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# Items of Interest.

-X-mas at Burns'.

-Diamonds, at Stegmiller's.

-Christmas cards at Preston's.

-New Shawls at Greenhoot's.

-That Prize watch at Gagnon's.

-Pickles of all kinds, at Purdy's.

-Nick's New Place opens to-day,

-Toys, by the dray-load, at Burns'. -Low prices the rule at Greenhoot's.

-Dolls, to drive one crazy, at Mead's.

-Lunch, as usual, at the Club, to-night.

-Albums, photo and auto, at Godley's.

-Poultry, Oysters and celery at Purdy's. -At Hanley's, at nine this evening, Lunch.

-The brightest place in town is Hanley's.

-Firemen's Masquerade on New Year's eve. -A few cheap Revolvers still on hand at

Mead's. -Christmas goods, cheap, at Peterson &

-Prince for an hour, at Music hall on New

-To one and all; "A Merry Christmas,"

says Godley. -Hutchinson & Goodell; left hand, upper

corner, 8th page. -Note the array of Holiday Books on

-See what Derouin & Lonsdorf have to

say on the fourth page.

-Mufflers for gentlemen and scarfs for ladies, at Greenhoot's.

-Odor cases and choice perfumes in cutglass bottles, at Godley's

-Marple is making hosts of friends, both for himself and Hanley's

-Eye-glasses and spectacles in gold, steel or shell bows, at Gagnon's.

-More X-mas goods, Toys, etc., just received at Burns' double stores.

-"Tom and Jerry" concocted as only Tommy Curry can do it, at the Club.

-Stoves, at less than cost for the next thirty days by Conolly & Moran. -Now, or never, for Overcoats.

hoot is all but giving them away. -All sorts of "Santa Claus" and "Kriss

-Four sleighs, belonging to B. W. Brown,

Kringle" merchandize at J. N. Mead's.

are for sale and can be seen at Oliver's. -Razors and pocket cutlery, very cheap

during the Holiday season, at Godley's. -Solitaire Diamonds, Cluster Diamonds,

and Diamond sets, very low, at Gagnon's,

Fruits, Fresh, Dried and Canned-Domestic and Foreign, by Atkins & McNaughtan.

-Pop corn and Hickory-nuts, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, etc., can be had of Purdy.

-Stegmiller's splendid silverware is going. Call before Christmas if you want a bargain.

-Ladies Neck Chains and Gentlemen's

vest and fob chains of solid gold at Gagnon's. -Toys, Dolls, and various other devices to

make Christmas joyous to the little folks, at -Go to D. A. Oliver for a cheap sleigh. He has the selling of those belonging to B.

-No end of healthy, hearty fun, for only a dollar, at the Firemen's masquerade on New

-Bear it always in mind that Gagnon will not be undersold, no matter by whom or what

-"Yes, madam; one of those satin lined Dressing cases would certainly please him,"

-Purchasers, or those who intend to pur-

chase furniture can save money by calling on D. A. Oliver.

-Seal plush cloaks, almost indistinguishable from Arctic seal, but costing only a tenth as much, at Burns'.

-Candies, Nuts, Dates, Figs, Raisins, etc., with all table delicacies, at the lowest prices by Purdy, the grocer. -"Hot Scotch" (or, if a warm, non-intox-

icating drink is wanted, "Bouillon") at the Club, day and evening. -Down go the shoes, too (as well as every

thing else). Greenhoot's stock comprises every article in the line.

-Look in at Mead's and do not fail to note those beautiful "Bird Pictures." No prettier wall ornament was ever made.

-That silverware "must go." That is the reason why L. Stegmiller has placed it on the market at such remarkably low prices.

-And as to silverware, Gagnon's stock is the most extensive and the prices the lowest that can be found outside the great cities. -Wixson the Photographer has the finest lot of holiday goods ever brought to Escanaba.

-Lunch, this evening, and opening of the new house in the place lately occupied by Mc-Gillis. No pains will be spared to please the public. The Wines and Liquors are the best that can be procured, the beer Budweiser and Best, and the cigars from my own factory.
NICK BARTH.

Call and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

### Sand.

No news of the jail-breakers.

THE swamps must be hard enough by this time, so come on with the snow.

OSLEEPING car tickets can now be purchased at the ticket office at the passenger station of the C. & N. W. and berths secured before the arrival of the train.

IF WE may be allowed the liberty, we would suggest that the city council adopt some rules of order and that the presiding officer enforce them.

THE Northwestern will, probably, extend the Feleh Mountain branch to O'Callaghan's mill, some twelve hundred feet or so, as soon as the weather permits.

It is charged that the slaughter of deer goes on in the woods though the season is long since past. A conviction or two under the game law would be a good thing.

Don't spend all your cash on Christmas, boys, but save a dollar to buy a ticket to the firemen's masquerade on New Year's. It will be gay, and the boys deserves a benefit.

MR. STEGMILLER and his associates who have been for some months past exploring for iron south of the Calumet mine (Felch Mountain district), have suspended operations for

THE "Acme Ledger and Bill-holder," a very convenient affair for keeping small accounts, can be procured at the office of the PORT. It can be seen at the office of Con-

THE Booth fleet of tugs will go into winter quarters as soon as they can get their nets out of the water-may have done so by the time this is printed, having commenced the work on Tuesday.

NEXT Tuesday-but every child knows it, every parent of a child knows it, every good christian knows it; and we have only to wish to every reader of the PORT "a merry Christmas," which we do, heartily.

THE city closed its deal in horse-flesh on Wednesday by the sale of its gray team and outfit to Jo. Beattie for \$475, a loss of \$225. It does not appear that the city is a success as owner or dealer in fine stock.

ceedings the council "shut down" for the win ter, ordered the team sold and expenses cut down. Motion to buy 1,000 feet of hose was negatived by vote of four to two. THE railway company has established an office for the sale of tickets in the lower yard,

As WILL be seen by the report of its pro-

tickets will be sold for all trains starting from that point, the branch accommodations, etc. THE trade is off. Kelly did not conclude to take the Nolan property on the corner of Ludington and Campbell streets, and Nolan will put up a business building thereon him-

self next spring. Such, at least, is his pres-

just in the rear of the general offices, at which

ent intention as given us by himself. THE boys who have been smashing windows on the Tilden house property had better go a trifle slow. Hereafter a strict watch will be put upon their movements and the first one caught at any such work will be sent "over the road" so quick his mother won't miss him.

WE hope there will be no vacant chair a the next regular meeting of the city council. Important business is to be transacted; important not only in itself but as a point of de parture, as pledging the city to a course of action in the future, and the good sense of every member should be brought to bear upon it before definite action is taken. Let there

SENATOR SAWYER has introduced a bill (said to have been drawn up by J. H. Mc-Gowan, late member of congress) to settle the O. & B. R. land-grant business. The bill gives to the company the residue of the lands after confirming all titles derived from the U. S. through the Marquette land office and completing incomplete titles. The bill is generous to the company, which deserves nothing, and is merely just to the other parties in in-

THE coal trade at this port for the season just closed foots up 64,158 tons, of which 34, 974 tons is reported as "local" (embracing the C. & N. W. company's supply) and 29,-184 tons as "through," having been distributed to various points, from Ishpeming to Iron Mountain, by rail. It is not much of a business as compared with ore shipments, but it is a beginning, and will grow. It we had a something worth making a note of.

WHAT is to be done with the little fire steamer now that we have the big one? The two, in one house and with only equipment and working force for one, are no better than one. What do our masters, the members of the council, propose concerning it?-IRON PORT, Dec.8,

Sell the whole thing, and put in water rorks, would be the advice of the Mining Journal,-Mining Journal, Dec. 15.

It can not be charged that the Mining Jour nal "wants to make something out of" a system of water works for Escanaba, and it is

"SIXTEEN below" is pretty snug weather. Those who were out early on Wednesday morning will agree with us, we think.

A RUMOR prevailed, on Tuesday, that John Horswood, a farmer from the east side of the bay, had been drowned in attempting to cross to this side, but we could trace it to no authentic source, and disbelieve it.

MAJOR CLARKE, of the Pioneer, at Manistique, is worth a dozen dead men yet. The report of his demise which we gave last week (and which came to us pretty straight) was premature-by twenty years we hope. He was sick, though; so sick that the Pioneer was only a half-sheet.

COMMUNICATIONS concerning pensions and arrears of bounties get prompt attention at Washington now-a-days. At the request of a veteran we wrote, concerning his claim for arrears of bounty, one day last week and received reply, with directions how to proceed, within a week thereafter.

THE Commercial house, at Ishpeming, burned down on Tuesday morning last. The fire had made such headway before being discovered that the guests had barely time to dress and get out, some of them and some of the employes having not even time for that. The fire broke out at 2 a. m.

C. F. SMITH post, G. A. R., met pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday evening and after transacting such business as was presented adjourned to Friday evening, Dec. 28. Comrades are requested to be at some pains to be present at that meeting, as business of importance to the post must then be transacted.

A FEW vessels have been kept in commission during this month of which two, the Hurlbert and North Cape, have gone down with all on board since our last. The Hurlbert foundered in lake Superior and twenty lives were lost; the North Cape went down in lake Michigan carrying down her crew of

BORN, in this city, on Monday, Dec. 17, to Ed. Erickson and wife a son. Mother and child doing finely, and Ed. "as well as could be expected," but perplexed about partnership agreements and the style of the new firm; for of course the young man will go into business. Ed. says he's a mason-proves himself by his work.

THE "carnival" at the rink on Wednesday evening filled the hall, and the affair passed of them, elegant; those worn by Mrs. Morrell and Misses McNeil, Killian and McHale being noted for excellence. James Morrell's costume, a military suit, was declared the best of those worn by gentlemen.

THE custom of New Year's calls does not obtain to any great extent among Escanabans, but if any ladies intend to receive on that day we shall be glad to announce the fact, and if any of the gentlemen intend to call we shall he pleased to supply them with cards. The announcements we will make gratis-the boys will have to pay for their cards, but the price

MARRIED, at the house on Wells a enue in this city which the ceremony made their home, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, by the Rev. E. W. Garner, J. Fontanna and Annie Lutz, both of this city. Starting in their married life with a home ready equipped, with the good wishes of many friends and the blessing of the IRON PORT, a prosperous and happy life ought to be theirs.

ALDERMAN EPHRAIM, on Tuesday evening, declared the question of water-works for the city "dead, long ago," and not a subject for debate in the council. Possibly the alderman is right, but the PORT will continue to mention "the departed," from time to time, and it is just possible that public opinion will compel the council to take action in the matter so far as to refer the whole question to its mas-

DEPUTY MARSHAL DOLF arrested a woman on the train, on Sunday last and returned with her to Marquette. She was the wife of a subcontractor on the Marquette & Western railroad, and, with her husband and son, was on the wing for Canada, leaving sundry creditors in the lurch. The charge was "obtaining goods under false pretences" and the woman was arrested instead of the man because she had transacted the business.

ALDERMAN DANIELS, of the second ward, when the subject of a water-supply was mentioned in council, took occasion to say the \$100,000 was to be spent in water-works and property taxed to raise that amount he wanted to sell what he owned and get out of road through to St. Paul it might amount to the city. This is about the line of argument generally used by the opponents of the plan; they set up a scarecrow and throw stones at it. No one has ever proposed to spend more than half of that amount, and if the "Wykoff" pipe was used-the same that has been adopted by Ishpeming and Negaunee-one third of that sum is all that would be needed. Even this sum is not required to be raised by taxation. All that the city need to do is to authorise the issue of bonds and set apart \$2,500 from the liquor tax to meet the first year's interest, After that the works themselves would provide for the interest and principal. At Negaunee good sense, at all times, "to see ourselves as the works were on a paying basis within six weeks after they were complete.

MARPLE has put up a stove in the billard and pool room at Hanley's so that one can play a game without danger of frost bite.

F. J. DRAPER has, we are informed, sold his stock and good will, and will remove, soon after the new year, to a wider field.

OUR west-end friends expect the postoffice to go their way, soon. The new building on Frank Dunn's property is talked of as the new

A. R. JONES, a private banker at DePere, suspended payment on Monday. Liabilities \$60,000; assets none. Money sunk in speculation in grain.

NICK BARTH opens his new place on the corner of Ludington and Campbell streets this day. A bountiful lunch will be spread and Nick invites his friends to call, and inspect the place and sample his goods.

THE Lady Washington has not been here for more than a week, and (though the bays are not yet closed by ice) the probbaility is that she has gone into winter quarters. So far we wrote on Monday. Now, on Thursday, the bay is closed by ice.

THE Jackson Iron company's furnace at Fayette, running one stack only, made 52 tons of iron on Wednesday last. The stack is fifty-two feet high, with a bosh 10 feet 6, and men who are supposed to know something about it call it good work.

THE cedar men, as we are informed by one of the liveliest of them, intend to take out less than last winter. Our informant proposes to do only half as much, believing that the season's profit will be equally large. "Cedar is low," said he, "and we made it so ourselves, by glutting the market."

We've half a mind not to mention Jim Conolly's marriage, but perhaps that would suit him too well, so we will. He was married on or about Nov. 15, at Wallingford, Vt., to Miss Mary Butler, and Mr. and Mrs. Conolly arrived at home, at Escanaba, on Dec. 7. Now if Pat would marry the quartette would be provided for, but we're afraid Pat is casehardened. Even if he does go to glory a bachelor the family won't die out.

THE LADIES of St. Stephen's church were greeted, on Friday evening of last week by a full house, which, from the overture to the final fall of the curtain, was well entertained and well satisfied. The tableaux, especially "The Rock of Ages" and "The Gypsy," were beautiful; the solos, by Madames Gelzer and McNaughtan, were well rendered and favorably received, and the pantomime, "The Mistletoe Bough," with which the entertainment closed, went off without a hitch. The Glee club and the Firemen's band contributed to the evening's amusement and Mr. Sanberg

INASMUCH, perhaps, as he was lonely, Jac. Dolf having carried his wife to Marquette on Monday, Peter Billey, the husband, left here, proceeded on Tuesday to get drunk, and being drunk was disorderly, two facts which drew the attention of officer McDonald. Upon ard. being approached by the officer Peter unlimbered his artillery, but did not open fire-on the contrary he accepted the escort of the officer to jail and in the morning appeared before Justice Wright, who assessed him \$25 and costs and confiscated his gun. All things considered, Peter might almost as well have tarried in Marquette county and paid his

THE Detroit Free Press, as usual, lends its support to the outrageous O. & B. R. landsteal. Just now its Washington correspond ent, "Yusef," is doing the dirty work. His dispatches, day by day, assure the readers of the F. P. that this particular steal is not threatende by Holman or Payson or any other of a dozen members of congress who are attacking the land thieves; that the bulk of the lands it claims have been certified to it by the general land office, and more to the same effect, all which is lying, and lying which our high estimate of the business qualifications of the Washington scribe forbids us to believe gratu-

THE Escanaba IRON PORT is of the opinon that Juice F. Grape's interpretation of 'Agogeebic," as given in a communication to the Herald and the L'Anse Sentinel two weeks ago, is correct.-Ontonagon Herald.

Oh, no, Charlie. Chippewa is not one of our accomplishments, and the PORT has no opinion in the matter. We gave the interpretation, and did the same by that given in the Mining Journal, the "little fish" reading. As there are plenty of Chippewas living and speaking the tongue it would seem that the true meaning could be ascertained. If referred to we have no doubt that Father Majerus, lately parish priest of St. Joseph's parish, Escanaba, could resolve the doubts concerning "Agogebic." He settled "Manistique" satis

Our contemporaries say nothing definite concerning the proposed celebration of the birthday of Franklin. Several commented, ome favorably, some unfovorably, and some ocosely upon the suggestion of the Menomnee Herald that Escanaba be the place for the gathering, and there the matter seems to have been dropped. We should much enjoy a meeting of the craft, of the u. p., whether held here or elsewhere—shall we have one? If a sufficient number of our brethren will signify their assent to Fifield's suggestion and their intention to be present, the IRON PORT will attend to the preliminaries; if another point be preferred the Poar will be representwas authorized to make preparations.

THE Hahn attempted to cut her way out of the bay on Thursday, but failed and went into winter quarters.

THIS sort of weather will put the fishing boats into winter quarters pretty 2000. Ice makes fast, both day and night.

WELLSTEAD has got into his new house, at Brampton (Day's River station) and can now take care of travelers in good style.

MARRIED, in this city, on Thursday, Dec. 20, by Rev. H. W. Thompson, pastor of the M. E. church, Byron H. Pierce and Lilian M. Ruggles, both of Escanaba.

THE bay was crossed by persons on foot on Wednesday. Chas. P. Smith came over safely, but a couple of choppers whose names we did not learn were not so successful. One of them got wet feet and arrived here with them quite badly frost-bitten. CAPT. BERRINGER'S boarding house and supply store, at McFarland's Hill, was burned

on Wednesday morning. The men were all in the woods except the camp-keeper or manof-all-work. He was at work at the barn when the fire broke out (about 9 o'clock) in the house, and as he could do nothing towards checking it he busied himself in removing what goods he could from the store. The loss is estimated at \$1,500 besides the loss of the men (in clothing, etc.) who board-

AT Aregular communication of Delta Lodge No. 195; F. & A. M., held at their hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, the following officers were elected for the ensuing Masonic year: W. M., J. S. Rogers; Senior Warden, Will J. Anthony; Junior Warden, Edward Erickson; Treasurer, George Preston; Secretary, John W. Staiger: Senior Deacon, William Duncan; Junior Deacon, Louis O. Kirstine; Tyler, C. A. Cram; Stewards, Jas. H. Anthony and Myers Ephraim.

# Our Neighbors.

Marquette Mining Journal.

-Has two columns going to show that Isle Royale is good copper territory which has never been properly developed.

-And half a column showing that the Agogebic district is rich in good iron. -The Wheat mine will hereafter raise and sell hematite only-unless the drill should find a new and larger deposit of hard ore.

-Gov Begole has named Mr. Swineford one of three commissioners to represent the state at the Louisville exposition next year. [Ain't it the New Orleans show he's to see to?] -A Republic inventor has submitted a car-

coupler which Cinders regards as likely, if

adopted, to save "me t'um.

-Mrs. M. E. Everett, whose "golden wedding" was celebrated only a month since, died on Tuesday, at the age of 68 years. -Margaret Gray, a Marquette girl, sues

John Bushnell, of Duluth, for breach of contract of marriage. \$5,000 is the sum she -Agogebic don't mean either "falling leaves" or "bear water," but just "little fish,"

if Schoolcraft knew anything of the Chippewa -Ishpeming temperance folks sprinkled 'a red fluid" before the gin-mills to give the idea of bloodshed-a "measly method of

-Ishpeming has an "old maids' club," the object of which is the extinction of the human

-The York mine adheres to the old time

everything else has adopted the new stand--There will be a dog-race at Ishpeming, on Christmas day, provided there is snow.

Manistique Pioneer. -Only a half-sheet, Major Clarke being sick, but not yet dead so far as he knows. -The mill at Thompson is still sawing.

-"Jug saloons" [from which the county

gets no tax ].

-A road is to be opened to the Gulliver's Lake settlement. -A correspondent is exercised over the fact that "a small circle of ladies" do not think the course adopted with regard to the liquor trade a good one-doesn't know about woman suffrage-is afraid some of them would

L'Anse Sentinel. -Won't have it as we said; admits that one wife is as good as a feast; pities the Mormon instead of envying him, but don't want him jumped on by Uncle Sam, all the same; with Beecher, wants it let alone, believing that polygamy will cure (by killing) itself.

-About a dozen citizens of L'Anse have

'homesteaded" on the M., H. & Q. land-

grant, to compel that company to "fish or cut bait." Others will follow their example.

