is why he asked Mrs. Brandon to bring him in. My songs are popular, too, Nell; do you understand? Mr. Shaw can sell them for lots of money—he knows. So my wish for you is coming true, even the love part." Both turned mischievously toward the unconscious musician. "He adores you, Nell! Oh! You needn't stare. I know. Don't you tell me yourself that I am a wizard!"

**Danger of Overconfidence.**

No human attribute is as dangerous to its possessor and to others as overconfidence. Inefficiency, even, isn't apt to provoke disaster. My patience is small with those who claim that success merely depends on a man's confidence in himself. Self-confidence alone never won any of the battles of life.—Exchange.

**Daily Thought.**

The great man is he who does not see his child's heart.—Mancusa.

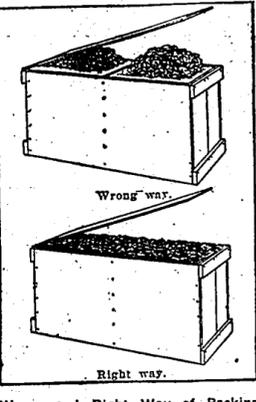
**FARM POULTRY**

**PROPER HANDLING OF EGGS**

Enormous Loss Can Be Prevented by Taking Necessary Precautions in Marketing.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Millions of eggs produced in this country find no one. The natural question is, Why? And the answer is that they are carelessly handled, poorly packed in improperly constructed cases, badly stored in freight cars, or allowed to become warm on their journey from the hen's nest to the home. Prevent this enormous loss of valuable food and loss of profits. Take every possible precaution to keep eggs fresh and wholesome, as they are when



Wrong and Right Way of Packing Eggs.

freshly laid. It's easy to get eggs to market in prime condition. A stale egg pleases no one. Heat is the egg's enemy; cold is its friend. Precooling eggs before shipping them, therefore, saves food material. It checks the development of "blood-eggs," which occur in fertile eggs subjected to incubating temperature (88 degrees or higher). It prevents "addled" eggs, the term applied to eggs when the membrane between the yolk and the white breaks, allowing the two to become mixed. When the eggs are warm this delicate membrane becomes soft, in which condition it is more liable to break by jars which are unavoidable in transportation. Chilling makes the eggs stiff and jellylike, and cold eggs ride best. Precooling retards evaporation, the cause of shrunken eggs. Eggs just laid are full, but 65 per cent of their contents is water. As this water evaporates, the quality of the eggs is reduced. Warm temperatures aid evaporation. Precooling helps to make a uniform product, and this is a day of standardization. A weak spot in the egg trade is the lack of uniformity or standardization for its product. If each case of eggs received at the market was exactly like the last one, the shipper could establish a reputation for uniformity.

Eggs to be shipped should be well packed in clean, standard egg cases. They should be kept under refrigeration and sent to market in properly food refrigerator cars which retain their good quality. Refrigeration during transit maintains quality, weight, fresh appearance and food value. It retards loss of quality, shrinkage, "blood-rings" and loss of food value.

**SCALY LEG CAUSED BY MITE**

Kerosene Oil Can Be Used for Eradication—Cattle or Sheep Dip Also is Favored.

Scaly leg in chickens is caused by a small mite that gets underneath the scale and causes swelling. Kerosene oil can be used to kill this, although it can irritate some. If you have any cattle or sheep dip, put two or three tablespoonsful of this in a shallow, two-quart pan and soak the affected feet and legs in this for a minute once a day for two or three days, says Prof. H. E. Emberton of the department of poultry husbandry at Oklahoma A. and M. college, Stillwater.

**TURKEYS ON AVERAGE FARM**

Abundance of Feed Will Be Picked Up by Fowls During the Summer and Early Fall.

During the summer and early fall turkeys can find an abundance of feed on the average farm. About October 1 it is advisable to begin fattening them for the market, giving only a little feed at first and gradually increasing this until the birds are marketed. The marketing season for turkeys is very short, running only from the middle of November to the latter part of December.