Marinette North Star. -The city is full of lazy, drunken tramps and what to do with them is a conundrum. To jail them as vagrants is to "play their long suit" and work they won't.

-Sing Ke, a Chinese laundryman was vis-

ited by burglars who held a pistol at his head and robbed him of \$80 in money, a gold watch and some clothing. -Place's barn was burned-supposed to have been fired by tramps.

-Accuses Talmage of stealing a sermon from a Marinette clergyman.

Houghton Gazette. -The biggest pine ever cut in the state was cut in Keweenaw county the other day for Hebard & Thurber. It yielded six logs (five of them 16 feet long and one 12) which

Mr. Mayburry, who misrepresents a Michigan district in Congress. Marinette Eagle. -Peter Nelson came in from a lumber

-Takes a whack (well-deserved, too) at

camp with his left leg, from knee to ankle, "ground to a jelly," and died in hospital after -Gets things awfully mixed in the second paragraph under its editorial head.

-Boys make mischief with their "sline shots" and the Judge wants "any youngster caught plying his vacation" severely dealt with

### The Gambler's Paradise.

Here the gambling houses are li-censed. On Royal Street, within a stretch of two blocks, eighteen keno, faro, or other games of chance flourish. The police protect them. The proprie-tors pay \$100 a month for official toleration. The gamblers are not only recognized, but they are patronized by the police, who do not hesitate to play keno, Spanish monte and other games while wearing uniform and being sup-posedly on duty. Sunday afternoon, on the corner of Custom-house and Franklin streets, it is a common thing to see policemen playing Spanish monta with negroes and the lowest class of whites. On Canal Street ,a few blocks from the station of the Louisville & Nashvilie Railroad, monte houses run day and night. At two o'clock in the morning the writer has seen a member of the New Orleans police dealing the game to a room crowded with colored roustabouts. The officer was on duty at the time. He has a proprietary interest in the game and his profits from this disgraceful connection are very large.

The money paid by licensed gamblers in this city goes into a municipal charity fund. This fund has been increased to such a bulk that a hospital has been erected and its current expenses are supplied by the gamblers' blood money. The gamblers of the town speak of the institution as "our hospital," and when prominent sports from the North visit their Louisiana brethren they are taken to "our hospital" and generously entertained. The strong clutch which gambling has on this community is a remarkable feature of life here. The largest keno establishment in the world is on Royal Street. It will accommodate in both departments nearly 1,000 players. Sunday mornings at nine o'clock the play begins and the house runs through the week. Frequently the key is not turned in the front door for a month. The profits are enormous. The proprietors of the game run no risk. They take fifteen per cent. of the money invested in keno. Their poker winnings are ten per cent. In short-card and dice games they supply speculators with every facility for losing lucre. The game is about \$200,000 "strong," and the chief manager has not only great wealth, but great political influence. His name is Currie. He employs over forty men, paying them an average of five dollars a day. He possesses much executive ability, is a good talker and rules the roughs who patronize him with a rod of iron. Men who will fight and shoot on slight provocation have learned from experience that Currie cannot be trifled with. He is of slight build and swarthy complexion. He sleeps in a luxuriously furnished apartment adjoining the keno-rooms and is waited upon by a corps of black servants with honors which would become royalty itself. Shortly after daylight his carriage is summoned, and he is driven to the retirement of one of the most elegant houses in New Orleans. A keno card in Currie's place costs ten cents. With 500 cards out the holder of the lucky one realizes \$50, less \$7.50, which goes to the house as commission. Royal Street is honey-combed with gambling hells. The entrances are made attractive, electric lights blaze above and below, whisky and cigars are furnished patrons without cost, and some establishments pay \$75 for "refreshments." which are gratuitously distributed every twenty-four hours. The weather is extremely hot here; doors and windows are rarely closed on Royal Street, and parties walking through that thoroughfare at night may distinctly hear the keno numbers called from a dozen establishments, the rattling of the balls, followed, after intervals, by a vocal salvo which proclaims "keno correct." - New Orleans Cor. Chicago Herald.

# Venturesome Journalists.

The class of the adventures of journalism, in the ancient meaning of the term, has had a serious loss in the defleat of Hicks Pasha by El Madhi, if it is true, as is gravely feared, that O'Donovan, the correspondent, is among the slain. Within a comparatively few years this class of gallant and enterprising men, the explorers and war chroniclers of newspapers, has come into notice from their achievements and services, and created nearly as much interest in themselves as in the events which they have described. The early travelers in search of gain, the adventures of discovery and the volunteers of military service, whose exploits make the romance of travel and The Americans will swallow any sort history, have not surpassed the achievements of these warriors, explorers and diplomatists of the newspapers. They have been in the thick of fights, describing the shock of contending armies and exposed to all the peril and hardships of campaigns; have led exploring expeditions in the jungles of Africa, and made solitary sledge jourmers of thousands of miles in Arctic wastes. They have penetrated without guides or attendants among the hordes of Asiatic Barbarians at the imminent peril of their lives, and wherever there has been a demand for information. these adventurers have been ready to supply it at any cost of hardship or danger. Mr. O'Donovan was one of the most remarkable of these remarkable men, his adventures in penetrating to Merv, the perils which he underwent, and the influence which he maintained, being the convincing proofs of his courage and ability, while his literary faculty of description was no less marked. The fame of such an exploit was greater than that of a military commander, as it indicated more origimal qualities, and the greatest individual loss in this Egyptian massacre may well be considered to be that of this accomplished, daring and adventurous newspaper correspondent.—Providence (R. I.) Journal.

The difficulty of climbing steep hills in Montana is locally expressed in this fashioner MYou'll have to stick your toes into the face of nature clear up to your elbows if you want to cross

.—Thousands of children lose health and life from the poisoned air of school-rooms every year.—N. Y. Times.

—The domestication of Buffalo calves is being attempted in Arkansas.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—The negroes of Fort Worth, Texas, are to have the finest school-house in the State.—Chicago Times. -There is lots of Christian work to do at home as well as in India and Africa. A Bible agent found 750 families in Weakly County, Tenn., without

Bibles .- Chicago Inter Ocean. -The President of the Middlebury College, Vermont, proposes to weigh the boarders at the beginning and end of every term. A record of the weights will, it is supposed, establish the nutritive value of the various foods used .-Rutland Herald.

-A friend of the Church of England writes to the London Times in favor of disestablishment, claiming that it would be a gain to a large number of the clergy. There is, he says, among the clergy of the Established Church a great amount of personal poverty. Among this class are found many who are hard working, efficient, scholarly and intellectual. To such he thinks disestablishment would be a blessing. for purchase would cease and the people would have a voice in the election of their pastor.

-The annual meeting of the delegates and representatives of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland, pleading for an unqualified return to primitive Christianity in all its purity and simplicity, as given to mankind by Christ and his Apostles, was held lately at Wigan. The delegates and members of the churches assembled in this conference disclaimed power to legislate for the churches at large, or to intermeddle in the affairs of any individual church. The conference is held simply for co-operation in evangelistic work .- N. Y. Herald.

-Various are the methods of initiating Harvard students into the secret societies. All aspiring young men are put through, for two weeks, a series of menial and humiliating drudgery and subjection. One New Yorker is said to have been lately made to sell papers for a week, dressed in striped bed-ticking. . A well-dressed young man obediently dashed through Harvard Square, holding out a long-handled tin dipper, and pathetically imploring, "Won't you give me a little something?" at the same time devoutly crossing himself. Others were fantastically dressed and placarded, and sent on ridiculous errands. The penalty of disobedience is a closing of the doors of the societies" forever to the candidate. - Boston Post.

-Gen. Robert Toombs has been baptized and admitted into the Methodist Church by Bishop Pierce, of Georgia. A Georgia newspaper account of the event says: "After the sermon, during the ceremonies at the reception of the new member, scarcely a dry eye could have been found in the house, so great was the joy felt by the people when largely reduced. The present is an exthey knew that our grand old citizen cellent time for making surveys. The had made peace with his God. Mr. trees and bushes are deprived of foliage, Gabriel Toombs has long been a Christian, and the sight of the pleasure on his face, as he stood by his brother during the ceremonies, is well worth one's memory for years to come."

### PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-"Pon't go too much on show, my son," remarked Mrs. Yeast to her boy. "The drum major of a band, to be sure is very attractive, but he doesn't furnish any of the music."- Yonkers Statesman.

-- An Austin fireman who was late to a fire gave as an excuse that he lived three miles away from the scene of the conflagration. "Well, you'll have to move your residence up nearer the fire or quit the company" was the hasty reply of the irate chief. - Texas Siftings.

-An English traveler in America asked a captain of a lake steamer the name of the lake they were traversing. He replied, "Lake Huron." "Yes, I responded the Englishman, "it is the lake I am on; but what is its name?"

-All were happy-A little bird sat on a bough. Beneath the tree there stood a cough, And close at hand there was a sough. They said, "How happy are we nough-We'll all pitch in and have a rough."

-Ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, the colored Register of the United States Treasury, sends presents to all negro babies named for him in the South. If this notice is circulated, the number of his namesakes will probably overwhelm him. - Chicago Journal.

-"I have solved the conundrum, how to get rich," said one Boston tramp to another. "We will work our passage to England, steal some good clothes and return here as lecturers. of a lecture, provided we play Englishmen well."-Boston Post.

-"How are you and your wife cummin' on?" asked a West Point man of a colored man. "She has run me off, boss. I is to blame, boss. I gave her a splendid white silk dress, and den she got so proud she had no use for me. She lowed I was too dark to match de dress."-N. Y. Graphic.

-It is not strange that pretty widows have so many more suitors than equally pretty maidens. Men know that a wid ow is not looking for a beautiful prince on a milk-white steed, and consequently will not be quite so hard to suit. In matrimony as in other things, time is a great consideration nowadays. -Phila-delphia Call.

-"I can't carry this bundle," said a wife to her husband. "I can't," the husband replied, "for I have to carry the two children." "But you ought to have some consideration for me. wife continued. "You must think I'm a wagon." "O, no, my dear, I don't think you are a wagon. A wagon holds its tongue but you never do.' Arkansow Traveller.

# A Pleasant Proposal.

"Don't you love the smell of a good cicar?" inquired an Austin antipodes of Vanderbilt of Gus De Smith. "You bet I do," replied Gus, his face brightening with anticipation.

"Have you got ten cents about your person," inquired the first speaker

"Yes; what of it?" asked Gus.
"Well, you give me ten cents, and that with the money I have will purchase a prime cigar."
"But what will I get?" said Gus.

"Why, you'll get the smell which you say you dote upon so much."Texas Biflings.

#### Boundaries and Titles.

When land is cheap, as it generally is in portions of the West that are but sparsely settled, the owners of tracts are careless about the establishment of boundary lines. If they fence in a farm they are not particular to set the fences on the exact lines. The length of the boards or other materials employed for making the fence will often determine the position of one boundary. The fence on the highway is hardly ever in the exact position required for the width of the road. A considerable portion of the space claimed for highway purposes is generally included in the adjoining field. The first fences erected in a newly-settled place generally determine the position of those put up subsequently. The latter are placed on about the same lines as the former. It is often the case that no surveyor is employed to run lines for the purpose of locating fences till the ancient landmarks are all destroyed, and their position known only by tradition. It is to be regretted that the corners of sections are not marked by substantial monuments of stone or metal. The little mound of earth erected by the Government surveyors at section corners soon becomes obliterated by the tread of animals and other causes. It then becomes necessary to measure from some spot where a monument exists in order to establish a boundary line. Sometimes disputes arise in relation to the position of the corners of sections. These might be prevented by the erection of suitable monuments. The cost of setting trees on the corners of sections would be slight, and they would serve a very useful purpose as landmarks. They are not easy to displace, and will endure for generations. They are better than short monuments, as they can be seen long distances.

When land becomes valuable every owner desires to have all that belongs to him. If an owner thinks he has not his full share he employs 'a competent surveyor to run the lines. It is often found that fences are a long distance from the proper place, and the cost and trouble of moving them are great. In some instances, as in a recent case in the eastern part of this State, it is found that wells dug and buildings erected by one set of farmers are on land owned by others. Of course great trouble and expense attend a discovery of this kind. Boundaries should be accurately determined when a place is to be improved. It is easy to put the fences in the right position in the first instance. The longer the matter is delayed the greater the difficulty will become. If of boundary fences the farmers who are curate survey made. The expense to each individual will in that way be largely reduced. The present is an exand the grass is killed by the frost. In most places it is very short. The shows that it is necessary to remove sirable on account of smaller divisions, at the corners of the quarter sections. Farmers will generally find it to their advantage to have their permanent very desirable to know the exact con-

daries of a farm the owner would do well to have the title examined and if necessary perfected. There is as much uncertainty about the title as about the boundaries of many farms. Many buy farms without first obtaining an abstract of the title and without having an abstract examined by a person competent to pass on its merits. They take the seller's word that the title is good. His word may be good on most matters, but the title to the land he conveys may be very poor, and this without his knowledge. Deeds are often inaccurately drawn and acknowledged by incompetent persons and lead to great trouble at some period. Mortgages are often given and satisfied, but no evidence of their having been satisfied appears on the county record. The time has already come in cities when a purchaser requires an abstract of title to any property he buys. This time will soon come in the country. People will not pay large sums of money for farming land unless they have conclusive evidence that the title is right in every respect. Mistakes in the conveyance of property, releases of mortgages that have been satisfied, and mistakes of any kind can be corrected or adjusted during the life of the persons who were parties to them with little trouble or expense. The longer they are delayed, however, the greater the difficulty becomes. Every owner of farming land should be able "to read nis title clear." He should have his chain of title drawn out by one competent to do it, and examined by one whose judgment is good in such matters. He should also preserve his deeds and tax receipts. Our system of land surveying is very simple in the West, as is our system of conveying property. Still many land-owners are very negligent about the matter of boundaries

Having ascertained the exact boun-

and titles .- Chicago Times. -George MacDonald was pretty near the right of it. In urging the nobility of labor he says: "I would gladly see a boy of mine choose rather to be a blacksmith or a watchmaker or a bookbinder than a clerk. Production, making, is a higher thing in the scale of reality than any mere transmission, such as buying or selling." He be-lieves in having boys educated to a trade.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

-It now seems definitely decided that New York is to have a cheap can system, to go into operation February . The treasurer of the company en-1. The treasurer of the company entertaining the project says that the system will be, made by combining the best features of the English and continental systems. One thousand horses ill be employed and the rate will be wenty-five cents a mile for each person. N. V. Triberse. son.-N. Y. Tribune.

### Needles Made by Hand

That needle making is an important That needle making is an important branch of industrial art is easily shown by figures, and it can also be made evi-dent that of late years it has attained to extraordinary perfection. The process as seen in a European establishment is about as follows: Soft wire, of which the needles are to be made, is first wound upon large reels from which it is cut in lengths of eight feet each. These are cut again and again until the pieces are of the length of two needles; this is done with large shears, and the wires are more or less bent in the cutting. To straighten them they are gathered into bundles of five or six thousand each and put in a furnace and heated until they become soft-annealed being the technical name. The bundles are then laid on cast iron tables in which there are grooves to receive the rings, and they are rolled and pressed until all the wires are straight. The rings are then taken off and the wires are delivered to the point grinders who take twenty or thirty of them between thumb and forefinger and give them a rolling motion while holding them on the rapidly revolving grindstones. They thus sharpen first one and then the other of the wires. From the point grinders the wires go to the middle grinders who grind out a little of the metal from the middle of the wires where the heads and eyes of the two needles are to be made. This is done so that when flattened and the impression made for the eyes the metal will not be too thick. The next operation is that of swedg-

ing or making the impression for the eyes of the needles. This is done with a foot press carrying dies of the proper shape. The operator puts a wire between these dies, and with his foot brings the one down upon the wire, flattening it and making an impression which gives form to the heads and eyes of the two needles at the same time. The punching of the eyes is performed in the same manner, only instead of the die the press carries a punch having two points, making the eyes of the two needles by a single motion of the press. The wire is now broken in halves, forming two rough, soft heedles, with fins or burs of metal on the heads. Forty or fifty of these are strung or spitted upon fine wires to hold the burs in line, and these are placed in a vise and the fins filed off and the heads slightly rounded. The wires are then taken to the tempering room, where in lots of two or three millions they are tempered. From this room they go to the scouring room, where they are laid upon strips there is any question about the position of canvas smeared with oil, and only covered with colza dust and emery, and interested should unite in having an ac. are then rolled up into bundles of half a million each, something like jelly cake rolls. The bundles when corded look like large torpedoes pointed at the ends. These bundles are placed on large flat tables and heavy planks are laid on them. The planks are given a to and fro movement by machinery, weather is cool and farmers have com- rolling the bundles backward and forparatively little to do. If a survey ward, by which the needles are forced to rub upon each other in the pasty fences the work can be done in whole mass of oil, colza and emery. Eighteen or part before the frost interferes with or twenty hours of this rolling wears digging the ground. Having made the out the canvas covering and the needsurvey, pains should be taken to plant les have to be transferred to new cantrees on the section corners, and, if de. vas and fresh oil, colza and emery

For the better qualities of needles such as are commonly sold in this country this scouring process has to be refields and pastures run out. It is often peated from eight to ten times. So tents of an inclosure. It is quite a made by hand that to polish them satisfaction to know definitely how properly takes from fifteen to-twenty much land is devoted to any kind of days. At each change of the canvas eron. Knowing the exact amount of the needles are tumbled by placing land in a field saves much bad guessing. them in large casks with heated saw dust and revolving the casks rapidly for a few moments. To remove the sawdust they are winnowed with a fanning mill somewhat similar to those used in separating the grain from the

chaff by the farmers. When the needles have been sufficiently scoured and polished they are is sprinkled with fine emery dust. The wire is drawn rapidly through the eyes of the needles until they are smoothly rounded so as not to cut the thread. The needles known as helix-eyed age so called because the wire upon which the eyes are cleaned has been coiled and is hald in somewhat of a spiral pothe needles. Having been sufficiently polished and the eyes cleaned, they are arranged with the heads all in one direction and then assorted. With the best workmen and uniform wire the needles made by hand vary in size. When assorted they are put twenty-five in each paper, ten papers in a pack and four packs in a bundle, each bundle containing one thousand needles .-Brooklyn Eagle.

# Curiosities of the English Pension List.

The pension list alone contains a mine of wealth, one of the most curious items being the payment annually of £1,620 4s, (!) to the "heirs of the Earl of Kinnoull." The story of this grant is as follows: In the year 1627 Charles I. gave the Caribbee Islands, in the West Indies, to the Earl of Carlisle. At the death of Lord Carlisle's son the grant devolved to his cousin, the Earl of Kinnoull, from whom Charles IL bought back the proprietary right which his father had granted to the Earl of Carlisle, giving him in lieu thereof an annuity of £1,000, payable from the 14 per cent. duties levied on exports from the islands. It is now charged to the consolidated fund. But it has long since been assigned out of the family to which it was granted; and the so-called "heirs" to whom the money is now paid are persons who have bought the right to the annuity as one would buy ordinary railway shares. Another curiosity in this way is a sum of £62 9s. 8d? which was granted to the Duke of Grafton by Charles H. as compensation for the loss of office as clerk of the pipe. This is also in alien hands, a later Duke having been so ungracious as to sell so curious an annuity out of the family. Yet another State curiosity is the annuity which is known as the Duke of Schomberg's pension, and which amounts annually to £984. This money is paid to persons who are called the "heirs of unredeemed fractions."

These "heirs" are six persons, whose shares very from £350 to £50. - Chambers' Journal.

# For Young Readers.

PLAY YOU DO NOT MIND IT.

Some youthful housekeepers one Were getting supper in a way That was delightful, really. The grass a velvet carpet made Beneath the glowing maples' sha No room so charming nearly.

Then Flossy brought a napkin red:
"Twili make a lovely cloth," she said.
But when she came to try it,
Alas! twas not quite large enough
To hide the table, slightly rough, Twas useless to deny it.

Then rueful looks of blank dismay Began to chase the smiles away, So meager did they find it. Till out spoke sunny little Nell: We'll loave it so, 'tis just as we'll, And play we do not mind ft." The joyous smiles returned once more,

Too soon the dainty feast was o'er,
And shadows gathered quickly;
A star shone silvery in the west,
Warning each mery little guest
To seek the homefold quickly.

The lesson is as plain as day:
A cloud may rise above your way,
The sunshine is behind it;
When things go wrong and others frown
Just put all vain repining down
And play you do not mind it.
—Congregationalist,

### CHIMNEYS.

Chimneys seem so natural to us that we forget that there was a time when they were unknown. They were invented about the same time with clocks and watches. No house in ancient Rome or Athens had them. The Greeks and Romans heated their rooms with hot coals in a dish, or by flues underneath the floor. The smoke passed out by the doors and windows. You could algive a dinner-party by the clouds of smoke that came out of the kitchen windows. It must have been very unpleasant for the cooks, who had to do their work in the midst of it.

The tall chimneys that rise over the tops of the houses in New York and Brooklyn, pouring out their clouds of smoke, would have seemed miracles to our ancestors a few centuries ago. Even the pipe of a steamer or the chimney of a kerosene lamp they would have thought wonderful. In England, in the time of the Conqueror (1066), the fire was built on a clay floor or in a hole or pit in the largest room of the house. The smoke passed through an opening in the roof. At night a cover was placed over the coals. Everybody was by law obliged to cover up his fire when the bell rang at a certain hour. In French this was couvrefeu, and hence the word "curfew" bell.

Chimneys began to be used generally in England in the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth. No one knows who invented them, or when they first came into use. We find them first in Italy. In Venice they seem to have been not uncommon as early as 1347. In 1368 they had long been in use at Padua. They were at first built very wide and large, so that they could be easily cleaned. The wide chimney-pieces of some of our older houses are very curi-

But as time passed on chimneys were made taller, narrow, and often crooked. When they had to be cleaned it was customary to send boys up into them to remove the soot and ashes. It told of the little sweeps who were study in the early part of this centu forced to climo up the narrow flues, ures, who were often not more than seven or eight years old, were somerough and uneven are the needles when times suffocated in the foul chimneys reached the top they were expected to look out and give a shout. No boy would ever become a chimney-sweep from choice, and they were often driven to climb the chimneys by the fear of a whipping. The cruelty of the mastersweeps was fearful.

The little chimney-sweeper has passed away. His place is taken, by a patent broom and a colored operator. 'himneys are built two and three hundred feet high. In Birmingham, Eng., again strung on soft copper wire which one fell down recently on a large facory, killing and wounding thirty or out drawing breath; and so on right orty workmen and others. The tallest through in no time. The rapidity, the chimney in New York is that of the Steam-heating Company.

The chimney is one of the most useful of inventions. We can not well understand how the Greeks and Romans did without it. But with us it is everywhere. sition when drawn through the eves of Our lamps would never burn without a chimney; our steamboats and engines would be helpless without it; our factories are moved by it; it warms our houses, and gives employment to thousands of people.

In the days before chimneys were invented men lived in clouds of smoke. The walls of the finest palaces in ancient Rome were soon covered with soot and filth. It was impossible to keep them clean. The mosaics and the paintings on the walls soon become discolored. In the castles of England and excited her imagination. Scarce a mo-France it was still worse. Here the huge fire blazed in the center of the great hall. The smoke covered the roof with black drapery, and the savage knights and squires were forced either to endure the cold, or to live and breathe in an air that was dangerous to sight, health and life itself .- Harper's Young Pe plc.

# How It Happened.

Marian said 'twould be just so. But then she didn't know, so how could I tell that it would?

You see, it was just this way. My Aunt Mary-she's father's sister-went abroad, and when she came home she brought me a lovely French wax doll with a trunk full of clothes-a doll's trunk, of course, I mean. I had two other dolls before, but they weren't near so nice as this one, and there wasn't another girl in all our school that had one that was half so pretty.

I named her Hildegarde. She had long yellow curls and lovely hands and feet, and everybody said she had the most beautiful eyes they ever saw on a

Now, we girls were going to have a May-party; we'd had May-parties be-fore, but this was going to be different from common ones,

and cook a regular supper, and have it to tell her that it was because a woman

first ang, by saying we oughtn't to have a fire unless we'd let Jack go along to see that we didn't set the woods on fire, nor anything. Jack's my brother, and he's fifteen years old

and I'm eight.
So I told the girls, and they said they, guessed we could get along with Jack, as long as he wouldn't be but just one

The day finally came, and I began to dress up Hildegarde, and while I was doing it mamma came along and said: "What are you going to do with your

new doll?" "Why," I said, "I'm going to take her to the May-party." Mamma said: "Aren't you afraid something will happen to her if you

"Why, no," I said; "I shall take very good care of her." Marian was sitting on the couch doing satin-stitch-she's perfectly crazy over

satin-stitch-and she said: "That doll will be ruined just as sure as you take her."

It made me provoked to have Marian say that, and so I said, real cross: "Well, I guess she won't!" and then they didn't say any more, and I took her.

'Twas lovely out-doors that morning, and we found a splendid place in the woods, and Jack didn't bother a bit. He said he'd build our fire, and we went off to hunt up sticks, and I laid Hildegarde down till I got back. But I went further-Fanny Jones and I didthan the rest, and when we came back Jack had got the fire built, and what do you think? That dreadful boy never saw Hildergarde at all, and he'd build ways tell when a Roman was about to the fire close to her, and her nose was melted droadfully. Jack felt real bad when he saw it, but he guessed he could fix it so it wouldn't show much; so he took her and pinched her nose just a very little to get it back into shape. and, oh, dear! it all came off, and he couldn't get it on again, and she looked perfectly frightful.

Well, after awhile we had our dinner. and it was pretty good, and I tried to enjoy it and not think much about Hildegarde-and then the rest of her looked just as well as it ever did, and I thought if I held her kind o' careful folks needn't always see where she hadn't any nose. and I wouldn't lay her down another time that day, but I'd hold her tight every time I stirred.

By and by we went for flowers to crown our Queen, and, of course, I took Hildie with me, but it did seem as if everything was determined to happen to that child, for as I was running by some bushes, they caught her hair and jerked her so that about half of it pulled right off by the roots, and of course that spoiled the back of her, and then I sat down and cried!

The girls felt awfully sorry for me. but that didn't help much, and I kept thinking all the time about Marianand what she'd say. I was glad, and kind of sorry, too, when 'twas time to go home-but when I got there, what do you think? Marian never said a single word! I think I'd have felt better if she had .- N. Y. Tribunc.

# Be Natural.

Here is a glimpse at the way in was then that the saddest stories were which English boys and girls used to The teacher alluded to was Mary and come down torn, bleeding, and Lamb, who, with her brother Charles, covered with soot. These poor creat- wrote the famous "Tales from Shakespeare" which have interested so many young people:

One morning, just as Victoria was they attempted to clean. When they about to repeat her allotted task, in rushed a young boy who, like herself, enjoyed the privilege of Miss Lamb's instructions in the Latin language. His mode of entrance, hasty and abrupt, sufficiently denoted his eagerness to have his lesson heard at once and done with, that he might be gone again: accordingly, Miss Lamb, asking Victoria to give up her turn, desired the youth. Hazlitt's son, to repeat his pages of grammar first. Off he set; rattled through the first conjugation post haste: darted through the second withvolubility, the triumphant slap-dash of the feat perfectly dazzled the imagination of poor Victoria, who stood admiring by, an amazed witness of the boys proficiency. She herself, a quiet, plodding little girl, had only by dint of diligent study and patient, persevering poring, been able to achieve a slow learning and as slow a repetition of her lessons.

This brilliant, off-hand method of dispatching the Latin grammar was a glory she had never dreamed of. Her ambition was fired, and the next time she presented herself, book in hand, before Miss Lamb, she had no sooner delivered it into her hearer's than she attempted to scour through her verb at the same rattling pace which had so ment, and her stumbling scamper was checked.

"Stay, stay! how's this? What are you about, little Vicky?" asked the laughing voice of Mary Lamb. "Oh, I see. Well, go on; but gently, gently, no need of hurry."

She heard to an end, and then said: "I see what we have been doing-trying to be as quick and clever as William, faneving it vastly grand to get on at a great rate, as he does. But there's this difference: it's natural in hime while it's imitation in you. Now, far better go on in your own staid waywhich is your own way-than try to take up a way that may become him, but can never become you, even were you to succed in acquiring it. We'll each of us keep to our own natural ways, and then we shall be sure to do our best."

-Tuesday was a notable day with Deacon Rufus Wright and wife, of Plympton, Mass. Seventy-four years ago on that day he was born; fifty-two years ago on that day they both united with the Plympton Church, and fifty years ago they were joined in marriage. Both have always resided in that town, and are still in excellent health .- Boston Herald.

In the first place, we weren't going to invite everybody, but just have about a dozen or so, and we said we'd all take our dolls and have a fire in the woods she would give it up, and he was going Well, I went home and told about it, and Uncle John half spoiled it the very cago Herald.

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

-A man who has no love for horses or sheep had better leave them alone. Troy (N. Y.) Times. -Apply soft soap with a little salt added four or five times a week and rub well, is an old horseman's remedy

for sweeney.—Exchange.

—Farmers need not be afraid of overstocking the market with mutton next year, as the number of sheep in the country is not sufficient for the supply, according to estimates. This applies also to a few crops as well.— Prairie Farmer.

-Hens having liberty to go around the farm yard, scratch at the manure heaps and run over the adjoining land to pick up worms before sunrise, etc., will get more than half their living, besides being so exceedingly healthy as to lay many more eggs than if confined to a poultry yard.—Boston Transcript.

-Stuffed cabbage: Cut out the heart of a large, fresh cabbage, fill the vacancy with cooked chicken or veal, chopped very fine, highly seasoned, and rolled into balls with yolk of egg. Tie the cabbage firmly together and boil in a covered kettle two hours. This makes a delicious dish .- N. Y. Tribune.

-A pudding sauce without butter is made by scalding a tea-cupful of sweet milk, then adding a coffee-cup of powdered sugar which you have wet with the yolks of two fresh eggs. When the sauce is thick as custard, take it from the tire. When it is cool, add flavoring and the whites of the two eggs, which you have beaten to a stiff froth .- N. Y. Times.

-Flannel Cakes: One cupful of Innian meal, two of flour, three of boiling milk, quarter of a cupful of liquid yeast, one teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of sugar, two of butter. Have the milk boiling and pour it on the meal and butter. When cool add the flour, salt, sugar and yeast, which has been dissolved in four tablespoonfuls of cold water. Let the mixture rise over night and fry on a hot griddle. -N. Y. Herald.

-A new fancy in the crazy quilt line is to have in the exact center of the quilt a block of plain satin with the initials, in monogram or otherwise, of the owner of the quilt. Another new departure is to have each block the embodiment of an idea, or at least to have each block develop method in madness. For example, let one have Kensington work in outline patterns only, another needlework of different kind, or applique, or painting. The foundation of these blocks must necessarily be of plain colors in silks, satin or velvet. - Boston

-As windgalls are of frequent occur-rence and often seem a bugbear in the eyes of some, we give the following from the Veterinary Journal, which is good authority on the different treatments of the diseases of horses. It says: "Windgalls may be removed by a strong decoction of white-oak bark and alum. They may be reduced by blistering from subsequent contraction of the skin. As they often appear on colts and do no injury unless attended with inflammation, it might probably be policy to let them alone."

### Feeding Pigs for Fattening.

An error quite prevalent among farmpigs, which often leads to disappointing results, is the notion that the pig thrives best and fattens fastest upon the most concentrated food and does not require bulk in its food to promote health. All are aware that corn, or corn meal alone, with water, is not a wholseome ration for the ox or horse, but think that the pig is so differently constituted that bulk in food is not essential. A greater error could hardly be conceived. In the natural wild state the pig, as well as the horse and ox, is accustomed to bulky, less concentrated food, which seems to have been forgotten, and he is plied with concentrated food from weaning age till slaughtered, except in perhaps certain cases where economy or parsimony is studied. From these exceptional cases lessons ought to have been learned that there is a better way of feeding than giving only the most concentrated food. I have seen pigs fed, some on only meal with water, and others with meal mixed with other and bulky food, and have invariably found the latter the most healthy and always ready to eat when their food was offered and no waste occurred. Where the pigs were fed with meal alone and drink, the pigs after awhile seemed to become cloyed and ate less heartly, ofton wasting much of their feed.

Theory indicates, to my mind, that meal fed alone goes into the stomach in the state of dough, so that the gastric juice cannot penetrate the mass to perform its office properly, while the more bulky substance mixed with the meal acts as a divisor, permitting the gastrie juice to pass through and digest it rapidly. Clear meal being so slowly digested, lying so long in the stomach, creates disturbances and fever in the system, while the pigs fed with more bulky food are always healthy, lively and ready for their food. Pigs fed on meal alone are less evenly thrifty, as they, after eating well for a time, will stop and fast awhile. They apparently recover, and then eat again, but never with the seeming relish of those fed with the more bulky food. This easily accounts for the fact that corn and cob meal are said by some to equal corn meal alone for feeding and fattening

purposes. When we consult the chemist he tells us what analysis decides; but when we compare actual results we find that there is something that chemistry fails to reveal. We find it thus in many of our farm operations. Science, while throwing much light on our every-day occupations, must have the aid of experience to demonstrate perfectly. The two never clash, but assist each other. Actual experience demonstrates that corn and cob meal is superior in feeding value to whole corn; not that the same weight of each contains the same nutriment, but that there is some factor which lies below the surface, and that factor I think is explained in the foregoing .- Cor. Country Gentleman.

—If the object of a pilgrimage to a summer resort is to keep cool, the "Devil's Slide" in the Yellowstone, Park is the place to go. It freezes there every night in the year.—Chicago

A London paper says: "The fash-ion now is decidedly in the direction of wall lamps. Some are of great beauty. Two of a set I have seen are opal-tinted glass and two rose-colored. The sconces in which they are fixed are fitted in frames of mirrors, with beveled edges. These, in their turn, are framed in brass, beautifully chased. These lamps are placed near the four corners of a pretty drawing-room, the opal-tinted and the red alternately. As the wall paper is a pattern of daisies in gold and pink on a ground of warm cream color, the effect is very good. Candles with pink shades are scattered about the room in pairs, and at a table in a corner a low reading lamp sheds a softened radiance upon books and writing materials."

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Dan am a heap moah folks in dis worl' dat limp 'kaso dey w'ar tight boots dan 'kase dey dun fali lame a wuckin' to 'arn an hones' libin' .- Life.

ONE of the greatest paradoxes in the world is that a man is miserable beyond description in a pair of new shoes that fit him, while a woman is as happy as a bee in a filly when she has on a pair of shoes four sizes too small for her.—Puck.

A MILWAUKEE mother boxed her son's ears, but couldn't send them off on account of the freight charges.—Louisville Courier-

An exchange sighs for the good old days when they "blew a horn for dinner." The exchange can have all that diet it wants, but for us a little iced tea, chicken and vegetables fit the complexion better.—San Francisco Chronicle.

If there is one time more than another when a woman should be entirely alone, it is when a full line of clothes comes down in the mud.

"I wish I had a pug dog," said an up-town youth recently. "What in the world do you want one of the critters for?" asked a friend. "I know where I could sell him for fifteen dollars!" was the earnest reply.—N. Y. Commercial.

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A CRITICAL exchange writes about a young couple "with a future before them." It could hardly be expected to be behind them.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A TERRIBLE PROPHECY. Red Sunsets, Cyclones and Earth quakes Foretelling Coming Dis-

The recent mysterious appearances following sunset and preceding sunrise have attracted wide attention from students of the skies and the people generally. During the days of recent weeks the sun seems to have been obscured by a thin veil of a dull leade i ue which, as the sun receded toward the horizon, became more luminous, then yellow, then orange, then red; and as night settled downupon the earth, a dull purple. At first it was thought these ap pearances were ordinary sunset reflec tions of light, but it is now pretty certain that they are either the misty sub-stance of the tail of some unseen comet, in which the earth is enveloped, or a surrounding stratum of world dust or very small meteors. Professor Brooks, of Red House Observatory, Phelps, Y., has turned his telescope upon these objects and discovered what he thinks are myriads of telescopic meteors. If it is unorganized world dust, or decomposed vapors, as the Democrat and Chronicle, of Rochester, N. Y., remarks: "How is this matter to be disposed of? Will it settle and form a deposit upon the earth, or re main a partial opaque shell about the earth to cut off a portion of the sun's light upon

Whatever the mystery is, there is no de nying that some very strange forces are at work in the upper airs. The terrible tor-nadoes and cyclones which have swept our own country, and the fearful volcanoes and earthquakes which have destroyed so many cities and thousands of people-the tidal waves which mysteriously rise and fall on coasts hitherto unvexed by themthe tremendous activity which is evident in the sun by the constant revelation of enormous spots upon its surface-all indicate unusual energy in the heavenly bodies.

These circumstances recall Professor Grimmer's prophecies that from 1881 to 1887, the passage of the five great planets

—Mars, Neptune, Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn—around the sun would produce strange and wonderful phenomena. He says: "The waters of the earth will become more or less poisonous. The air will be foul with noisome odors. Ancient races will disappear from the earth." tempts to prove his prophecy by the fact that in 1720, when Mars and Salurn made their passage around the sun coincidentgreat destruction and mortality visited all parts of the giobe. He also found the same results in previous perihelion passages of the planets, and argues that these circumstances always produce epidemics and destructive diseases which will baffle the skill of the most eminent physicians; that the poor will die by thousands he weak and intemperate falling first, those whose blood has been impoverished by excess of work or dissipation next and only those who are in comparative vigor shall escape to enjoy the era of renewed activity and prosperity which will follow the period of destruction.

Inasmuch as the entire world seems sub-

ect to the sway of the heavenly bodies no part of the earth, he thinks, can escape scourging. He even predicts that America will lose over ten millions of people that farmers will be stricken with fear and cease to till the soil; that famine will make uman misery more wretched. That hundreds will flee to overcrowded cities for aid in vain. That sudden changes in ocean currents, temperature and surroundings will entirely transform the face of nature and climate of countries; that the air will be so foul with malaria and other noxious gases; that those who survive will be troubled with disorders of the digestive organs. That many who escape other ills will bloat with dropsy and oud-denly pass away, while others will grow thin and drag out a miserable existence in indescribable agony for weeks. Neuralgic pains in different parts of the body will orment them. They will easily tire and become despondent. A faint, hot feeling will be succeeded by chilly sensations while hallucinations and dread of in pending ill will paralyze all effort. birds in the air, the beasts of the field, and even the fish of the sea will become diseased, poisoning the air and poisoning the waters of the globe." We are told on the other hand that those who shall pass through this period of trial will have larger enjoyment of life and health. Therethered ment of life and health. The earth will rield more abundantly than ever before. The animal kingdom will be more prolific and life prolonged very materially. This prolongation of life will be owing to the ealthy electric and magnetic influences that will pervade the atmosphere. It would perhaps seem that the present redwould perhaps seem that the present red-hess of the sun, and the presence of a belt or veil of cosmic matter, justified, in a measure, the prediction of Protessor Grim-mer, but disturbing as his prediction may be we are told for our com-fort that the strong and pure blood-ed need have little to fear in these ca-lamities, that those who are delicate or indisposed should adopt means to keep the system well supported and the blood pure and that the most philosophical and effective method of accomplishing this is to keep the kidneys and liver in good condi-tion. From the testimonials of such men as Dr. Dio Lewis and Professor R. A. Gunn, M. D., Dean of the United States Medical college, New York, and thousands of influential non-professional people, it seems almost certain that for this purpose there is no preparation known to science equal to Warner's Safe Cure, better known as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure. This medicine has acquired the finest reputation of any preparation that was ever put upon the market. It is a radical blood purifier, which soothes and heals all inflamed organs, strengthens the nervous system, washes out all evidences of decay, regulates digestion, prevents malassimilation of food in a philo ophical and rational manner, fortifies the system against climatic changes and malarial influences and the destructive agencies which seem to be so abundant in these "evil days."