**Most Attractive Coop.**

A coop of fowls of uniform size and color is more attractive and will bring a better price than an uneven lot, and the same can be said of an evenly colored lot of eggs.

**A Boston Child.**

"Our child is backward. Four years old and takes no interest in Shakespeare." "That does not necessarily indicate that the child is backward. He may believe that Bacon wrote the plays."—Kansas City Journal.

**Times of Life's Deep Emotions.**

At certain periods of life we live years of emotion in a few weeks and look back on those times as on great gaps between the old life and the new.—Thackeray.

**PLAUSIBLE PLAN TO PLANT TREES**

Selection of Cheap Stock Is Poor Economy for It Often Results in Failure.

**PLANTS SHOULD BE WATERED**

Cuttings May Be Successfully Used for Willows and Cottonwoods—Bury in Cool, Moist, Well-Drained Sand Until Spring.

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A tree plantation established with poor stock always is handicapped. The purchase of cheap stock, simply because it is cheap, is poor economy, for often it results in failure.

Fortunately, most of the hardwoods may be grown easily from seed, and the possibility of buying stock which is not true to name or of having it injured in transit avoided. If the farm maintains a garden plot, the hardwood seedlings may be grown there and planted out in the field when one year old. The seed of the desired species may be purchased or collected locally, sown in rows, and handled much the same as vegetable seed. The plants should be watered and cultivated, so that they will become as large as possible during the season. After the first of September water should be applied only to keep the ground from drying out completely. This is necessary in order to harden the tender wood to withstand frost.

Cuttings may be used successfully for growing the planting stock for such trees as willows and cottonwoods. These cuttings, which are best made in the fall or early winter after the leaves have fallen, should be about ten inches in length and taken from one-year-old or two-year-old twigs of vigorous, healthy trees. Cuttings should be made always with slanting strokes of a very sharp knife, so as to avoid bruising the bark. If trees free from seed, or "bloom," as it is sometimes called, are desired, cuttings should be taken from trees which observation has shown do not produce seed. As soon as the cuttings are made they should be tied in bundles of about 50 and buried in cool, moist, well-drained sand until spring. As soon as possible in the spring, and always before the soil dries out, the cuttings should be set out, with the buds pointing upward, leaving two or three inches above ground. The soil should be pressed firmly about the stems, and if it is not soft it is better to make holes for the cuttings with a round bar or dibble.

**Growing From Nuts.**

Trees grown from large nuts, such as walnut and oak, are best propagated by planting the nut where the



Well-Planted and Cared for Windbreak.

mature tree is desired. Unless this is done, the long, heavy taproot, even at the end of the first year, makes transplanting difficult and the loss heavy. Black walnut is best planted in the fall.

Confiners are much more difficult to raise than hardwoods, and unless a large project is undertaken it is inadvisable to attempt to raise them. Thrifty stock may be purchased from reliable nurseries and in some cases at cost from nurseries maintained by the state. Stock grown as near as possible to the region of planting is always preferable.

If hardwoods are used, one-year seedlings give best results under normal conditions. Large stock should be avoided. It is more expensive and requires more time and attention to grow. If confiners are used, nothing smaller than three-year-old transplants should be tried. Transplants are preferable to seedlings because of the larger mass of fibrous roots.

Methods of Planting. Planting methods are dependent largely upon the size of the stock and the condition of the site. When stock is received for planting, the first precaution is to see that it has not dried out. The roots never should be exposed to the sun or drying air. The roots of stock that is packed in crates should be moistened thoroughly before the trees are removed. If the trees are extra-large confiners and the roots of each tree are protected with earth bound with a cloth covering, the whole should be planted without removing the wrapper. In any case, all small stock, if it cannot be planted at once, should be heeled in a cool, moist situation. The tops should not be covered.

All grassy, weedy or heavy land should, if it is practicable, be plowed and harrowed at least 12 months before the trees are planted. Fall plowing is preferable. If manure is to be used, it should be applied at the time of plowing. The time of planting, there is danger of "burning" them. Although plowing is not absolutely necessary, it is productive of good results, and the benefits are several times as great as those secured by caring for the ground after the stock is set out. It is still better to use ground which has been under cultivation for two or three years. Young plants need just as much care as a garden, and their growth will be proportionate to the amount of care they receive.

Planting may be done in either of two ways: by the slit method or by the individual-hole method. Either of these methods may be worked out in a shallow furrow. It is very desirable on sod ground to plow a furrow if complete cultivation of the planting area cannot be carried out. This will remove the grass cover and will make the work much cheaper. All sod or grass cover should be removed from a space at least 15 inches square before a tree is planted, provided it is not set in a furrow.

**Silt Method.** The slit method is the cheapest and in light, sandy soils the best. A spade is used to open a wedge-shaped hole in the ground by moving it forward and backward. Into this opening the tree roots are suspended full length, and the earth is pressed firmly around them by a thrust of the foot which closes the hole.

**Deep-Hole Method.** A hole is dug wide enough and deep enough to accommodate the tree roots without crowding. Care should be exercised in putting the soil back on the roots to see that no large rocks or sods are allowed to fall in, because of the possibility of leaving air spaces, which will cause the plant roots to dry out. Holes never should be dug a long time in advance of planting, unless it is in the fall, on account of the danger of drying out. If there is a hardpan or stratum of soil impervious to water at the bottom, this should be broken up thoroughly with tools or a light charge of dynamite. Unless this is done the tree will not thrive.

**Farmhouses Modernized.** As farmhouses become adapted to the taste of the women who are, in so many cases, taking over their management, it is found that many of the old institutions of the farmhouse—the parlor, the many small rooms, the dark halls—are disappearing. Partitions are torn out to make spacious living rooms; porches are added, and everything is arranged for the utmost convenience of the housekeeper who is also tender of the fields.—Exchange.

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**Overcoming Obstacles.** Sir George Reid's golden rule for the attainment of old age: "I have aimed at health and happiness, and when confronted by a formidable obstacle I have first tried to knock it over; falling this, to get around it; if not, then under it; and if all these maneuvers failed I have been content to lie down in its grateful shade, lauding it as a beautiful blessing in disguise."

**Paymaster for the Party.** As an inducement to Cecil, aged four, to attend Sunday school for the first time, she was allowed to carry the

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for Winter, Is Advice of  
an Authority.

**SOME STYLES THAT REMAIN**

Tendency is Noticed to Eliminate Ex-  
cess of Trimming Which Was More  
Popular at the Beginning  
of the Season.

New York—Wherever merchants  
are foregathered, writes a fashion cor-  
respondent, there is talk, interesting  
talk, concerning the prices that women  
pay for clothes this season.  
One expected the level of prices to  
be higher, because food, fuel, light and  
rent have increased beyond the knowl-  
edge of man; and there have been  
flagrant cases of injustice to the pub-  
lic in the amount of money demanded  
by some dressmakers for building  
clothes, but there are cases that must  
be settled with the individual, not the  
fashion.



The feature of this black velvet  
frock is the panels back and front,  
which are of black and gold gize and  
fall below the skirt. The bodice is  
plain and finished at the neck  
with fur.

mass; the outstanding fact that interests  
the sellers of clothes, is that women  
deliberately ask more often for a  
high-priced gown than ever before and  
pay the price with seeming willingness.  
Why? The act is not explained by the  
word "extravagance." It is level-headed  
conservation.  
It does not take a woman with ex-  
traordinary shrewdness to know that  
cheap materials are not lasting. No-  
body ever bought them with the belief  
that they would carry one with satis-  
faction throughout the season. They  
were bought by women who preferred  
to spread a small income over many  
cheap costumes; women—and America  
is filled with them—who like to vary  
their costume every day or every two  
months rather than be compelled to  
wear the same thing throughout the  
weeks of a settled season. It is their  
form of getting stimulation.