It is not our purpose to dispute the correctness of Professor Grimmer's prophe-cies. As we have said, the mark-d dis-turbances of the past few years would seem to give a semblance of verification of his theory. It is certain, as above stated, that we are passing through what may be regarded as a crucial period and it is the part of wise men not to ignore, but to learn to fortify themselves against the possibility of being overcome by these evils. It is a duty which each man owes to himself and his fellows, to mitigate as much as possible the suffering of humanity and in n , way better can be accomplish this purpose than to see to it that he, him-self, is fortified by the best known preparation in the strongest possible manner and that he exert the influence of his own example upon his fellows to the end that they, too, may share with him immunity from the destructive influences which seek Lis ruin.

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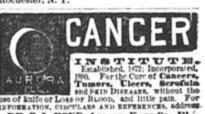
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#### THE WEATHER.

The following is the meteorological report for the week ending Dec. 20, at Escanaba:

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THE Vanderbilt ball was "a crush," and that is all that need be said about it.

TWENTY-FIVE vessels, that should have got out, were caught in lake Superior and must

THAT peculiar effloresence of protestant christianity called the "salvation army" is a nuisance and should be abated.

MR. LIVINGSTONE was nominated and confirmed as collector of Detroit, and Adam Bloom as register of the land office in that

THE locomotive engineers on the Canadian

Pacific railroad west of Winnipeg have struck against a reduction of their pay and the road THREE-FIFTHS of the papers and two thirds of the people of Michigen are in favor of the

restoration of the death penalty for the crime THE village of Sault St. Marie has recovered \$6,258,31 from the general government. Just how the claim originated the News fails

to inform us, but they've got the money, so it

GEN. ANSON McCook was nominated secretary of the senate on the first regular ballot in the republican caucus. The vote stood McCook 19, Geo. C. Gorham 13, D. M.

AND NOW "an intimate friend" avers that Mr. Blaine is not and will not be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination. We shall know better about that at the close of the first week in June next, but if the gentleman really speaks by authority we may as well be fixing our mouths to "holler" for Black Jack Logan.

THE Burlington Hawkeye men seem to be in luck, all but the man who made it. Hatton is in the general postoffice, John W. Burdette has just been appointed collector of internal revenue and Waite is postmaster of Burlington. Why don't they do something for Bob Burdette? Outside the office he is the Hawkeye-the public never heard of Hatton or Waite or John Burdette, until they were given places. Everydody, from Maine to Texas, knows Bob.

THE CRANK who calls himself "George Washington the Second," but signs himself "John Denobiga," who is to take charge of the country on New Year's day and must have a wife before he "grasps the helm of state"— the chap who annoyed the Misses Sherman and Garfield until he got kicked out of one of the houses and arrested in the other, is E. R. Buckland, of Illinois, a poor fellow whose barmless insanity is the result of a cracked skull. What he needs is not punishment but

THE London Times says, of Parnell's speech at the Dublin banquet, that "there was never a more uncompromising defiance flung in the face of the English nation or government." True, but "what are you going to do about it?" He holds the balance of power in the house of commons, and if his use of power is half as able as the methods by which he has acquired it, he can make good his boast; if he can not govern Ireland he can govern the British empire. His 80 votes are the hammer of Thor" to break in pieces any government against which he uses them.

CONGRESSMAN FINERTY, of Chicago, is of opinion that the United States has been snubbed and insulted by England in the O'Donnell business-but he is also of the opinion that nothing will be done about it. If he had the power he would "suspend diplomatic relations with Great Britain until the insult was explained or atoned for." Mr. Finerty, being an Irishman, is probably in earnest in what he says, but the Yankee congressmen and politicians who are making a fuss over O'Donnell are merely trading for Irish votes, and the Irishmen know it, not being fools, by a long ways. Mr. Hewitt's "thousand dollars if some republican had objected" to his resolution is their key note.

THE day and place of the next republication have been decided by the national committee. The day is June 3, and the place Chicago. The selection of Chicago as the pl ce is an intimation that the prominent candidates are to be Blaine and Logan. Authur's friends preferred an eastern point; any point, in fact, rather than Chicago, and their defeat on that point foreshadows the fate of the president's aspirations. Senator Sabin was chosen chairman of the committee, and as he has both a long head and a barrel, the choice is probably a wise one. The ratio of representation is the same as heretofore, the question of changing having been referred to the conven-tion itself.

AT A BANQUET given in his honor at Dublin on Wednesday of last week, Mr. Parnell made this declaration: "This is the great force: If we can not rule ourselves we can cause England to be ruled as we choose." He spoke the truth, too. He has 80 votes in the house of commons at his service and with them can overthrow or sustain a ministry -can devil got his dues, and cold blooded murdereral or conservative. Under these circumstances he ought to accomplish much for Ireland. His position is better than that of any
man who has preceded him as leader of the
Irish people since the union; a protestant, he
has the hearty and well-nigh undivided support of a catholic people; a man of peace, advising measures of peace only, he is followed,
trusted and beloved by men who would gladly die if only they might die fighting the oppressor and despoiler of their race and country, England. At the banquet Mr. Parnell received the "Parnell fund," amounting to some
\$190,000, mafe up in part by the contributions of American Irishmen. give the British empire to whig or tory, to lib-eral or conservative. Under these circum-

from Kansas, and one of the ahlest republicans and protectionists of the house, died, a Washington, on Sunday last.

JACOB BARNS, formerly of the Grand Rapids Enquirer, and at one time one of the proprietors of the Detroit Free Press, died on the 14th, at his residence at Traverse City. He was 58 years of age, only.

El MAHDI lays out quite a work for himself. He claims a divine mission to "establish a universal echality, a universal law, a universal religion and a community of goods, and to destroy all who oppose him whether Moham-medan, Christian or Pagan."

IN HIS dispatch of Dec. 15, "Yusef," Washington correspondent of the Free Press, in speaking of Senator Sawyer's bill concerning the O. & B. R. land grant, and of the grant itself, says that it is likely that "the question will be made one of equities." That is all that any of the opponents of the company want.

FRANCIS D. LACY, of Nirvana, Mich., writes the Free Press opposing the restoration of the death penalty for murder and combating the views of those who desire it. Nirvana is the place (or state) of final rest and peace in the Buddhist plan of the hereafter, and it was to be expected that one who had attained it should oppose violence, but it is queer to find him corresponding with the Free Press.

THE Annual Report of the public printer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, is received, from which it appears that when Sterling P. Rounds was appointed to that po-sition a printer was needed in the public printing house; and further, that the needed printer was supplied by his appointment. Mr. Rounds has charge of the largest concern of the kind not only in America, but in the world, and he is hig enough, measure him any way, to fill the place.

THE defeat in Massachusetts has not, it seems, put Butler out of the political field. It s now said that he will be either the democratic candidate or the candidate of a workingmen's party—will try the "Greely game" of '72. It won't win, though. At that time the democracy had no hope of winning and did not care how it threw away its vote. Now it is a lively hope, and that makes all the difference in the world. Ben may as well go ahead with his new party-the democracy won't touch him on any terms.

AT THE same time the Catholics were mob-bing an American in Wexford, protestant Americans at Chicago, (the home of Mr. Whittle) were wining and feteing Mr. Capel, one of the leading Catholics of Great Britain, who had visited this country for the purpose of proselyting, and attacking our common school system.-Oconto Roporter.

Only another proof that Chicago christianity, however much zeal it may have, is pretty nearly devoid of common sense. In fact the fool-killer is sadly behind with his work in America. We let the Cobden Club (with its twelve Cabinet Ministers) teach, or try to teach us political economy; we let Monsignor Capel breed disturbance in our schools; we hand out a fortune to any forrign adventurer or adventuress who asks for it, and convict ourselves of idocy in many other ways, such as sending missionaries to Ireland to the neglect of our own heathen.

It is usual to refer to the west and south as the strong-holds of free trade, but the Age of Steel, published at St. Louis and having a thorough acquaintance with both sections, thinks otherwise. We quote:

If the free trade movement has any coniderable following in the west or south, we are unable at this writing to designate its abid ing place. The people of the west and south and in this we include all classes are fully convinced that the future greatness and power of these sections depends, in a large measure, pon the development of our manufacturing stablishments of every kind and de-cription. A visit to any of the manfacturing towns and cities of Illinois, Iowa, Ohio or Alabama will show the force with which this conviction has taken hold of the community. The people not only encourage the erection of manufacturing establishments, but they voluntarily tax themselves to assist in the starting of such industries. The one thing most desired just now, by thepeople of the west and south, is a cessation of tinkering with business interests at Washington City by the politicians.

O'DONNELL was hanged on Monday. He met his death coolly and bravely. He made no statement on the scaffold, though his brother says it was his intention to have said "I killed James Carey, the informer. I am not sorry for killing him and never have been. Not only that, but all London's wealth would buy me or induce me to give any one away." These last words are construed as an admission that he was sent to do the work he did. Mr. Lowell, American minister, applied for delay, as instructed by Secretary Frelinghuysen, to which Lord Granville replied that

The counsel for O'Donnell having submitted the representations he thought advisable on the prisoner's behalf, those representations and all other circumstances of the case had been carefully examined and considered in the manner usual in cases of capital convictions, and her Majesty's government found no grounds upon which he justified advising the crown to interfere with the sentence of the law or its execution.

"GIVE us a rope," is the heading of a communication, in the Detroit Free Press, concerning the epidemic of murder which rages in Michigan. The writer says, and truly

It would be interesting to know just how much our lauded humanitarian system of dealing with villians has to do with the case. Here we have in Michigan, for instance a controlling of quasi good people, who, together with those who fear the hangman, abolished capital punishment years ago and have so worked upon the minds of the people in refer-ence to the much abased crimnal, that there has been for years a sort of a lachrymal effu-sion all over the state every time a miserable devil got his dues, and cold blooded murder-

THE Calumet News is improving with every number, and ought to make some money under the present management.

THE Michigan Central company has just launched a monster transfer boat, 275 feet long and 46 feet broad. She is of iron throughout and was built at Wyandotte.

THE divorced wife of ex-Senator Christiancy died at the residence of Dr. Duprez, in Brooklyn, on the 13th. Sne had become addicted to the use of chloral and her death was attributed to the use of that drug.

THREE of the young rascals who started incendiary fires in Milwaukee, "just to see the engines work," have been sent to the reform school. One refused to plead guilty (as did the three) and will be tried in January.

BEECHER says of Plymouth church: "It has become rather a spiritual hotel than a church. \* \* \* There is little church feeling in the congregation. \* \* \* 1 am los-ing my power. \* \* My usefulness is

ENGLAND's white elephant is Egypt. She must sustain the Khedive or lose her investments. Either way is costly, but in the one case (that of war) the nation bears the cost—in the other the money lenders. General Wood estimates the cost of beating El Mahdi at \$100,000,000.

MESSES MAYBURY, Hurd, and others, members of congress, in proposing to admit Candian lumber, breadstuff, coal and vegetables free of duty, merely propose to make the Can-adians a present of about \$5,000,000 per annum. The Canadians, not the people of the U. S. should pay the gentlemen for their ser-

THERE was a shooting matinee at a demoratic ward convention in New Orleans on Dec. 14, during which three men (white men, for a wonder; were killed and a dozen or so more or less severely wounded. It must have been nuts for the darkies to see shooting going on without having to dodge the bullets.

MR. MAYBURY wants the du'y taken off umber so that, according to the free-trade Chicago Tribune, the Canadian lumber manufacturer may pocket the two millions they now pay on lumber sent from Canada into the nited States. We do not understand, however, that congress is intended by the constitution as the guardian of Canadian interests.

JUST as we thought. Jos. H. Chandler had o use for the Detroit collectorship. He was nly giving the Washington scribes something make an item of-and contradict the next day. When he wants an office he'll ask the voters of the 11th congressional district of Michigan for it, and it won't be a tide-waiter-

DULUTH spiritualists have a communication which states that four survivors of the wreck f the Manistee reached the Canadian shore Nine started, in one of the boats, five of whom perished of cold before reaching land. The spirits give the name of the clerk of the boat, Seaton, as one of the survivors. The story is bosh, of course, but we give it as we get it from the Duluth Herald.

THE "Rhinelander" road is (as we learn from the Ontonagon Herald) engaged in repairing the old "military road," so as to get the trade of Ontonagon at its northern terminus at Watersmeet, and is building a telegraph line to Ontonagon. Still the Herald sticks to its old ally, the O. & B. R. concern, and tries to make its readers believe that the welfare of Ontonagon depends upon the suc-

THE Courier lournal, of Louisville, Ky., is onducted by a very able but very erratic man, namely Henry Watterson. His latest freak is dismissal of every person employed upon paper that differs in political views there-The "clearing out" takes the city, telgraphic and exchange editors, two reporters, the foreman of the composing room and a good portion of the compositors. Foolish.

IT SEEMS that the telegraphers did not utterly fail. The strike, as such, was a failure, but the company was so shaken that the managers, took council of their fears (or their avarice) and, lest a worse thing befall them, conceded a portion of the demands of the men. An operator tells John Swinton's Paper that struck for better pay and better hours, and have got something of both." The something" amounts, he says to "from ten to twenty dollars a month, all around," besides which "we are treated more decently."

SEWELL, of New Jersey, in the senate, and Slocum of New York in the house, bring btlls for the restoration to rank in the army and mmediate retirement (without pay for the time since his conviction and sentence) of Fitz-John Porter. They give their case away by the terms of their bills. If he was properly convicted and sentenced he deserves nothingthat his life was spared was mercy enough: if unjustly condemned he is entitled to pay. Logan will have a word to say when the bill comes up in the senate.

THE present House of Representatives consist of three hundred and twenty-five members, of whom two hundred and five are lawyers. Commerce has but thirteen representatives in the body, manufacturers sixteen, and agriculture only eight, and yet these are the three great interests of the country. Labor fares but poorly only one mechanic holding a seat in the body. Journalism has managed to secure eleven seats, bankers ten, and capitalists thirteen. The medical body has a solitary representative, and the balance of the seats are divided between politicians and people whose occupations are not clearly defined .- Ovid

One wholesale and one hundred and eight retail dealers in liquors paid the county of Houghton taxes to the amount of \$29,068.29 during the current year. Red Jacket has the longest list of dealers, 35-Hancock follows with 24 and Houghton comes next with 19. Houghton is the location of the only wholesaler. Applying the same rule by which we figured our own consumption, Houghton county must have swallowed nearly three hundred and fifty thousand dollars' worth of booze-enough, in all conscience.

THE M., H. & O. railroad company has its land-grant west of L'Anse contested in another land-grant west of L'Anse contested in another way. At the last session of the legislature the people of Baraga and Ontonagon counties succeeded in defeating its application for permission to change its route, and now the same people undertake, by filing homestead applications for lands embraced within the limits of the grant to compel the company to build the road or restore the lands to the public domain, and it looks as if the people must win, on one tack or the other. We hope they may.

# Council Proceedings.

Adjourned regular meeting of the common council failed to get a quorum, and was adourned without date.

ROST. E. MORRELL, City Clerk.

A special meeting of the common council was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, as per

Present, Mayor Tracy and Aldermen Con-olly, Cram, Daniels, Ephraim and McKenna. Minutes of last regular meeting read and

On motion of Ald. Conolly an order was drawn on the treasury for \$1,400, first paynent on the new fire engine. Ayes unan-

The following bills were audited and al

Bill of E. Ledger, for scraper and services, \$20, was referred to committee on claims and Ald. Gross took his seat.

George Preston, supplies

Hart & Williams, scraper
Ephraim & Morrell, r pair blankets

G. E. Baehrisch, board of team
G. C. Royce, r barrel oil
G. & N. W. R'y Co., repairs to fire engine Clapp & Jones' bill for suction hose, \$143

was on motion referred to committee on claims and accounts. The bond of Deglin Keane, as a liquor dealer, was on motion approved. Ayes unan-

Ald. Ephraim moved that one thousand feet of hose be purchased for the fire department, which motion was lost by the following vote: Ayes, Ephraim, Daniels, (2). Noes, Conolly,

Cram, Gross and McKenna, (4). A communication from Alexander Irving, offering to feed and drive the city team for ixty-five dollars per month was read.

On motion of Ald. Ephraim the city team was ordered to be sold for \$450. Motion amended that the mayor be authorized to sell the team within ten days to the highest bidder. Ayes unanimous

Ald: Cram moved that the city team be ept in the barn until sold. Ayes, Cram, Daniels, Ephraim, (3). Noes, Conolly, Gross, McKenna, (3). The result being a tie the mayor cast his vote in the affirmative.

No other business appearing the meeting djourned. R. E. MORRELL, adjourned. City Clerk.

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on the books of Conolly & Moran which must have immediate attention if the parties would -Burns' Bazar (the old name sticks) is

-There are yet a few unsettled accounts

ust crammed with nice things for the children and a little, a very little money buys a great

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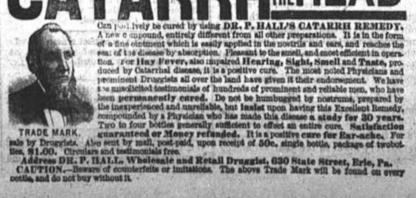
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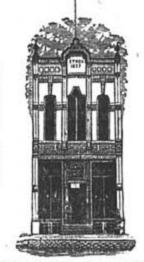
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### Tax Notice.

The Tax-Roll is now ready and in my hands for collection. I will be in the Ford River Lumber company's store every day, except Sundays, to receive taxes.

OLE ERICKSON, Township Treas. Ford River, Dec. 7, 1883.

#### Masquerade Costumes.

The Firemen have decided not to procure masquerade costumes to rent as has been their practice heretofore, but all desiring to rent costumes for the masquerade can select them from the catalogue and order through John Roemer of Myers Ephraim, getting them for cost.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

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### Information Wanted.

Mary Briese of Shamokin, Pa., destres to know what become of her husband, John Briese, who was in Escanaba, Mich., 14 or 15 years ago. Any one knowing of his whereabouts either dead or alive will confer a favor on his wife by informing her at the above address. Exchanges will please copy.

### Maple Ridge Taxes.

The tax-roll for the township of Maple Ridge, for the year 1883 is now in my hands and I will be at my house in said township every week day during the month of December to receive the taxes. Post office address FRANK TROMBLY, Lathrop, Mich.

Treasurer. Maple Ridge, Dec. 10, 1883.

# Bark River Taxes.

The tax-roll for the township of Bark River, for 1883, is now in my hands, and I will be at the store of J. B. Frechette, at Barkville, on Friday Dec. 21, and Friday Dec. 28, to receive taxes. A penalty of four per cent. will be added to all taxes remaining unpaid on Jan. 1, 1882. PETER NELSON, Treas. Bark River, Dec. 14, 1883.

# Treasurer's Notice.

The Tax-Roll for the township of Bay de Noquette is now in my hands for collection. will be at my house every Friday during the month of December to receive taxes. A pen-alty of four per cent, will be added to all taxes unpaid on January 1, 1884.