**Wisdom in Buying Gowns.**  
It is, no doubt, an actual hardship  
for a large mass of American women  
to deny themselves the pleasure of a  
constant procession of clothes at small  
prices, but they must economize in this,  
as in food. A cooking expert has  
said that there are no such garbage  
palls in the world as here; that the  
kings of Europe did not have such gar-  
bage as the factory woman in the ten-  
ement districts of this country discards.  
This, it is true, has stopped; and even  
when garbage is plentiful, showing a  
spirit that is not unpatriotic but ig-  
norant of thrift, then the government  
steps in and gets all sorts of things  
useful to the war out of the pall that  
once was nosed by the dogs and  
dumped into outer darkness.

**Why Women Buy With Care.**

So even though the American woman  
may not wish to wear one good cos-  
tume throughout the season, her pa-  
triotism commands her to do it. This  
is the kernel of the entire situation.  
She buys in order that her clothes may  
last. She does not wish to take the  
time to constantly mend cheap clothes  
and renew them at odd moments. She  
has gone back to the ways of her  
great-grandmother, who chose mater-  
ial carefully and in many lights, paid  
a good price for it, and expected it  
to live up to its reputation.  
A woman who goes into a shop this  
season to buy an every-day gown, pays  
\$30 where she once paid \$18 for it.  
This is as near the average figure as  
the shops can get. She asks if the  
material will wear, if it will hold its  
dye, if the seams and stitching are  
good, and when she finds that they  
are just what they once were, but that  
they are not up to her modern stand-  
ard of purchasing, she adds \$10 or \$15  
to the price and buys another gown  
that suits her judgment.  
No one is happier over the state of  
affairs than the shopkeepers. They

**The True Artist.**

The artist is always a child in fresh-  
ness of feeling; in unworried delight  
in the things which do not add to one's  
estate, but which make for inward  
joy and peace, and that easy posses-  
sion of the world which brings the  
sense of freedom, the right to be hap-  
py, and the faith that life is greater  
than its works, and a man more im-  
portant than his toil. A race, like an  
individual, must get this consciousness  
of possession before the work of the  
day becomes imperative and absorbing.  
—Hamilton W. Mabie.

**LITTLETON**

News Items.  
Mrs. Mattie K. Priest has received  
official notice from Washington that  
her son, Lieut. Karlton K. Priest, has  
been killed in action in France. She  
is hoping and her Littleton friends  
also, that there may be a mistake, and  
she bases her belief in the receipt of  
letters from her son written since the  
date of his reported death. He has  
seen much service and proved himself  
a valiant soldier.

The Alliance meets next Friday af-  
ternoon at the home of Mrs. P. L.  
Brown, Foster street. This is the first  
regular meeting of the year—those  
planned for October and November be-  
ing given up on account of the epid-  
emic. The speaker will be Rev. O. J.  
Fairfield, who will read some of the  
more noted war poems brought out  
by the great conflict. All women in  
the parish are especially invited.

The lyceum program next Tuesday  
evening will be the excellent motion  
picture film, "The Man Without a  
Country." This film has been the  
most in demand during the past year  
and we are fortunate to secure it.  
Apart from its stirring patriotic spirit  
the picture offers seven reels of en-  
grossing entertainment. This is the  
first time the lyceum has offered a  
movie program, though it has been  
often requested to do so.

Thanksgiving vacations in the col-  
leges were short this year on account  
of beginning late and S. A. T. C. work.  
At the Unitarian paragonage two of  
the young people were home for the day  
only, as the School of the Liberal Arts  
of Boston University, and Faith, from  
the medical school, John, from  
Rensselaer Polytechnic, could not  
return home, and Priscilla, from Lick  
observatory in California, could send  
only greetings.

Obituary.  
It becomes our sad duty to publish  
the loss of another promising young  
woman from our community, Mrs. G.  
E. Hibbard, who was stricken with  
influenza, followed by pneumonia,  
which proved fatal, Sunday evening,  
November 24, in less than a week  
from the time she was taken ill. Mrs.  
Hibbard received the best of care and  
everything possible was done to save  
her, but she died in her 32nd year,  
but rich in good works.

Private services were held from the  
home at two o'clock Tuesday after-  
noon, followed by a public committal  
service at Westlawn cemetery, her pas-  
tor, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, officiating  
most sympathetically, and "voicing  
the sincerest feelings of her bereaved  
friends. The floral tributes were many  
and very beautiful.

Mary Bonner Ireland, the second of  
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ireland's four  
children, was born in Littleton on July  
20, 1886. From the local schools she  
received her education and grad-  
uated from the high school very ef-  
ficiently served a term of a few years  
as postoffice clerk at Littleton depot,  
where she won distinct popularity  
through her ability, and always happy,  
accommodating manner. It was with  
the deepest regret that her resignation  
was accepted when she was called  
upon to become the wife of George  
Frank Hibbard, nearly nine  
years ago. With the same interest,  
enthusiasm, faithfulness and whole-  
heartedness that had previously char-  
acterized her, Mrs. Hibbard entered  
upon her career with her new  
duties.

Two children were born to Mr. and  
Mrs. Hibbard—Barbara, now eight  
years of age, and Harry Edward, little  
more than twenty months old. Be-  
sides these the husband, her mother,  
her grandmother, two brothers, Harry  
Ireland, of Chicago, and William I.  
Ireland, and a sister, Mrs. Guy W. Green,  
of Littleton, mourn the untimely death  
of this beloved wife, mother and  
daughter.

Mrs. Hibbard was pre-eminently a  
home-maker. Cheerfully and faith-  
fully she met the responsibilities of  
the household. Her interest in  
arts, however, were not bounded by the  
walls of her home. She identified her-  
self actively with the church, the Sun-  
day school, the Alliance, the Back-  
Log club, the King's Daughters and  
the Woman's club. She was called upon  
frequently to help in one way or  
another, and was always ready, will-  
ing, competent and obliging. More  
than this she was so good-natured that  
it seemed as though she were confer-  
ring rather than conferring a favor.  
Freely, cheerfully, she gave out of the  
generosity of her large heart to what-  
ever cause needed assistance. The  
problems of life were met courageously  
and her duties were discharged  
heroically. Resourceful and generous-  
ly endowed with initiative and perse-  
verance she mastered the situation in  
which she was placed and gave re-  
sulting illustration of her last words,  
namely, "I am being my best."



Sapphire blue velvet coat with stole  
and deep cuffs of beaver.

not come until next winter. New  
things have a way of holding back and  
consolidating for a swift offensive the  
second year.  
This condition, therefore, leaves  
women with smaller choice of mater-  
ials for their winter wardrobe and  
more puzzlement as to silhouette. The  
autumn is done. Our last spring clothes  
have served their second term. A sea-  
son faces us in which we must be true  
to one set of costumes for six months.  
Don't buy cheaply, nor carelessly.  
Spend your money as if it belonged to  
the government.

**Wine at a Lauching.**

When a war galley was launched by  
the Vikings men were bound to the  
rollers so that the keel was sprinkled  
with their blood. The practice of break-  
ing a bottle of wine over a ship's stem  
at the launch is regarded as a sur-  
vival of this savage Scandinavian prac-  
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was called, just as the custom of lead-  
ing an officer's charger before the cof-  
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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs.  
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Miss Bessie DeLuman is ill at her  
home under the care of Dr. Kilburn.  
Miss Alma H. W. who has been ill  
with a severe cold, is better.

Lewis W. Johnson is kept to his  
home with a cold.  
Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Goodheart left  
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"One moment, please a captain en-  
ter and I must take care of him.  
He had a toothache and I gave him  
something that will stop the pain. It  
is not in working order. As my  
candle has melted I must close."