OLE GUNDERSON, Township Treas. Bay de Noquette, Dec. 10, 1883. 5

# Quite a Sum of Money

Was picked up on the stage road between here and Menominee during the last winter that the stages ran between the two places. The finder will restore the amount to the loser upon satisfactory proof of ownership by description of the money, the package in which it was contained and the papers which were with it. Claimants can present their claims and proofs

# Attention Tax-Payers.

The tax-roll of the township of Escanaba is now in my hands for collection. I will be at my office at Flat Rock every week day during the month of December, until noon of each day to receive taxes. After January 1, 1884 a penalty of four per cent, will be added to all taxes remaining unpaid.

GEORGE T. BURNS, Township Treas. Flat Rock, Dec. 3, 1883.

# Notice to Tax-payers.

The tax roll of the city of Escanaba has this day been placed in my hands for collection, and I shall be at the store of S. Greenhoot, every week day during the month of December to receive the taxes. A penalty of four per cent. will be added to taxes not paid before January 1, 1884.

SOLOMON GREENHOOF, City Treasurer. Escanaba, Dec. 3, 1883.

-It is wise to provide against emergencies that are liable to arise in every family. A cold may be a dangerous thing, or not, depending upon the means at hand to combot it. in sudden attacks of cold, cronp, asthma, etc., -Ayer's Cherry Pictoral will prove the quickest and most effective cure, and your best

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#### LEGAL.

First publication Nov. 24, 1883. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Manquette, Mich., November 19, 1833.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the circuit court for Delta county, at Escanaba, Mich., on the 5th day of January, 1884, at 10 a. m., viz:

Herman Themel, Preemption D. S. No. 770, for the n ½ of nw ¼ and nw ¼ of sw ¼ sec. 4, township

the n ½ of nw ¼ and nw ¼ of sw ¼ sec. 4, township 40 n, range 21 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his con tinuous residence upon and cultivation of said land

viz:
Wm. P. Kellogg, George T. Hammer and Alfred
Wood, of Escanaba, and Paul Themel, of Whitefish.

V. B. COCHRAN, Register.

First publication Nov. 74, 1883. THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF DELTA.

PETER PETERSON. Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1833, a writ of attachment was duly issued out of the circuit court for the county of Delta at the suit of Ole Gunderson, the above named plain at the suit of Ole Gunderson, the above named plaintiff, against the lands, tenements, goods and chattles,
moneys and effects of Peter Peterson, the defendant
above named, for the sum of two hundred and seventeen dollars, which said sum was returnable on the
6th day of November, A. D. 1883.

Dated this 20th day of November.

6 E, P. ROYCE, Att'y for Plaintiff.

# Notice for publication Dec. 22, 1883,

LAND OFFICE AT MARQUETTE, MICH, LAND OFFICE AT MARQUETTE, MICH,
Dec. 20, 1833.

Notice is hereby given that the following named
settler has filed notice of his intention to make final
proof in support of his claim, and that sold proof
will be made before the clerk of the circuit court of
Delta County at Escanaba, Mich., on Monday the
4th day of February, 1834, at 10 a. m., viz:
John McManiman, homestead application No.
1658, for then fl 1/2 of nw fl 3/2 sec. 18, tp. 41 n R. 22 w.
He names the following witnesses to prove his
continuous residence upon and cultivation of said
land, viz: land, vir:
Joseph Finch, Chas. F. Henry, John Dineen and
McGuire Sherbenow, all of Delta county, Michigan.
V. B. COCHRAN, Register.

# $N^{\rm otice\ for\ PUBLICATION.}$

LAND OFFICE AT MARQUETTE, MICH. November 90, 1831.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and said proof will be made before the clerk of the Circuit Court of Delta ounty, at Escanaba Mich on Jan 17, at 2 p. m.

1884, viz:
John Svensson, homestead application No. 1205 for the nw ¼ of se ¼ sec. 6, tp. 38 n Range 23, w.
He names the following witnesses, to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, vie:
Lais, Larson, Hans Larson, Ole Erickson and
Herkules Salva, of Ford River, Delta Co., Mich.
V, B. COCHRAN Register.

#### First publication Dec. 15, 1883. ORDER OF HEARING.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, as. Probate Court for said County of Delta. as County.

At a session of the probate court for said county, held at the probate office, in the city of Escanaba on Monday the 3d day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three. Present, Hon. Emil Glaser, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of William Shipman, december.

deceased.

Harvey W. Shipman, the administrator of said estate, comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render his final account as such admost account as such ad-

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 7th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for examining and allowing such account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the said report and account should not be confirmed.

And it is further ordered that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said report and account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the IRON PORT, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Delta, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(A true copy).

EMIL GLASER, Judge of Probate.

#### First publication Dec. 15, 1883. ORDER OF HEARING.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, SS,
County of Delta.
At a session of the Probate Court for said county,

held at the probate effice, in the city of Escanaba, on Monday the 3d day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three. Present, Hon. Emil Glaser, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John Ryan, de-

Ceased.
On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Frank D. Mead, praying that an administrator may be appointed to administer the estate of the said deceased.

Thereupon it is ordered that Monday, the 7th day of January next, at 100 clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons in terested in said estate, are required to appear at a ses-sion of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted And at is further ordered that said petitioner

And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Inon Pont, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(A true copy.) 5 Judge of Probate.

#### First publication Dec. 8, 1883. ORDER OF HEARING.

STATE OF MICHIGAR, 1 88. County of Delta.

At a session of the Probate court for said county, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba on the 3d day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

Present, Hon. Emil Glaser, Judge of Probate.
In the matter of the estate of Andrew Schoon, decembed.

Present, Hon. Emil Glaser, Junge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Andrew Schoon, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Samuel Elliott, the administrator of said estate, praying for the assignment of the residue of said estate, to the heirs at law of said deceased.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 7th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heim at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden at the probate office, in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted:

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said, petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Ison Post, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

EMIL GLASER,

(A true copy.)

4 Judge of Probate.

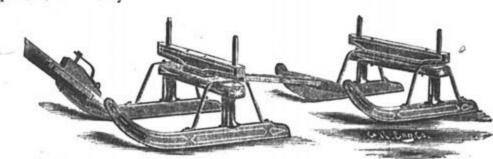
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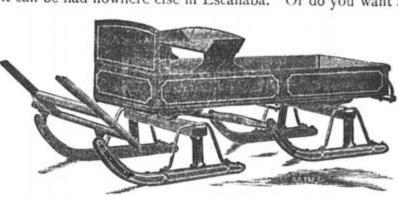
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Delivery Sleigh (the cut does not show the box), still, come to WALLACE'S and get it-a Lansing Sleigh, as perfect as the best of material and the finest of workmanship can make it-for it can be had nowhere else in Escanaba. Or do you want a light



Delivery Sleigh, like this, or a Pleasure Sleigh, in all the glory of paint and upholstery, come to the Old Corner Hardware Store, WALLACE'S, and get what you want. These Sleighs are the ne plus ultra of the sleighmaker's art, and worth a great deal more than WALLACE will ask for them, for he, while he has a monopoly of them, will put them at

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# Croup - A Mather's Tribute.

 While in the country act with even finders, they was required to act in which country age. in as a deals kept in the house. This in shall and frequent descripted delight to less than half an hour the is the constraint and the doc-trice and breathing ensity. The doc-trice durings life. Can you wender at protunde" Sinecrely yours,

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# LEGAL.

First publication Nov. 17, 1883. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

LAND OFFICE AT MARQUETTE, MICH, Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the circuit court for Delta county, at Escanaba, Mich., on January 15, 1883,

at 10 a. m., viz: Charles J. Stratton, homestead application No. 1197, for the lots No. 1 and 2, sec. 24, township 39 n. He names the following witnesses to prove his coninuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
Michael Fitzpatrick and James B. Stratton, of Bay de Noquette; Arthur Leighton and Richard Dodge, of Escanaba.

V. B. COCHRAN, Register.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCIT Terms of court for 1883 and 1884.

Terms of court for 1833 and 1834.

State of Michigan, 185.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the laws of the State, I have fixed and appointed the times of holding the several terms for the years 1833 and 1834 of the Circuit Court in and for the counties constuting the Twenty-fifth Judicial Circuit of said State as follows, to-wit:

In the County of Marquette, on the first Monday in March, the first Monday in June, the third Monday in September, the third Monday in December.

In the County of Delta, on the fourth Monday in February, the fourth Monday in June, the second Monday in October.

In the County of Menominee, on the second Monday in February, the first Monday in May, the first Monday in February, the first Monday in May, the first Monday in September, the first Monday in December

Dated, October sz, 1883. C. 1 Circuit Judge of said Circuit LIVERY STABLE.

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"And Santa Claus is coming to-night, Coming when we are asleep;
And mother says he is sure to bring
Just what we want to keep."
Then he will bring me a golden ring."
"He'll bring me a doll, I know."
Said Harry: "He'll bring me a ship,
With sails as white as snow."

So they spoke of their coming joys
In the ruddy fire-light's glow.
And Harry said, in a whisper:
"O, wouldn't I like to know Where father is sailing to night— Father, away on the sea! Mother says it is Christmas-eve

Wherever his ship may be.

Then three little white-robed figures Went hand in hand upstairs, And three little tender faces Bent low for their Christmas prayers. The doll and the golden ring
In slumber were soon forgot;
But Harry, with open eyes, lay still,
Heart full of a tender plot.

When the house was very quiet when the house was very quiet.
He crept to the chimney-place.
Tucked a tiny note in his stocking,
And fled with a happy face.
Twas only a little boy's message,
By some passing angel taught,
Only a sweet unselfish wish,
Only an exoulistic thought. Only an exquisite thought.

A message to Santa Claus: it read:
"My father is off on the sea;
Please fill my stockings with kisses,
And take them to him from me." And take them to him from me.

Ah, surely the good God rend it,

For the ship came home that night,

And Harry was clasped in his father's arms

At the dawn of the Christmas light. -Mary A. Barr.

### FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

"Only five hundred dollars! To think that only five hundred dollars would save the house, and for want of it it must be sold, and what we shall do after that I do not know!" And the bandsome young matron who spoke burst into a flood of tears.

She was sitting in the upper front dressmaker, an elderly person with across her thumb. neat gray curls, who was doing her best three old ones; and it was to her Mrs. the envelopes with the money. Rockwood had spoken.

"It is a shame to worry you with my troubles," she added, in a moment more; "but really I am in such a state | hate scars on my hands." that I can't keep it to myself, Miss Morgan. Mr. Rockwood takes such things so terribly to heart; and you know when I married there was every reason to believe that papa would back us up pocket, hurried to the doctor's, and when I married there was every reason and help us along, and things have turned out so differently."

"Indeed they have, Mrs. Rockwood," said Miss Morgan. "And if your pa knows what is going on here I wonder he can rest in heaven.'

"I forgive him, I'm sure," said Mrs. Rockwood. "My step-mother poisoned his mind against Mr. Rockwood; and I don't believe he was quite in his right mind when he altered his will and left everything to' her. If he were living he'd give me this money, if he only knew I needed it, without asking. He never denied me anything." said Mrs. Georgina Rockwood. never denied me anything," said Mrs. Rockwood, beginning to weep again. "And she has the homestead and all the property, and an income of at least ten thousand a year, and I am going to be turned out of house and home for five hundred dollars."

"Gracious me!" said Miss Morgan, "I don't see how I can go over there and fit her black velvet dress to-morrow. I don't, indeed. I've a good mind to say I won't-there now!-and have the satisfaction of giving her a piece of my mind to pay for it.

"No, no, Miss Morgan. She's a good) customer," said Mrs. Rockwood. would do me no good. Do you think you can get the waist out, Miss Morgan?"

"I can, by piecing; and I can make a bit of shell trimming to hide the place," said the dressmaker. "And I'll run in and drape it for you Thursday. Don't take big seams. I've cut it loose, because, to tell the truth, the stuff won't bear much pulling."

Then Mrs. Rockwood went to work on the sewing-machine. Thankful to have contrived a decent gown without much expenditure of money-linings, buttons and braid, and Miss Morgan's dollar and a half being all that she could save even by having liver and bacon and codfish dinners twice a week -and the worthy dressmaker stitched away with great diligence, making up her mind that she would say a word for poor Mrs. Rockwood to her-step mother, even if she were snubbed for it.

"It brings mean folks to the sometimes," she said to herself, "if the villagers round. It came to pass they know their meanness is known to that at a farmers' market dinner the strangers."

Early next morning Miss Morgan rang front door, and found the lady ready for her. She always got as much as she could out of people who worked for her, and paid as little for it as possible. There was plenty of the black velvet. however, and of rich lace to trim it with, and the buttons were five dollars a dozen.

No skimping and piecing of this elegant costume; and as Miss Morgan stitched she thought of the step-daugha chance to say anything? And how could she say it so as to do good, and not harm?

"Miss Morgan, I saw you at Mrs. Rockwood's yesterday, didn't I?" said dressmaker started as though her thoughts could have been read. "Yes, ma'am," she said, hurriedly,

"I went there for a day to make some old things over, and very hard it was to get one decent dress out of three, I can tell you. Such a handsome wardrobe as your daughter used to have, too."

"My daughter? Why, Miss Morgan, you ought not to call Mr. Canline's daughter—a grown young woman when I married him—mine," said Mrs. Canline, testily. "Dear me! she was en-gaged to that stupid young Rockwood when I first met her poor pa. My

"I should have said your step-daugh-ter, Mrs. Canline," said Miss Morgan. middle age.

"But, really, you'd feel sorry to sea how hard it is for her to make both ends meet."

"Well, of course, I'm sorry," said Mrs. Canline, "But, as you make your bed, so you must lie. She offended her pa and he left her nothing, and me all. I couldn't help that. And I've my deep how at collects had a help that the my dear boy at college just that age that he needs so much money. I told him I should send him a present that was worth while this Christmas. He can't come home-it's too far, you know. And I shall give him five hundred dollars. Of course his expenses are all attended to, but he must have a little swing. There it is all in one note.
I shall register it this afternoon."

"Five hundred dollars!" said Miss Morgan; "exactly the amount of the mortgage the Rockwood's house is to

be sold for."

Are they really going to lose their uouse?" said the step-mother. "What thriftlessness. "Well, I shall send the children a little Christmas present all the same. I shall send them five dollars, for I have a silly way of being generous to the undeserving.'

Miss Morgan bent over her work. "You that have all her father's fortune," she thought-"you who came be-tween parent and child so that he disinherited her. O! for shame! for shame!

She stitched away, the needle flying through the velvet. She fitted the broad shoulders and well-laced waist, She gathered the lace into graceful falls, and she thought of Mrs. Rockwood all the while.

It was about four o'clock in the afternoon that Mrs. Canline drew her desk toward her, and took out two sheets of paper. On one she wrote:

MY DARLING SON: Here is your Christmas box. I send it with my best love and wishes. Study hard and make me very proud of you. YOUR MANNA. The other sheet held these words:

My DEAR GEORGINA: Inclosed you will find a Christmas gift for the children. Spend it carefully. I add this warning because you really are not economical and prudent by nature, you know. Make the best use of it. It is really quite a little sum, when you think of it as you should. Affectionately your stepmother.

These two notes lay on the table. Upon the first a five hundred dollar note; on the last, a humble five-dollar bill; and Mrs. Canline had carefully directed two envelopes. When opening her penroom of her cottage home, with a knife hurriedly, she cut a great gash

"Come and help me, Miss Morgan," to make one new walking dress out of she said. "Please put those notes into for Louis must be sent to-night. I can register them as I come from the doctor's; for the thumb must be seen to. I

Miss Morgan ran to the desk, bent over it, and in a moment had sealed

was just in time to register her letters at the station on the way home.

· A few days after Mrs. Canline was in receipt of two notes, one from her son, which ran thus:

DEAR MAMMA: Unless you have the queer est possible idea of my wants you must have made a mistake. Did you send me five dol-lars? Yours, in astonishment. LOUIS CANLINE.

The other began:

Mrs. Canline, having read these letters, sat for a while like one petrified. She saw that the money she intended for Louis must have gone to Georgina, and rice versa, but it was too late to help it now. She supposed that the pain of her wounded finger had made her stupid. It was done as we do most stupid things-in a hurry. Of course she should send five other hundreds to Louis. As for Georgina, she could not be made to give up her prize at this date. And Mrs. Canline resolved to play the generous and affectionate par-

She went about a week or so boasting that she had paid off the mortgage on poor Georgina's house; and as Georgina was too grateful to hide the fact, Mrs. Canline gained a good deal of credit for kind feeling to her stepdaughter amongst their mutual friends. Many people were surprised; none

more so than little Miss Morgan. "I am so glad," she often said to her thimble. "I did feel so guilty. I really thought I changed the money in those envelopes. I wanted to do it so. I rejoice that Mrs. Canline did it herself. I do feel gratified she did."-Mary Kyle Dallas.

# Eating a Calf.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of Aylsham lived a certain Jerry Eke, whose appetite was said to be superhuman, whose prowess at harvest suppers was the boast and wonder and envy of talk turned upon Mr. Eke's performances, when some one present protested the bell at Mrs. Canline's handsome that what had been narrated was impossible. "Impossible" said another; 'I'll bet you twenty-five pounds Jerry Eke will eat a calf at a sitting." The wager was taken, and the preliminaries were arranged. The calf-let us hope only a baby calf-was killed: the bones were cut out, the flesh was chopped into minutest particles and apportioned into seventeen enormous pasties, whose outer crust was a thin film of batter made lovely and tempting to every ter's made-over dress, and inwardly sense, but carefully kept from any infumed and fretted. How could she get gredients that cloy the palate. Jerry was called in, he having agreed to the wager with evident delight, and was told he might fall to. He did so and steadily gorged. He had made no difficulty of the first nine pasties, but when Mrs. Canline, after awhile; and the a tenth was brought in he seemed to flag. To the horror of his backers he sighed and looked perplexed. It was but a moment; he desired only to expostulate. "I say, Mass'r, I ain't got nothing to say agin them poys, I loik 'em amazin'; but I'm a thinkin' et's abawt time as I should begin upon that there calf."-Nineteenth Century

> -- According to London Truth, Daniel Wilson, the son-in-law of the President of the French Republic, was almost the playmate of his wife when he was a schoolboy and she a growing girl. They knew each other so well that it did not occur to them to get married

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

-Florida newspapers have their joke about the swamp lands. Some of them say that the lands are to be sold "by the

—A Brooklyn policeman was fined two days' pay for saying to a citizen: "You would swear the legs off an iron pot."—N. Y. Mail. -The Iron Mountain Railroad com-

pany sent nine tons of documents to

England, giving facts and figures in-viting immigration, but sent no money to pay the freight or distribute them, and they are going as waste to the paper mills.—St. Louis Post. -Michael Grosky arrived in New York recently from Hamburg, bound for Mauch Chunk. He said he intended to walk there. He had plenty

of money, but declared that he enjoyed

walking, having often tramped one

hundred miles in twenty-four hours in

his native land .- N. Y. Sun. - Somebody told President Arthur that George Bliss had said that young Allan Arthur was a little wild and should be looked after. Mr. Arthur said, with some impatience: "George Bliss had better mind his own business. He and you and I were all boys ourselves, and you cannot make an old man out of a boy."- Washington Post.

-John Huntington, of Cleveland, cannot be blamed if he favors monopolies. Some years ago he put \$26,000 into the Standard Oil. Company, and has drawn large dividends ever since. The other day in New York he was offered \$1,000,000 for his interest and sold it. He came home with a deed for a \$100,000 house in one pocket and drafts for \$900,000 in the other .- Cleveland Herald.

-The Government of France offers a prize of 50,000 francs for the discovery that shall enable electricity to be applied ecomically in any one of the following directions: As a source of heat, of light, of chemical action, of mechanical power, as a means of the transmission of intelligence or the treatment of disease, the prize being open to all nationalities, and to be awarded in December, 1887.