Clarence Clark, of Springfield, ar-  
rived Sunday at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. N. R. Graves for a short visit.  
Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Miss Hazel  
Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams,  
Mrs. N. R. Graves and William Jubb  
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Worcester Woman's Grange in Ayer on  
last week Thursday.

Mrs. Berg and Carleton Deane,  
who have been staying at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow, returned last  
Sunday to their home in Mattapan for  
the winter.  
The rifle range at Woburnville was in  
use again on Monday and the guards  
were back on the state road. It is  
understood, however, that this was a  
special occasion and that the range is  
not to be used every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ruth  
Graves of Littleton, were guests on  
Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
N. R. Graves.  
Elizabeth Snow and her niece,  
Miss Briggs, were guests on Sunday at  
the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
G. L. Snow.  
Private John E. Chick, of Camp  
Devens, was a visitor in town last Sat-  
urday. He is a son of Charles Chick,  
who over twenty years ago lived for a  
time in Shirley. He is now in the  
army, and is being discharged by Mrs.  
M. W. Carey. The family moved from  
Shirley to Mattapan, and are now lo-  
cated in Mattapan.

Arthur J. Cummings leaves this  
week for a visit to his home in  
Maine.  
The King's Daughters of Monday  
evening at Mrs. G. L. Snow's.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Clark and  
baby spent the week-end in Boston  
on the work.

The next meeting of the Grange oc-  
curs on Tuesday, December 2.  
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**BOXBOROUGH**

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Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb visited rela-  
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Howard Porter is working in Man-  
chester, making his home with  
his sister's family in that place.  
Leon Wetherbee took Randall Liv-  
ermore's furniture to Quincy last  
Sunday on his truck, and the family  
left for their new home Monday.

Misses Nellie and Mabel Philbrick  
were at home for the holiday.  
Miss Mary Hager went to Clinton  
to spend Thanksgiving with her  
brother's family.  
At the meeting of the Grange on  
last week Friday evening the follow-  
ing officers were chosen for the ensu-  
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J. Rogene Priest, m. Miss Maria  
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Mrs. George Burroughs, pianist.

Letter from France.  
The following letter, recently re-  
ceived by Rev. G. B. Mission, from  
one of our boys, will be read with in-  
terest.  
"I thought I would write a few lines  
to let you know that I am still in the  
land of the living and feeling fine. I  
hope you are well too. This country  
is quite a bit different than I thought  
it was and I certainly am glad that  
I was brought up in America, and also  
as when I left home I had a mother like the one I  
have, who taught me the difference  
between right and wrong.  
My relations with God and the  
church have surely helped me to re-  
sist all sorts of temptations and trust-  
ing in Him. I hope to return to B. H.  
borough in the same old and happy  
as when I left home. I am now in  
We are in a large American camp  
at the present time, training for action  
of course. We are not near enough  
to the front to hear the noise of the  
battle, but when our guns we will  
be ready to do a good deal of work.  
With Mr. Snow's help I am in the  
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I had the forceps well up under the  
gums, but I got it out for which he  
said, "Done the way!"  
"One moment, please a captain en-  
ter and I must take care of him.  
He had a toothache and I gave him  
something that will stop the pain. It  
is not in working order. As my  
candle has melted I must close."

Clarence Clark, of Springfield, ar-  
rived Sunday at the home of Mr. and  
Mrs. N. R. Graves for a short visit.  
Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Miss Hazel  
Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams,  
Mrs. N. R. Graves and William Jubb  
attended the meeting of the Middlesex  
Worcester Woman's Grange in Ayer on  
last week Thursday.