-At Wilkesbarre, Pa., recently, Dennis Killer, a drunken young loafer, overtook Mr. John Clair, a well known citizen, who had but one leg, and told him to walk faster. Mr. Clair replied that he was walking as fast as an artificial leg would let him, and without more ado, the loafer shot him fatally, firing four bullets into him after the first one had dropped him. - Pittsburgh

-Mrs. Mackay's country residence is the Chateau de Villebon, a quaint old pile of the fourteenth century, situated near Palasien, about twenty miles from Paris, and surrounded with immense park estates. The California millionaire's wife is a devout Catholic and keeps her purse string open for the church. When they they got up a benefit for the sufferers by the Ischia disaster she was asked to buy some tickets. Her reply was a quiet check for 3,000 francs.

- Just after the Sunday School exercises in Trinity Church, Mobile, recently, the sexton began to ring for the morning service. As the bell did not sound right, he requested the boys to go out of the tower room, and a second ter down came the bell through floor after floor, cutting its way as neatly as a cannon ball might have done, and landing in the cellar, fifty-five feet below. The sexton dodged aside just in time to save his head. The bell lies mouth up in the cellar, and is uninjured; but it has lost its clapper .- N.

O. Picayunc. -Dr. J. H. Sidall, a successful dentist, recently became insane and was sent to jail. Six years ago he shot and killed Matt McClure, brother of ex-Congressman McClure, of Wooster, in a quarrel about a woman. He acted very strange lately. One freak was the purchase of half a dozen market baskets, which he carried through the streets all together. Another was trying to buy all the real estate he could find for sale. The other day he created a sensation in a Methodist Church by walking up the aisle with a cigar in his mouth. He made five attempts to shoot Dr. Dougherty, a rival dentist, but was prevented. His insanity is the result of brooding over the killing of McClure, of which he was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. He claims the dead man's form rises before him threaten-

#### ing vengeance. - Cleveland Herald. Novel Use of Greenbacks.

"What becomes of all the greenbacks and bank notes after they have served their few years of usefulness?" is a frequent query. A bank note has its life ust the same as all other things useful. What an interesting story the travels of a greenback from the moment it leaves the press until it returns to the macerating machine would make! The average life of a bank-note is about three years, perhaps a little longer. After serving its purpose as currency it is metamorphosed into rabbits, birds and other figures. The process of the destruction of the notes is an interesting

The readers will often see in the daily papers a paragraph something like this: 'National bank notes received for redemption to-day, \$500,000." The next day these notes are carried to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and placed in a machine containing immense knives, which chop the notes into fragments. This operation is conducted under the supervision of three officers of the Treasury Department, especially detailed for this business. No one is allowed to be present at this daily maceration of the notes except the officials and the men who run the machine. They are compelled to remain in the room until each separate note is destroyed. They must account in detail afterwards to the Redemption Bureau for each note; and should one become lost or mislaid, and afterwards find its way into circulation, the result would be the immediate discharge of the three gentlemen who daily have in their custody from \$500,000 to \$2,000,-000 or \$3,000,000 of notes and bonds. The shreds are reduced to pulp, and then by a patented process this mass is molded into figures of birds and ani-mals and sold as mementoes to visitors. Oftentimes it will happen that one little object will be composed of what once was \$100,000,000 worth of money.-

### Clever Strategies.

One of the most ingenious methods of obtaining money without asking for it was that adopted by Queen Elizabeth's famous Ambassador, Dr. Dale. On one occasion, when dispatching letters to the Secretary of State, he artfully sent one addressed inside to "his dear Kate" in a cover addressed to "Her Most Excellent Majesty." The astonishment of the Queen when she opened the missive and found herself addressed in the most endearing terms, "my deared, my loved; petted and sweethearted," can well be imagined. But when she read the passage where she was made acquainted with the state of his health and the emptiness of his purse, she fell at once into the trap, and, with unusual liberality, relieved his necessities. Another good story is told of the way in which the same party got pecuniary help from his royal mistress. Prior to his departure for Flanders on State business he had an audience of the Queen, when he was informed that he was to receive a daily allowance of twenty shillings for expenses, Dale, however, thought this sum very insufficient, and was not at all satisfied with the amount. He was not slow in adopting a method whereby his mistress should be made acquainted with the fact. He replied that he should spend nineteen shillings a day, and in answer to a question as to what would be done with the other shilling, said: "That I shall keep for my Kate, and my boys, Tom and Dick." The hint was taken and the allowance increased.

Every one has heard the story of how Sir Walter Scott when a boy cut off the button from the waistcoat of his schoolfellow, and by thus depriving him of twirling the button when he was asked a question (a peculiar habit he had got | begins in its want of Heavenly desire. into) Sir Walter reached the top of his

class. But the story of the clever physician and the obstinate patient is not so well known. The latter, who was a Westof-England Bishop, and a notoriously stanch Conservative, had for some time been very ill, and with other prescriptions the doctor advised that at regular intervals a small dose of brandy should be administered. To this, however, the prelate had a decided objection; he obstinately refused to taste a drop of the intoxicating liquor. The physician insisted, nay, even implored his patient to take a small quantity, but the Bishop as firmly and politely declined. Here was a dilemma. The probability was that his obstinacy would be the cause of his death. Few, in the same position, would have been struck with the same idea as the doctor. Quickly walking to the bedside of the sick man. he said: "You are aware that Russell is in office, and a Whig will be your successor to the bishopric." That touched him in a weak point. Slowly raising himself in the bed, he said: "Fetch the brandy, doctor; if necessary

I will drink a quart." But by far the most singular method of obtaining a desired end was that which is accredited to Gretry. If he happened to be walking with any one who went too quick, or too slow, he regulated their steps to his own by softly singing or whistling a tune, the time too slow,' is impolite, but to sing softly an air to the time of the walk of your companion, and then by slow degrees either to quicken the time or to make it slower, is a strategem as innocent as it is convenient."

Stage robberies in Mexico were even until lately very frequent, but at the time of the French occupation of the State they were of almost daily occurrence. To put a stop to these continual robberies the French commander hit upon a capital idea. Half a dozen Zouaves were dressed in ladies' attire, closely veiled, and sent as passengers in the next stage. They carried their carbines beneath the folds of their dress. As we expected, the mail was stopped, and the "ladies," leaving with the other passengers, drew up in line, as was the custom, a few paces from the vehicle, while the searching was going on. Suddenly the "ladies" raised their carbines and performed the strangely unfeminine act of shooting stone dead some dozen robbers. It is perhaps needless to add that this served as a warning to the stage robhers on that route at least, it being only necessary from thenceforth to display a shawl and a bonnet to secure a comfortable

A device somewhat similar to the foregoing, but in which the robbers, or robber, reaped the benefit, was ,that of Hounslow Heath highwayman. This ingenious rascal procured a large quantity of straw, old clothes; and half a dozen pistols. His next step was to stuff the old clothes with the straw, fastening the pistols in the outstretched hands of his mock companions, and then rear them against a tree. Presently a carriage came rattling along, and the usual cry of "Halt!" rang out. The coachman, with the cold muzzle of a pistol to his forehead, of course complied. The inmates of the coach, being shown the figures of the men, which in the dark could only be imperfeetly distinguished, yielded to what thought to be superior forces, and the coach being robbed it was allowed to proceed on its journey.

Very cleverly, too, were a company of Uhlans outwitted during the Franco Prussian war. A farmer who was warned that these unwelcome visitors might be expected at any moment and make a raid on his. property, set to work in the following adroit manner: He literally clothed his cows, sheep and goats in cast-off petticoats and gowns of his wife and daughter, torn trowsers, sheets and blankets. Then s large quantity of medicine bottles were placed in conspicuous positions in the field, in the center of all a large squirt. Finally the Uhlans did arrive, and with wonder they gazed at the grotesquelyattired animals, "The plague! the plague!" wildly gestfeulated the farmer, when they were within hearing distance. That was enough for the Uhlans; turning their horses' heads they rode away to forage elsewhere - Chambers Journal.

-California wants more people, and the authorities have issued a pamphle stating that 45,000,000 acres of land are open to settlement. Colling Carls at this Office tree managenic each an

# Religious Miscellany.

THE REAVENLY HOME.

Heart of mine, canst thou be troubled When the Master, in His grace, Has prepared those Heavenly dwellings Where I shall behold His face?

I shall know mine from all others, 'Mid those palaces of light, Shining like the sun upon me As I enter from the night. When I reach that happy mansion-

Home, my home, forevermore— May I find my absent, lost ones Standing in the open door! May I feel restoring kisses
On my weary caeek and brow;
May I see the love-light shining
That I only dream of now!

O, the all-pervading sweetness
Of that blessed future life!
O, the deep repose to follow
All this wasting care and strife!

Heart of mine, then sear thy burden
Up the hill, through dust and heat—
Any turn may show that City
Lying right beneath thy feet,
—Julia A. Thayer, in Interior.

### SHIFTLESS CHRISTIANS.

In the first place, we are what we

want to be; if one has for years earnest-

ly desired to be a rich man, a wise man, an honest man, a religious man, the desire has shaped his conduct and his character. He may not be rich, but he intensely admires riches and nothing else. He may not be wise, but wisdom is the thing he is most capable of striving for. He may not be 'a perfect man, but perfect manhood is his ideal. The thin and rocky soil means first of all that the soil is barren only as to a particular kind of growth. It can grow weeds, but it can not grow grain-cares and the love of pleasures, but not faith and purity. The barrenness of the soul Grace will not flourish in a soul that does not want it. Faith is not a thing that comes to men unawares and takes imperious possession of them; it is a fruit of thoughtfulness, of prayerful temper, of heedful attention to the great principles of religion, of an active desire to know the things of God, of a habit of strenuously thinking and working toward spiritual vision and spiritual character. If the soul does not go out with a persistent habitualness toward Divine truth and the claims of eternity, there can not be any religious attainment. We do not expect a man who now and then thinks of business to become successful in trade. We do not expect a lad who detests books, but now and then looks at one, to become a scholar. We expect no success for men in

lines on which they do not move. Men

who do not really want to be religious will not be religious. Grace is not forced on the human heart. If we live for pleasure and wealth, we may or may not get them, but we certainly shall not get the Heavenly things for which we have not lived. A man who thoroughly knows that he is worldly to the core of his nature ought to know also that he has not made serious effort to be anything else; and he has not made such effort because he has not wanted to be successful in the pursuit of Christian character. No; our Lord does not mean that we are born, some of us, incapable of which was in accordance with the time he wished to be kept. He would none of us born so. These forces that "I meant to, and went at the time apargue: "To say 'you walk too fast, or are driving us toward the world, or toward Heaven, are forces under which we have placed ourselves, which we have cultivated in ourselves. They are the result of habits of thought and affection which have grown in us out of the heart of our dominant desire. We shall escape from the worldly forces when we seriously desire to escape, and begin to run. We shall be what we are until we want and try to be better. When we are altogether honest with ourselves, we confess the feebleness of our religious desires, and that they come to us now and then-are not our constant companions and our best-loved occupations. Of God! We would especially urge the this persistent dominion of worldliness we shall have to rid ourselves by a far more methodical religion than we have ever dreamed of. We must cultivate our religious nature as methodically as a scholar cultivates his mind, as a business man cultivates his capacity for trade. Until religion becomes to us what care or wealth or pleasure has been-something that is with us when we are asleep, and when we are awake; was with us yesterday, and will be with us to-morrow-we shall be poor and feeble and good-for-nothing Christians. We lack religious ardor, religious habit, religious patience, religious energy. We are shiftless Christians-Christians a little now and then, by fits and starts, but not Christians moved by the full and forceful stream of a Heavenly desire which has borne us on to religious habit. We repeat that it is possible for us to change. We could not do it alone, but God is ready to help us. We can cease to be shiftless and spasmodic Christians, because infinite strength is in the reach of whoever will seek it; because God helps in grace, as in everything else, those who help themselves. - N. W. Christian Advocate.

# Quiet Hours.

Dr. Austin Phelps, in speaking of the danger of incessant Christian activity. without a corresponding secret life with God, says: "The very obvious peril is that the vitality of holiness may be exhausted by inward decay, through the want of an increase of its devotional spirit, proportioned to the expansion of its active forces. Individual experience may become shallow for the want of meditative habits and much communion with God. Activity can never which animates and propels it and it then too keenly feel, each one for himself, that a still and secret life with God | pure. - Charles Kingsley. must energize all holy duty, as vigor in every fiber of the body must come astray as to have lost almost completefrom the strong, calm, faithful beat of ly the sense of gratitude. We eat and

stretched motionless on the bed. He matter, as we all have enough to repent was so weak that he could scarcely ut- of at home. Would it not be well for ter a word. Speaking to a friend of us to take lessons of what we ought to thin by my activity. Now I am grow- no sense of shame about confessing it. --ing in the knowledge of myself and of Banner of Love.

some things which most intimately con-

cern me. No doubt there are many of us who are running our souls thin by our incessant action, without finding quiet hours for feeding and waiting upon God. Blessed then is sickness, or sorrow, or any experience that compels us to stop, that takes the work out of our hands for a little season, that empties our hearts of their thousand cares, and turns them toward God to be taught of Him.

But why should we wait for sickness or sorrow to compel into our lives these necessary quiet hours? Why should we not train ourselves every day to goapart for a litle season from the noisy chilling world, to look into God's face and into our own hearts, to learn, and to draw secret strength and life from the fountain of life in God? George Herbert's quaint lines contain wise counsel:

By all means use sometimes to be alone: Salute thyself; see what thy soul doth wear.

Dare to look in thy chest—for its thine own—

And tumble up and down what thou find st there.

With these sacred "silent times" in every day of toil and struggle we shall be always strong and 'prepared unto every good work.' Waiting thus upon God we shall daily renew our wasted strength, and beable to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint, and to mount up with wings as eagles in bold spiritual flights .- S. S. Times.

### Profanity.

"To swear is neither brave, polite nor wise," so says an old verse, and such must be the sentiment of every respectable maneor woman. The youth just approaching manhood sometimes thinks it smart or brave to let fall a full-fledged oath, specially designed often for the ears of some sedate "Auntie" or cousin, whose shock of surprise he thinks it will be great fun to witness. In the majority of cases, however, there is no great surprise evinced; from a youth who will swear at all, it is usually to be xpected.

Perhaps, after all, it would be better at such times for the hearer to repress the almost involuntary look of contempt, and, if possible, don one of pity instead. The fact generally is, the speaker does not think how great is the sin actually committed when the name of the Deity lightly and profanely falls from his lips.

It chills my blood to hear the blest Supreme Lightly appealed to on each triding theme." It is not so much an appeal, it seems,

as a reckless taking the name of God in vain. In vain, and to no purpose. Swearing never helped anybody; it never will in reality. We have heard of persons who foolishly declared they could never accomplish anything until they "got mad and swore." As if God would ever allow any cause, however important or trifling, to be helped at all by means of what He has strictly forbidden.

We remember hearing of a notoriously profane man, who was promised the sum of ten dollars if he would go to a certain grave-yard at midnight and swear roundly for one minute. He laughingly accepted the challenge. The next day, on meeting the man who made the offer, he was asked if he did as he said he would.

pointed to the grave-yard; but then, somehow, I couldn't!

It palsied even his practised tongue, standing at that silent hour amid the solemn abodes of the dead. But it is a far more dreadful thing, if it could only be realized, to swear in the presence of one's Maker, He who made and wants to redeem each and every one of His children. We hear it everywhere, this habit of profanity-on the street, in the car, and in the store. And the low habit is not confined to the poor or uneducated.

Let it be stopped, this sin against young the boys-never to form this habit. No matter how angry or aggravated you may be, never, never allow the name of God to fall heedlessly or wrathfully from your lips. If you guard against the use of violent and profane language while young, you will be almost safe from it forever. Listen again to the warning words of the old verse, true now as when they were written long ago:

You would not swear if on the bed of death; Reflect! Thy Maker now may stop thy be ath!" breath! -Golden Rule.

# Choice Selections.

-Character is the diamoral that scratches every other stone. - Bartel.

-After reading the doctrines of Plato. Socrates or Aristotle, we feel that the specific difference between their words and Christ's is the difference between an Inquiry and a Revelation. - Dr. Joseph

-A man who depends on the riches and honors of this world, forgetting God and the welfare of his soul, is like a little child that holds a fair apple in the hand, of agreeable exterior, promising goodness, but within 'tis rotten and full of worms .- Martin Luther. -Moody, speaking at Cork, Ireland,

said, in his characteristic fashion, that the way to get a room illuminated is not to send a hundred men to bale out. the darkness, but just to let in the light. It is the same with our hearts. We must let in the light.

-If you want to spoil all that God gives you: if you want to be miserable yourself, and a maker of misery to others, the way is easy enough. Only be sustain itself. Withdraw the vital force selfish, and it is done at once. Think about yourself, what respect the people falls like a dead arm. We can not ought to pay you, what people think of . you, and then to you nothing will be

-The human heart has gone so far are full and abound in numberless A Christian man of intense business blessings, and then feel few, if any, enterprise and activity was laid aside emotions of gratitude for them. It is by sickness. He who never would in said that some races and classes of men termit his labors was compelled to come | are peculiarly ungrateful, but it hardly to a dead halt. His restless limbs were seems worth while to investigate this the contrast between his condition now be and to do from some of the lower orand when he had been driving his im- ders of animal life? Even a dog often mense business, he said: "Now I am shows much more gratitude and kindgrowing. I have been running my soul ness than we do, and he seems to have

AN IDYL OF THE KITCHEN. In brown holland apron she stood in the kitch-

Her sleeves were rolled up and her cheeks all aglow; Her hair was coiled neatly, when I, indiscreetly, Stood watching while Nancy was kneading

Now, who could be neater, or brighter, or sweeter,
Or who hum a song so delightfully low,
Or who look so slender, so graceful, so tender,
As Nancy, sweet Nancy, while kneading the
dough?

How deftly she pressed It, and squeezed it, And twisted and turned it, now quick and Ab, me, but that madness I've paid for in sad-

Twas ny heart she was kneading as well as the dough. At last, when she turned for her pan to the

dresser.
She saw me and blushed, and said shyly: "Please go, Or my bread I'll be spoiling in spite of my toiling.
If you stand here and watch while I'm kneeding the dough."

I begged for permission to stay. She'd not The sweet little tyrant said: "No, sir! no! Yet when I had vanished on being thus ban-My heart staid with Nancy while kneading

I'm dreaming, sweet Nancy, and see you in faney, Your heart, love, has softened and pitted my woe, And we, dear, are rich in a dainty, wee

kitchen Where Nancy, my Nancy, stands kneading the dough John A. Fraser, Jr., in Century.

#### HOW KATY OPENED THE DOOR. I.

It is not comfortable to be poor. I do not mean merely very, very poor, like the man who goes about with a hand-organthough, by the way, judging from the quantity of pennies he gets, I shouldn't wonder if he were rich, and simply pursued his occupation because he is fond of exercise and classical music. But supposing him to be as poor as he looks, I do mean that alone. Anybody is uncomfortably poor who owes money and can't pay it, or who really needs and desires some thing but can't afford it. In this sense most people are poor very often. And there are only two remedies: one is, to have more money, which is not always easy to manage, and the other is, not to want so many things, which is also not easy, but, on the whole, more advisable.