Mrs. Berg and Carleton Deane,  
who have been staying at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow, returned last  
Sunday to their home in Mattapan for  
the winter.  
The rifle range at Woburnville was in  
use again on Monday and the guards  
were back on the state road. It is  
understood, however, that this was a  
special occasion and that the range is  
not to be used every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Ruth  
Graves of Littleton, were guests on  
Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
N. R. Graves.  
Elizabeth Snow and her niece,  
Miss Briggs, were guests on Sunday at  
the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
G. L. Snow.  
Private John E. Chick, of Camp  
Devens, was a visitor in town last Sat-  
urday. He is a son of Charles Chick,  
who over twenty years ago lived for a  
time in Shirley. He is now in the  
army, and is being discharged by Mrs.  
M. W. Carey. The family moved from  
Shirley to Mattapan, and are now lo-  
cated in Mattapan.

Arthur J. Cummings leaves this  
week for a visit to his home in  
Maine.  
The King's Daughters of Monday  
evening at Mrs. G. L. Snow's.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Clark and  
baby spent the week-end in Boston  
on the work.

The next meeting of the Grange oc-  
curs on Tuesday, December 2.  
This is the first meeting of the Grange  
since the first meeting of the Grange  
has been held since the first meeting  
of the Grange. The remaining  
four meetings of the Grange will be  
held on the following dates:  
Mrs. W. A. Johnson, who has been  
ill for some time, is reported to  
be better.

Miss L. W. Johnson has a gov-  
ernment position at Littleton, N. H.,  
and is expected to return for a visit  
to Shirley on Friday or Saturday.  
The regular services were held at  
the Baptist church on Sunday  
morning, Nov. 24. S. F. Goodheart, pas-  
tor of the congregational church, deliv-  
ered the address. Rev. Arthur  
Henderson, pastor of the Baptist  
church, assisted in the service. A me-  
morial service was rendered  
appropriate tributes. Mrs. Arthur  
Henderson, wife of the pastor of the  
church, sang a solo.

Jacob Bonthal has rented the  
house on M. Street recently vacated  
by the Freds. Brown and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family,  
of Hough's Neck, spent Thanksgiving  
with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Gozette.  
Private Thomas E. and Mrs. Dar-  
mody spent several days at their home  
in Troy, N. Y. this week.  
A telephone has been installed in the  
Congregational church paragonage—70.  
The Ladies' circle of the Congrega-  
tional church will meet next Wednes-  
day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the  
home of Mrs. May Coddington. At  
this meeting the annual collection for  
home missions will be received. Mem-

bers will please note the change of  
the hour of meeting.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, Master  
Milton Johnson and Miss Gertrude  
Johnson of Boston, are spending a  
week at the home of Mr. and Mrs.  
Walter Knowles.  
Miss Martin Ellison spent the holi-  
days with her parents at their home  
about town.  
Austin M. Fish spent Saturday and  
Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Lavonne  
Edgarton.  
Mrs. Collingwood, 87, of Holyoke,  
spent a few days visiting her son,  
Lieut. Frank Collingwood, and his  
wife, in their new home on Harvard  
road.  
Shirley residents were treated to a  
view of mimic battles by the 36th,  
42d, 75d, and 74th Infantry, which  
compose the 12th Division.  
The D. A. R. met at the home of  
Mrs. Holbrook on Tuesday evening.  
The Shirley troop of Girl Scouts is  
without a captain, due to the resig-  
nation of Miss Price, local director, who  
has been the acting captain of the  
troop. The scouts, however, are pos-  
sessed of initiative and are preserv-  
ing the life of their organization by the  
election of one of their own members  
as captain pro tem. Ruth Hooper has  
thus been honored. The following of-  
ficers have been elected for the com-  
ing year: Marion Jobb, president; Alice  
Cole, sec.; Doris Knowles, treas. Leah  
Wheeler is the senior patrol leader,  
having the assistance of Ruth Coddington  
as corporal. Virginia Wheeler is the  
junior patrol leader, with Sadie  
Cutter as the sergeant. Mrs. Knowles  
has kindly offered her home as meet-  
ing place for the scouts and they meet  
there regularly, Friday evenings