Yet it is quite as uncomfortable and twice as absurd to feel poor when one is not poor. This is what ailed Mr. Crabbe. He had money enough, if he had only thought so. He lived as well as he knew low. If his house was rather gloomy and lonesome, it was because he chose to live alone. His wife had died many years before this story begins. His only daughter had married against his will and he had never forgiven her—not even when, she wrote begging his love and pardon, as she often did at first, or begging his help, as she once did afterwards. He had simply burned the letters without opening them, and had even forgotten the postmarks. It was now at least eight years since she had left him, and he did not know, and thought he did not care what, had become of her, All that time he had been getting rich as fast as he could. I suppose that in most cases, if a man will give up everything for was still poor. "How nan be happy," he used man to grumble, "losing money every day? Such times! people pretending they can't down all the while "

Old Crabbe's business was to get money in earlier days; but he had given that up, because he thought he hated to see and speak with people. Folks talked such rubbish, he said, over the counter; and a woman shopping was enough to drive a There was some truth in that, I confess; but not sufficient to justify him in despising the world altogether. The real secret was, that having cruelly wronged his daughter, he tried to believe that everybody, particulary every woman, was somehow wronging him, or would do so at the first opportunity. At all events, he had retired from business, put his money into houses, and employed an agent to look after them, so that he need never person ally meet his tenants. "They're all alike," said he; "if they can't rob me they'll bore What do I care for their smoky chimneys and poor kitchen ranges, and the pipes and roofs that leak, and the doors that won't shut, and the moldy wall-paper, and the three coats of paint that every thing needs, and all the rest of it?"

But, although he took so much pains (and was willing to pay an agent a moderatevery moderate-salary) to avoid having anything to do with his tenants, he really attended to the whole business. The agent was little more than a go-between, and was obliged to report to old Crabbe almost every day and take his orders. "Don't tell me their names," said the landlord, "and don't teil them my name. But don't you dare to do anything or promise anything till I give you leave!"

The agent was a jolly Irishman, who, if the tenants into the bargain. "Sure, it's little good the money does the loike of him," he used to mutter, as he received the monthly payments from people who looked as if they laid down with every dollar a bit of the pale flesh from their bones. But he was honest in obeying orders; and, although he gave plenty of cheering words and sympathy, he wasted none of old Crabbe's money. Indeed, he could not well have done so without being found out, for the old man wend to crabbe and sympathy. for the old man used to cruise around early in the morning or late in the evening, when he thought he would not be seen and inspect matters for himself.

The day, I am now writing of was the 24th of December. The agent was just leaving Mr. Crabbe's gloomy house after making his report. He had managed to. give satisfaction in every case but one, and in that one case behad obstinately insisted that the rent ought to be reduced.

'Faith, yer honor," said he, "it's too big a proice for the little ould house at all, an it not fit to live in without new front shteps to it an' a power o' patchin' on the roof, an' no gas nor water, an' the furnace as good as wore out intirely. Sure the widdy 'd after lavia' long ago av she hadn't lived there so happy with her husband—rist his

there so happy with her husband—rist his sow!! It's a foine man he was, an' good as gowld—barrin' the gowld—he hadn't enough 'o that to hurrt him!"

"There, there!" interrupted old Crabbs; "haven't I teld you I don't want to know anything about the people that live in my houses? Widows and husbands—it's all you to me. Let them pay their rent or get ant!"

could not be overheard by old Crabbe, he chuckled and said so himself: "That concludin' consideration was an illigant bit of logic. That'll do the business!"

Apparently he had guessed correctly, for after he had gone old Crabbe, sitting alone in the house, began to think the matter over. He wasn't quite ready to tear down No. 142, the house to which the agent had referred, and build "fiats" in the place of it. He wanted first to secure the next lot, which he did not yet own. And if the which he did not yet own. And if the pretent tenants should leave, it would be difficult to find others who would take it on any terms. except those of thorough and extensive repairs. Yet to reduce rent, even to retain a good tenant, was against his principles. It is one of those things which should be done only as a last resort.
Old Crabbe looked over a big book con-

taining columns of figures. Then he ciphered a little on a bit of paper, and und that he had some twenty thousand dollars of money to spare for new invest-ments. Such a result ought to have made him good-natured-I am sure it would have that effect upon me but he made a wry face over it and banged the lids of the big book together, and said it was just his luck —with decent fortune he should have had thirty-thousand by the end of the year, instead of twenty.

But after venting his ill temper on a

chair or two, and making a few more spite-ful remarks about the world and the way it treated him, he returned to thoughts of business. Even his fits of discontent were not allowed to interfere with business. And the result of his meditations was that he put on his big slouched hat and his big shaggy overcoat, and went out to look at No. 142 for himself, and see if it was such a tumble-down place as that agent of his pretended. It was still early in the afternoon, but a snow storm was going on at a pretty lively rate, and when old Crabbe reached the place be sought and stood on the opposite side of the street to look at No. 142, the snow had made the house as respectable as any of its neighbors. "New front steps!" mut-tered he. "Nonsense!" And he crossed the street to look at them a little more closely. There were only two steps, and there was a hole in the first of them: but the snow had hidden the hole, as well as a very slippery spot on the sidewalk just before the steps-a slippery spot which had been carefully cultivated by wicked So it came to pass that on that spot old Crabbe placed one foot (for a fraction of a second only) and into that hole went his other foot immediately, and forward went his whole body. He almost fell, but not quite, and he certainly would have banged his head violently against the front door if it had not at that instant been opened suddenly. But this is an excellent lacs to conclude the present chapter and eave the reader in a state of harrowing It is almost always just as the door opens that we encounter those dread-

I have observed that great authors, after bringing about a crisis like that in my last chapter, do not continue it in their next, whatever they may promise to do. They always say: "Leaving our hero in this distressing position, let us now narrate some events which occurred several years before, and which have a bearing upon our story. I am going to imitate this fashion though in a moderate way-for I don't like to follow fashion to extremes-and the mystery of the door that opened in my last shall not be solved until I have told something about the inhabitants of No. 142, and the scenes which took place there on that same afternoon, not long before old Crabbe slipped, as aforesaid, on the front steps.

ful words: "To be continued in our next."

It really was not such a desperately bad house, though the agent had told the literal truth about it. But it is astonishing how long one can continue to live in a house, and be quite comfortable, too, in spite of lots of things being out of order. don't believe this, listen while your mother talks to your father, or your father to the landlord, about the things that really must be done this year to the plumbing and the painting and the range and the ceilings and oor-knobs; and then notice how many it, he can get rich, but it is a fearful price of them don't get done after all, and how to pay. Old Crabbe had not found out this truth fully. He fancied that if he being so very unhappy over it. No. 142 her hands. He came nearer; he stopped wasn't quite comfortable it was bewasn't quite comfortable it was bewas little and old, possessed of all the on the other side of the street; he looked staring at? Get along, can't you? Stay modern conveniences, with few of the modern conveniences, except, indeed, a door-bell that was out of order, and a furball, opened the front door and the modern conveniences. nace in the cellar that made a good deal of | tinued in our next! pay their rent, and real estate going trouble. Nevertheless, it was very cosy and pleasant under the low ceilings of the neat and tastefully-arranged rooms. from the tenants of his house; and his tainly so thought the sad and gentle lady only pleasure was to take that money and who, with her little daughter, inhabited buy more houses. He had been a merchant them, as, on the afternoon of the 24th of December, she looked around the pretty parlor and sighed and said, half to herself and half to the agent: "It will be hard to leave this place. I have been so happy

here." "Yes'm," replied the agent, promptly; "it's a big shame, it is; thim front shteps, an' the furnace an' all, an' a dillikit laddy

like yon, an' the purrty gurrl."
"Ah," said the lady, "that's not the reason. The reason is that we cannot afford to have a house all to ourselves. We have not very much money, and we must be economical. When my dear husband died, three years ago, I feared that we would not be able to go on living here; but resolved to try, for it was so hard to give it up! And I hoped that -perhapssomebody-a connection of ours, might as sist us. But he did not-and times have grown rather worse with us."

"Moighty little good in thim connec tions," muttered the agent, and added aloud: "but he tould ye that he regritted his inability ?! "I do not know," said the lady; "he nev-

er answered my letter."
"O, it's a letter is it;" said the agent. "Mebbe it'll be not directed right it was, or ye put the wrong stamp on the corner. or ye didn't stick it on firm, or ye dropped it into one of thim dessivin' lamp-posts-

sure there's lashin's o' letters goes wrong." "No," said the lady; "I know well where he lives, and I left the letter at his door; and the servant told me that Mr. Crabbe was at home."

he could have had his own way, would have demanded no rent at all, and lent money to gave a long whistle, in spite of his natural anybody's head. politeness, and immediately said he must look at the furnace. "Spre I had to git away somehow," said he to himself as he groped down the cellar stairs. "If I had staid a minute more I'd a' broke one of the tin commandments, by spakin' my moind about that ould villain. A connection o' bers, is it? Holy Moses; it's her father he is, bad luck to him!" And the kind-hearted agent went down to the furnace, where he opened doors and shut them again, poked his head into various hot and smoky places and pretended to make a thorough examination generally; but his thoughts were busy all the time with wild plans for

the relief of the widow and her child. Meanwhile the lady was not left alone; for in ran the loveliest little girl and sprang upon her mother's knee. I am not good at describing little girls. They all seem pretty to me. So I will mention but one point about little Kate. She had a pair of great gray eyes, which she used to fix upon the person to whom she was speaking, and there was something in those eyes, something deep and transparent, which made it very hard to avoid abswering any question they might are. It seemed as if they were two still clear persons and the second as it they were two still clear persons are second as it they were two still clear persons are second as it they were two still clear persons are second as it they were two still, clear pools, and must not be dis turbed by careless or deceitful words Kate's mother always told her the truth and a good deal more of it than she might and a good deal more of it than she might be expected to understand for she was only seven years old but children understand more than they get credit for; and what they don't understand they may apprehend, which is much the way of grown folks also. At all events, Kate, having had her mother for principal companion, knew a great deal that would surprise you. Yet she was in other respects most children and innocest. In fact, perhaps, you would have been more surprised at the things she did not knew.

this very day! And whatever is going to be done had better be done."
"I am sorry, dear," said the lady, "to have to disappoint you. I hoped it would not be so bad. But you must be my brave daughter, and remember that although we cannot afford to make any outward show of our gladness, we have a great deal to be thankful for, and we can be really glad in our hearts when we think what Christmas means, to us and to all the world."
"Yes, I know," said Kate, with her great-eyes fixed on her mother: "and, besides

eyes fixed on her mother; "and, besides that, I have you and you have me, and you are my Christmas present and I am yours."
Then she gave the lady a kiss and continued: "But it is very nice to have a party, as we did last year, and a Christmas tree and such fun! Mamma, does Santa Claus ask people whether they can afford

The eyes were so steady that one of two things had to be done—either answer or run away. The lady on this occasion ran away, saying: "We will talk about that some other time. I must go out before the snow gets too deep in the street."
"Very well," said Katy, with dignity; "I can wait. But, mamma, it is not wrong

to have as good a time as we can?" "No, indeed, my darling." "Then suppose you leave it to me," said the child. Her mother was just going out of the room, and scarcely paused to think what Katy might mean; she said lightly: "Yes, dear, I'll leave it to you," and went

up stairs to dress for her walk, with a mind

full of more serious cares than those of a Christmas celebration.
As soon as she was gone little Kate walked straight to the register in the floor. She had reasoned it all out beforehand. Santa Claus couldn't get in by the fire place, because there wasn't any. But per haps the register, communicating as it did with the furnace, and that with the chimney, would do as well. And one of the girls at school had told her that if you wanted anything from Santa Claus you must call it into the chimney the day be-fore Christmas. So she held her pretty head over the register in spite of the hol

air; and thus it came to pass that the

agent, who was at that moment poking about the furnace in the cellar, heard a silvery voice calling, "Santa Claus!" "Thunder an' lightning!" said the agent 'who's that?" This remark was addressed to nobody in particular; but Katy heard it with great delight. "Thunder and light-ning!" she repeated, softly; "why that's the same as donner and blitzen-"On, Comet! on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen! -mamma said so! O, it must be Santa Claus himself, just going around beforehand, to find out what people would like And, not a bit frightened, she called down the register again: "It's me— Katy. Don't you remember me? I would remember you, just as plain as anything, if I could only see you once! I'm awful glad I came to the register just as you did but perhaps I stopped you coming up this

this way into the parlor, Santa Claus?" "Och, blazes, no!" shouted the agent, who found it very warm, even where he was; "when I come I'll come by the door an' I advise you to do the same, me darlin' This hot air isn't good for yer little lungs." "O, Santa Claus, how funny your voice sounds! It sounds just like the jolly agent

way into the parlor? Were you coming up

that comes for the rent." "An' I couldn't risimble a bitter gintle

me complexion!"
"Very well," called Katy; "I shall expect you at the front door!" But she got snow to cool it down, as he said, to a "plisant summer hate," while he hurried being forgot little Katy and her childish fancy.

Then Katy's mother came down stairs and went out also-by the back door, be-cause she was afraid of the front stepsand Katy was left alone in the house. For 142, and stop on the way at the confection-more than an hour she sat by the window, er's and order a supper for about—well. watching for Santa Claus to come. At last, about a hundred-and have those steps he saw a figure in shagey coat

Leaving our heroine in this exciting position, let us now see what was happening to the lady. We must do this, you know, in obedience to the rules of art; but I hate it as much as you do, and I promise to be quick about it. The lady had determined to spend a very little money for Katy. She would buy a Christmas card, at least. But she saw in the shops so many other things that she would have been so glad to give to her child as to make it hard for her to be resigned. And the agent's talk kept running in her head. only took the letter to his door," she mur-mured. "I ought to have spoken with him, face to face. A letter he might refuse to read; but he could not help seeing and hearing me. Yes! I will-for Katy's sake!"
And suddenly she left the shop and burried, as though afraid she might change ber mind, to old Crabbe's house. He was not at home, the housekeeper said. She didn't know when he would be at home; and was about to shut the door, when the lady, wit a strange impulse, said: "I will go in and wait for him-I am his daughter;" and in a moment she had passed into the well-known house, so that the housekeeper could do nothing but say: "Well never!" and go back to the kitchen. "Well. at the very moment when Crabbe's front door opened to let his daughter in, the front door of No. 142 opened, and-Now we have got to it, at last. Aren't

you glad? Katy was glad, and as for old Crabbe-he didn't know he felt. To be shot out of a snow-storm in that way: to think you are going to tumble down and break your nose, and then to find yourself in a warm hall and a pretty little girl dusting the snow from you with a broom, and talking as fast as she can, is enough to turn

"I knew you'd come!" cried Katy, danc-ing round him. "Mamma has gone out and keeping house, and we needn't teil her till the whole thing is arranged! What a lot of snow you have got on your knees!" And down she went on her knees to brush and arranging the articles that came to the

Old Crabbe looked down in bewilderment on the bright, curly head. His ideas had bood were flattening their noses on their nearly all forsaken him; but one remained, window-panes in admiration at the goings and that one he spoke out. "Bad hole in on at No. 142, or else they were scrubbing and that one he spoke out. the steps," he said. "I must have it mended!"

Katy jumped up when she heard that crying: "O, you dear old Sauta Claus! How could you find that out so soon? Why, that's one of the very things I was going to ask you!" And she climbed right up on a chair that stood in the hall, and threw her arms around old Crabbe's neck and gave him a kiss, so quick that he din't know what, was going to happen until it had happened and couldn't be prevented! Then she took off his hat, and even began as if she would help him take off his over coat. But he resisted that, and she said: "O, I forgot. Of course you always wear that. You couldn't be taking it off and putting at an again so many times. It would wear all out. That's what wears out diothes more than anything else. You get your arm in the lining, and rip it goes! But you must come into the parlor, for I've got lots and lots to say-

only I'll say it very fast."

Indeed she kept fer word, for leading old Crabbe (who went as if he were in a dream and never spoke a word) into the parlot, she seated him in the arm-chair that

asked him: "Am I too heavy?" Still he did not speak, but slowly worked his arm around her and shook his head. "I thought not," she said, with a smile of superior knowledge; "nobody ever said I was too heavy," And on she went with her story. "So you see," said she at last, "you have got to help a good deal this time. Mamma has not got any money to spare; but I've got ten cents that she don't know anything about. The agent gave them to me one day. We must get something pretty for day. We must get something pretty for him. You like him, you know. You said he was a broth of a boy!"

"Oh, did I?" muttered old Crabbe; but with those eyes upon him he could not

deny it.

"Now, I'll tell you my plan," said the child. "You will take me along with you when you go shopping this afternoon. You have such lots of things to get and you can get bargains, I know." Mamma says that people who buy a great deal can do much better. That's one thing that makes our of greens arching the front door! She things so dear, because we buy so little leaned against the gate in speechless at a time. So you can help me to spend amazement. But they were on the lockout my ten cents, and you can show me how to make a real merry Christmas for mamma. Now Santa Claus, do!" she added, as she saw the old man just about to speak, with a look in his face like no; "I'd just do anything for you. You haven't got another little girl in the world that would be more grateful than I would be!

"Would you"-said old Crabbe, slowly-"do you think you would—be willing to— give me another kiss—even if I was not Santa Claus?"

"I'll give you a hundred, and begin right away," said Kate, eagerly; "but if you wasn't Santa Claus, of course not. It wouldn't be proper, unless you were my grandfather or semething. But you are Santa Claus, you know; so what's the use of talking like that?" "Yes," said old Crabbe, boldly, "under

the circumstances, I am Santa Clausthough I wish I was your grandfather."
"Well, I don't," said little Katy. "I've
got a grandfather somewhere, and he's no use at all. Mamma only cries when I talk about him and says 'Hush, my dear;' I'll tell you what I think: I think that he is lost his mind, too, and that they have put him in prison and he don't know enough to get out or even to want to get out-just like a-like an idiot rabbit!" she concluded triamphantly, and added in a tone of deep

pity; "poor old grandfather Crabbe!" There was a dead silence for a minute, and then old Crabbe spoke. "On the whole," said he, "I prefer to be Santa

Come!" But the air of bewilderment and uncer tainty has disappeared. He waited impatiently while Katy put on her red cloak and hood, and as soon as the door was open he lifted her in his arms and strode out across the dangerous step into the snow. The storm had ceased and the sun was still two hours high.

A carriage was passing. Old Crabbe hailed the driver, hired the carriage and put little Kate into it. "Lots to do," said he; "we must hurry." "O, yes, indeed," said Katy. "You will

have to drive hard to get around to all the houses. Why, it would take an hour to go to the little girls that I know."
"How many do you know? Tell me where

they live," said he; and in a few minutes he had the names of some twenty girls. Then he stopped the carriage and left Katy man; he's a broth of a boy, that agent, an' in it for a moment. Looking out of the don't ye forget it! Sure I know him well. Window she saw him enter a door over But I must be gittin' out o' this, or I'll spoil which was the sign: "District Telegraph Office. Messengers at all Hours." But she did not see or hear his astonishing performance in there, the result of which was no reply, for the agent had gone, and in a that all the messengers in the concern were minute more was rubbing his head with off within five minutes carrying invitations to the houses of Katy's friends, begging them to please excuse lack of ceremon away to old Crabbe's in order not to be too and come to No. 142, with their brothers, late with his report-and, for the time; and fathers and mothers, too, if they liked, that very evening.

As old Crabbe was about to get into the carriage again he spied the agent coming along the street. "Just the man I want to see! Hello, there! Go right down to No. mended in half an hour; and while you about it, get a big Christmas tree, and all this is for yourself. Now hurry up, will you?" And he put into the hands astonished agent several gold pieces amounting to more than a month's But the agent caught a glimpse of Katy in the carriage, and understood how the matter lay without any explanations; and away he went, as wild as a young colt with delight. "Whoop!" said he; "to think of ould Crabbe caught by the witch of a choild. O, Kathleen Mayourneen! av ye begin this way whin ye're young, faith the ooys'll break hearts an' purty eyes whin ye're a bit older !"

Meanwhile old Crabbe—old Crabbe!— was shopping like mad. Whatever Katy admired he bought. The shopkeepers all knew him, and knew that he was able to pay. So they made no objection to his extravagance, though they could not under-stand it. At last Katy herself interfored. 'Santa Claus," said she, gravely, "I am afraid you are spending too much money. You don't seem to understand shopping. You ought to look at things and admire them and ask the price, and whether they will wash, and say you will look further before deciding; and then the clerk will offer to sell them to you at cost, because it's you, and he would like to oblige an old

'O, I know how it's done " said old Crabbe, remembering his merchant days.
"Then why don't you do it?" pursued Katy. "You just ask how nace as shop say 'Do it up?' That's no way to shop in the world, and that will make every

"Now,don't you worry," said old Crabbe cheerily. "I like this way of shopping best. And I've got plenty. Why, child, I've got twenty thousand dollars to spend,

"O, what a lot !" said Katy. "But I supdose it don't make so very much when you divide it around. Of course, I like it; you such fun in my life as buying the Christmas presents for all the boys and girls in town! So that wild shopping went on until both of them were tired. and a crowd of assistants were working like men distracted at No. 142, receiving door in a perfect procession of express wagons; and all the folks in the neighborwindow-panes in admiration at the goings and dressing the children who had been in

vited to spend the evening there. At last old Crabbe and Katy drove up to the door. It was almost time for the party to begin. He wouldn't let her go into the parlor, but made her burry up stairs to her own room to put on her best dress. ever you find up there on the bed," he shouted after her, "that's what I mean!" For there had been a bundle of wonderful clotues-just out of fairy land-sent to the house an hour before, with directions to the agent; and the contents were all arranged in Katy's chamber. Now it was her turn to think she was in a dream! But old Crabbe was very wide awake

now. He dashed back into the carriage and drove swiftly to his own house, keeper met him at the door, but he ran by her so quickly that he was half-way up stairs before he heard her say: "And now she's gone, and good riddance!"

"Who's gone?" he asked, sharply.

"A crasy woman, who said she was your daughter, and stayed till Ltold her to get out."

"You're an old fool!" said Mr. Crabbe to out!"

"Av coorse!" replied the agent. "That's what I said to the widdy—I mane that in the wast in other respects, most what I said to the widdy—I mane that in the wast in other respects, most annual said when he had reached the street and street and wast any longer. To-morrow is Christmas, and when he had reached the street and street and

coat with brass buttons and a splendid frilled shirt-bosom, such as fine gentlemen used to wear in his younger days. And he certainly looked like a fine gentleman, a younger and happier one than had gone out of that hose for many a day. Into the carriage again and off like the wind!

As he whirled through the streets, he caught sight of a woman's figure, plodding slowly along the snowy sidewalk. He started and was on the point of stopping the carriage; but he checked himself, saying: "It is only a few minutes more that will wait and suffer. And perhaps she could not forgive me here and now. I must have the child at hand. So he leaned back out of sight, and the carriage drove swiftly by, leaving the lady toiling bravely but sadly homeward.

Why, what was this? Her old house gleaming with lights and running over with music and laughter—guests coming in for her and once more-for the last time in this story-Katy opened the door and-

To be continued; for the happiness that came that day never departed any more. but was continued, like a story withou end, through the next and the next and the next .- R. W. Raymond, in Our Continent

### Ringed Adders Creeping Out from Eggs.

About the middle of August a basket of serpents' eggs was sent to the Berlin Aquarium. They were found by some laborers in a heap of dirt, the old serpents having been killed under the impression that they were poisonous. There were about two hundred eggs adhering firmly together, forming a mass resembling the cocoons of the

silkworm. To the great joy and surprise of Dr. Hermes, the director of the Aquarium, who summoned numerous observers, the eggs began to show signs of life on iteaf and dumb and blind, and that he has the second day after being placed in ost his mind, too, and that they have put the egg house. Twenty or thirty small the in prison and he don't know enough to serpents known as ringed adders (Tropidonotus natrix) broke through the leather-like shell, and after a few minutes crept quickly around the cage. These adders were sixteen to eighteen centimeters in length, and in color were exactly like their parents, having the well known yellow spot on the back part of the head. Some of the serpents showed at once their love for the water. gliding into the basin and showing great skill in swimming.

The hatching of the other serpents was quite remarkable. The high temperature of the room and the lack of moisture from the decaying earth dried the covering of the eggs and made it very difficult for the young reptiles to make their longed for entrance into the world. They could only stretch out their heads, their bodies being firmly held by the parchment-like shell. With out assistance the young serpents would have perished. A large place was cut in the shell, and it could be plainly seen how the snakes, firmly twisted together, lay in their narrow prison. They stretched themselves out at once, so that a few minutes afterward none of them could have been forced back into the empty shells. The ringed adder is perfectly harmless, the crescent-shaped vellow spot distinguishing it from the poisonous adder, which has black zigzag lines on the back .- Illustrirte Zeit-

# How Drainage Helps.

Experiment has shown that for the est welfare of crops a soil should not e more than from one-tenth to one third full of water; that is to say, most of the larger spaces between the solid particles are empty of anything except air. This healthy condition sometimes comes about of itself, when an open subsoil lets the surplus water run away freely from the surface; but usually artificial drainage is necessary to secure it. One of the most marked good effects of this underdrainage, whether natural or artificial, is the improvement in the temperature of the soil. If this surplus water cannot pass off below

in due time, it must be evaporated into the air, at the inevitable cost of a great quantity of heat which would otherwise have served to warm the soil: a wet soil, like a wet person coming out of a bath, is cold. The less heat a soil must lose in this way, the greater will be its reserve

stock, useful not only for the production of crops, but also for their protection against cold. The sun's rays de not warm the air as they pass through it; they warm the soil and the rocks: these then throw out or radiate this absorbed heat into the air and warm it. The lateness of a frost in any locality depends therefore not a little on the re serve supply of heat in the soil: and this again depends largely on the freedom of the soil from surplus water during the heated season; a well-drained and properly dry soil will not only give a larger and better crop than an undrained and wet soil, but its crops will not suffer the harm from early frosts that may ruin the baryest of undrained fields .- N. Y. Tribune.

# "A Little Close."

In one of our hotels recently a resilent of one of the country towns in this State told several stories in regard to his townsmen, and of one family in particular, all the members of which have the reputation of being "a little close." One of the sons at last made up his mind to be married, and concluded after long thinking that he ought in some way to make a change in his usual apparel, but could not decide exactly what the change should consist in, and at last concluded to consult with his father, and the old man, after hearing him through, thought the matter over and at last said:

"Joe, what have you been paying for your hat?" "A dollar," replied the son.

"Then," said the old man, giving Joe a slap on the shoulder, "I'll tell you what to do. Liz is a good girl, an' you'd better do the thing in style. dollar-and-a-half hat, Joe.

The members of the family were not too close to invest in fancy stock, and the father and sons owned a very valuable Jersey cow in common, and "the Jersey" seemed to be always present in the thoughts of each of them. One morning after Joe had settled down on a farm of his own a younger brother made his appearance at his house and said, half crying: "Joe, we're in

trouble at home. "The Jersey isn't dead, is she?" shricked the alarmed Joe.

"Not quite as bad as that," replied the brother, wiping his eyes; "grand-mother's dead."—Portland (Me.) Cor. Boston Globe.

COMMERCIAL LAW. Brief Digests of Late Dec Complied Specially for the St. Louis Co cial Gazette.]

A policy provided that it should be-come void in case of failure to make prompt payment of premium, but upon surrender within thirty days thereafafter a proportional paid-up policy would be issued. The agent at the time of issuing the policy represented that it was non-forfeitable, and the insured, in reliance on his representations, failed to apply for a paid-up policy within the specified time. Held, that the insured had no legal right to rely on what was said by the agent at the time he took the policy. If the loose expressions used by the agent at the time imported more than was contained in the policy, all negotiations between the parties and all that was said at the time, are conclu-sively deemed by the law to have been merged in the written contract. That expresses the exact contract made between the parties at the time and the whole of it. - The Attorney-General vs. Continental Life Ins. Co., N. Y. Court of Appeals. 1

COMMON CARRIER-SETTLEMENT. A lot of oats were shipped over a railroad, but they were not called for until at the end of two months. The storage charges were \$275, about which there was some dispute, and it was charged that the oats were damaged. The matter was settled by the payment of \$75, and a receipt was given for the freight and one taken for the oats as delivered according to the bills of lading in good order. On a suit for damages against the carrier it was held that the settlement with the warehouse company was a complete discharge and waiver for any claim of loss or damage to the goods, without considering the plaintiff's right in allowing the oats to remain in store for two months.-Denver, S. Park & Pac. R. R. Co. vs. Harp. Supreme Court of Colorado.

### PROMISSORY NOTE.

When a note is perfect on its face and contains no indications that it is delivered in violation of any agreement, and is taken in good faith and for a valuable consideration, the taker will not be affected by any agreement made between the principal and surety of which he has no notice.-Whitcomb et al. vs. Wheeler, Supreme Court of Indiana.

A certificate on the back of a note by a maker, who was also the pavee, that it was given for a valuable consideration, that he had no defense to it, etc., does not prevent his signature to such certificate from having the force of an indorsement so as to make the note negotiable and transfer the tide to a bona ride holder for value.-Dunning vs. Heller, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

If a will which was duly executed, and which contained a clause expressly revoking former wills is canceled, it is a question of fact and intention to be collected from all the circumstances of the case, whether an earlier will which has not been destroyed is revived by such cancelation. In the absence of affirmative evidence that the testator intended to revive the earlier will by the cancelation of the second, the earlier will will be held not to be revived tions of the testator, made after the cancelation of the will, are admissible in evidence for the purpose of showing whether he thereby intended to revive a former will which had not been destroyed.-Pickens vs. Davis, Supreme

#### Court of Massachusetts. PARTNERSHIP.

If one knowingly permits himself to be held out as a partner in a firm, he becomes liable to those who deal with the firm in the belief that he is a partner, as fully as if he were in fact a partner. Where one has been advertised to the world as a partner, notice of his withdrawal must be given to the general public and should not be confined to former customers of the firm. These latter are entitled to actual personal notice. The fact that the withdrawal of a partner has become matter of general notoriety will not supply the place of a public notice where there is no visible change in the business, in the title of the firm, nor in its advertisement .-Streeker vs. Conn. Supreme Court of Indiana.

# BROKER'S COMMISSION.

A broker employed to procure a loan is entitled to his commission when he procures a lender ready, willing and able to lend the money on the terms proposed. The broker's right to his commission does not depend on the contingency of the applicant's acceptance of the loan, but on his performance of his part of the contract. He can not be deprived of his commission by the principal's refusing to accept the loan which the negotiations of the former have resulted in securing .- Vinton vs. Baldwin, Supreme Court of In-

# MECHANIC'S LIEN.

When the owner of a building has paid a sub-contractor, filing a me-.chanic's lien, a sum of money on account of his work without directing its application, the sum will be applied to those items for which the property of the owner might have been rendered liable by a lien. - Nelson vs. Partridge's Administrator, St. Louis Court of Appeals.

SIGNING AS "AGENT."

The character of the liability of the drawer of a bill of exchange must be determined from the instrument uself. The addition of the word "agent" to his name, without anything else on the instrument indicating his principal, does not relieve him from personal liability as drawer of the bill.-Ohio Nat. Bank vs. Cook, Supreme Court of Ohio.

# MORTGAGE OF STOCK.

A mortgage upon shares of stock in a corporation is not within a statute authorizing mortgages upon real and personal property to be recorded, and recording of such an instrument is not constructive notice to a subsequent purchaser.—Spalding vs. Paine's Adminis-trator, Kentucky Court of Appeals.

CHATTEL MORTGAGE, TIQ pdl flo A description in a chattel mortgage is sufficient if it will enable a third person after reasonable inquiry to identify the property, and oral testimony is ad-missable in aid of the description.— Blake vs. Cahanne et al., St. Louis Court of Appeals.

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# THE IRON PORT.

ESCANABA, MICHIGAN, DEC. 22, 1883.

### Personals.

-Mr. and Mrs. Barr went to Chicago on -"Black Nick" Probeck came in from the

woods on Monday last. -R. Zekil and wife are visiting at Wau-pun, Wis., having departed on Monday.

-Geo. T. Burns went up the river, "to see what the boys were doing in the camps," on

-Mrs. H. W. Banks, of Marquette, is visiting in town, the guest of our Mrs. F. A. Banks. -John Curran was in, from Crystal Falls,

on Wednesday. He says the Falls is "the boss town" of the range.

-Mr. and Mrs. Caspar Bartley left on Wednesday last for Milwaukee, where they will remain during the holidays.

—Mrs. Marple, wife of the manager at Hanley's, arrived on Monday last and will assume the position of housekeeper. -Johnny and Alex. McGillis started for Washington Territory on Monday last. Johnny

promised us a letter as soon as he shall have -B. W. Brown and wife will get away soon, may have gone before now, to Arizona, where "Warren" will be engaged in the trade

-Will Coan has gone to Valparaiso, Ind., to study in the college at that place. His

brother, John Coan, Jr., accompanied him as far as Chicago. -Capt. Clark, of Garden and all alongshore, was in town on Monday last, en route to some point on the lake Michigan shore in

Wisconsin, where he has business. -Mr. Lowry, of Nahma, called on us on Tuesday. His visit was too brief for us to learn what brought him here, and perhaps it was none of our business, anyway.

# Range Items.

—The stockholders in the Iron River Fur-nace company are John S. and Alex. McDon-ald, John Spence, Louis Muenter, P. L. Anton and John T. Jones.

-The Chapin is working 400 and the Lud-ington 80 men. These forces may be increased to 600 and 150, but not more until the contracts for next year's output are made. This means a very dull winter at Iron Mountain .- Menominee Range.

-Eleven men who had been employed at the Juneau explorations, on Dr. Fortier's property, quit work, because they were not paid-a perfectly justifiable strike. They proposed to attach the property to secure themselves, but the company promised to pay up in ten days and the men are waiting. Mining News.

-The Menominee Mining company has printed and published its code of rules, making them a portion of its contract with the men it employs. The men are required to assume all risks of injury or death, releasing the company from obligation or liability; they must not be members of any "union;" they must give notice of intention to quit; they must work by the mine whistle, and must lose their own time when attending funerals .-Menominee Range.

-The works of the Hydraulic Power company have been completed and tested. The company is ready to supply power as soon as the mines are ready to receive it. The last of the Pinkerton's left Iron Mountain on Saturday. Agents are still "squatting" pre-emptors and homesteaders on lands about Iron River putting them on three deep in some cases. The losses by the fire at Crystal Falls were exagerated -\$2,100 will cover the loss on buildings .- Mining News.

-The publishers of the Florence Mining News, referring to our notice of the Crystal Falls fire summarized from their paper, say of the words "Levine is accused of arson," that no such statement appeared in their paper. Sorry to have been in error. Especially sorry to have east injurious aspersions on an innocent man, if we have done so. Can only say that, somehow we can not now say how having no copy of the News to refer to, we got the idea conveyed by the words quoted, and must have got it from the News as we had no other account of the fire at the time. Perhaps we should have said "suspected" rather than

—A couple of drunken Indians smashed Rosenheimer's window and were arrested and fined. A sober Indian notified the saloon fined. A sober Indian notified the saloon men that the money to pay the fines must be raised by them or they would be prosecuted for selling the liquor to the Indians. The fines will be paid. Phil. St. Arnaud, clerk in the Penn company's store, chasing a hoodlum off the premises tumbled over him and suffered a broken arm. Surprise, Marchand & Co. have "ore and water in troublesome quantities," on their option near Quinnesse and operations are delayed until a pump and boiler can be procured and placed in position.—

Norway Iron Chronicle.

—The Saginaw company is exploring 4, 39-29. John R. Wood is putting down a shaft on the nw ¼ of ne ¼ 14 39-29. He has secured also the ne ¼ of ne ¼, adjoining. J. M. Case, of Marquette, has resumed operations on the Garfield property. The machinery of the hydraulic power works has been in motion during the week and has been found to work satisfactorily. A pressure of 25 pounds was given at the Chapin mine. Forty men are at work clearing the ground for the new furnace at Iron River and chopping wood for charcoal. The Indiana company is building a new store and excavating a foundation for a new plant of mining machinery. Kramer, of Waucedah, who was accidentally shot last October, is making good progress toward complete recovery, in spite of the doctors.-Menominee Range.

### Locals.

-Gold Pens at Gagnon's to suit every

-Candies, for Christmas, fresh and pure,

-Artistic Goods, for Christmas, by Atkins & McNaughtan.

-Every variety of bibulant, by a man who knows how, at Hanley's.

—Have you seen the adjustable ring, at Gagnon's? Fits any finger. -Caps for winter wear-Seal, Otter, Nu-

tria and Beaver, at Greenhoot's. -Turn to the editorial page and glance at Derouin & Lonsdorf's announcement.

-Hutchinson & Goodell's "ad," on this page of the PORT should receive attention.

-Cloaks and Dolmans "must go" so Burns puts them right down to cost, to close them

-Hundreds are flocking to Wixson's for pictures and picture goods for holiday pres

-Dolls-bisque head, kid bodies and flexible joints-the next thing to a baby, at God

-Standard, triple-plated silverware-beau-tiful patterns-for the lowest of low prices, at

-Some lucky customer of Gagnon's will get a fine Lady's watch in gold cases, on New

-Those large Photos that Wixson is turning out are the boss. Call and see them at

-Scarfs, mufflers and handkerchiefs, a wide variety and choice goods, at Derouin & Lonsdorf's.

-That beautiful silver water pitcher will be awarded to some one of Mead's customers on Christmas.

-A Revolver can be purchased of Godley just as cheaply as the same article can be pro-

-Costumes for the masquerade can be or-dered through John Roemer or Myers Ephraim. Of course you want one.

-Clothing for the extremities; Artics and Rubbers, Gloves and mittens, an immense variety, at very low prices, at Greenhoot's.

-Cloaks and Dolmans, at Greenhoot's, at such prices as customers place upon them. The whole lot goes, without reservation.

-Attention, Smokers! Preston offers you cigars and Tobaccos, Pipes and cigar-holders, at very low prices, though the goods are very

-Trumpets, Whistles, Pop-guns-all contrivances for making a noise and making the little ones happy, can be found on Mead's toy

-A pair of vases, or one of those beautiful Terra Cotta Figures which you see at Atkins & McNaughtan's makes an appropriate Christmas present.

-Charms, Seals, keys, and all articles of bijouterie-beautiful and appropriate for Christmas and New Years, presents at Gagnon's West-end Jewelry establishment.

-Peterson & Norman have just received some new upholstered Furniture; very fine, and very appropriate for Christmas presents, which they offer at prices lower than ever.

-Christmas specialties; Handkerchiefs, of silk, linen and cambric, embroidered and plain; laces, of every pattern; Fancy articles too numerous for enumeration, at Greenhoot's.

-Remember that Stegmiller has placed his entire stock, Watches and Clocks of every description, Jewelry in immense variety, and silverware, at popular prices duting the holi-

-Now is your time. Conolly & Moran, rather than carry over to another season their large stock of stoves—cook and heating, wood and coal, have put the prices to cost and deduct from that interest and storage, and will sell on those terms for the next thirty days.

Sewing Machines and attachments,

We use the above head-line merely to call your attention to the fact that Christmas is near at hand, and as usual you will have to get some presents for your friends. "Well, what will I get?" you will say. Now we propose to give you a few points on this perplexing question, and when we mention the article that suits your fancy and fits your pocket-book (nothing like harmony in all things) you holler "stop!" First we will consider your reputation for generosity and name

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Blue Chinchilla,	25 00		Lot 6230,	22 00	12 00
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