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HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Local, Personal and General News Furnished in Condensed Paragraphs for the Convenience of the Busy Reader

Fire insurance. Henry Hanson, adv
Regular meeting of the city council tonight.

M. E. Friedman was at Detroit a few days this week on business.

If you haven't done your Christmas shopping early, do it as early as you can.

The Tawas City schools close today (Friday) for two weeks Christmas vacation.

Dr. A. B. Carson, dentist, is at his office in Tawas City every day of the week. Phone 44-W. adv

Rev. John Pinches and Rev. Alex Anderson were at Bay City on business Wednesday.

A pretty calendar makes a handsome and inexpensive Christmas gift. See those the C. E. Society has on display at W. J. Robinson's store. Prices from 10c to 35c. adv

Dr. Yeager, the dentist, announces that his next visits to his Tawas City office will be Monday, Jan. 3 and Friday, Jan. 7. See him on these dates for dental work. adv

The new steel railroad bridge over the Tawas river was placed in position by a large force of workmen last Sunday. The new structure weighs about 80 tons and rests on large cement piers.

There are a large number of Herald subscribers whose time has expired or will expire January 1. Please look at the label on your paper and if your time has expired send in your renewal at once.

The residents along the Alabaster-AuGres road have been having a road bee the past two weeks, grading and graveling about a two mile stretch of that highway. Men and teams have turned out liberally for the work and great improvement has been made.

It looks as though winter had really come to stay. Last Sunday a fall of about three inches of snow made sleighing possible, and a day or two later the mercury dropped. Tuesday morning thermometers about town registered only eight above zero at 7 o'clock a. m.

The poles and cable for the new 100 pair telephone cable between Tawas City and East Tawas have been distributed along the line this week and the work of erection will be pushed as fast as possible. The new line will take care of all existing contracts and leave some room for growth, there being between 75 and 80 phones now in operation in this city. The new poles will all be set on the south side of the street and as far out of the roadway as possible. This plan will do away with the strain on the poles caused by crossing the street with the line, to which was accorded a great deal of the recent damage to the line.

Alex Ross, monuments, East Tawas. Miss Effie Graham was a Bay City visitor Thursday.

Joe Thomas returned Tuesday from a few days visit at Onaway.

W. H. Flynn was at Detroit on business a few days the past week.

J. D. Anderson returned Tuesday from a weeks trip to Detroit and points in Ohio.

Finest grade velvet shapes for \$1.00 and \$1.50 each. All new goods. Mrs. A. W. Colby. adv

Messrs. C. A. Buswell, James Brown, and Barney Long were at Bay City on business Monday.

Mrs. Frank Moore left Thursday for a two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Dora Colburn, at Detroit.

If you wish something good, beautiful and inexpensive call and look over my new line of Christmas articles. Mrs. A. W. Colby, residence, Tawas City. adv

Through a typographical error the price of rolled oats in the advertisement of W. J. Robinson reads 23 cents per package, whereas Mr. Robinson is making a special price of 20c per package for Saturday only.

Murray Wade returned Tuesday from Lupton, where he was called last week by the illness of his brother, Wm. W. Wade, who died last Thursday night. Mr. Wade has the sympathy of his many friends in his bereavement.

Miss Alice Roscoe, one of the teachers in the Tawas City high school has resigned her position, the resignation to take effect immediately. Boyd Swem, a graduate of Albion college, brother of Supt. Eugene Swem, has been engaged to fill the vacancy.

Maintaining the reputation of Iosco county as a leader in educational work, John Campbell, county commissioner of schools, has organized a county extension club, which does normal college work under the direction of the Mt. Pleasant Normal school.—Detroit News.

Superintendent E. C. Warriner of the Saginaw east side high school is being mentioned as likely to receive the appointment as head of the state industrial school for boys at Lansing. This school has been under fire for some time and as the result of the scrutiny of Governor Ferris the superintendent recently resigned. The governor is anxious to secure a new policy there and he is said to be of the belief that Mr. Warriner is well fitted to inaugurate it.—Chesaning Monitor.

A good way to tell the calibre of the business men of a town is to consult the local newspaper. Show me a paper devoid of ads. of local merchants and I'll show you a dead burg every time. The local paper is a mirror and its columns reflect the kind of business men in the town.

Raymond Sanderson, a young man living at Whitefish Point, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Chase last Monday upon complaint of W. F. McNeely, deputy state game warden, for hunting small game without a license. He was tried the same day before Justice Hennigar at AuSable and paid a fine and costs amounting to \$20.00.

During the past week the stores have been arranging their Christmas stocks and the show windows have put on their holiday attire. One can find gifts suitable for any member of the family right in our home stores. Read the advertisements in the Herald this week and you will find many suggestions which will help you solve the problem "What shall I give?"

Nearly six and one-half million red cross seals have been sent out from State headquarters this year, to 81 Michigan counties. This leaves only two counties where no seals are yet on sale, and it is probable that agents will still be appointed for those counties. Reports received at headquarters indicate that the sale this year will far exceed that of any previous year, and it is hoped that the goal of four million seals will be reached in Michigan this year.

TAWAS CITY LODGE F. & A. M. ELECTS OFFICERS.

At the regular monthly communication of Tawas City lodge No. 302 F. & A. M. held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—J. Brainard Brown.
S. W.—John Preston.
J. W.—Jas. E. Ballard.
S. D.—John B. King.
J. D.—Burlay Wilson.

Secretary—John A. Mark.
Treasurer—Frank B. Stickney.
Tyler—Percy N. Thornton.
Trustee for three years—R. G. Harthing.

The installation of officers will be held next Wednesday evening, Dec. 22, and will be followed by an oyster supper.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 6 o'clock std. time. Topic—"The Christmas Song of World Peace."

Leader—Miss Elizabeth J. Mark. Everyone is urged to attend as there will be special music beginning at six o'clock sharp.

Last Sunday evening's meeting was a success. On the topic "The Promise of Heaven," it was shown that it remains with us to make this world a happier place that we may attract more seekers after the promise.

The League orchestra furnished good music for the hymns and we are proud of them. The "line-up" was Frank Moore, first violin; Miss Swem, second violin; Eugene Swem, cornet; and Hosea Bigelow, slide trombone, with J. F. Mark at the organ. The orchestra will be added to in the near future.

C. E. NOTES.

Topic for next Sunday evening: "How the Prophecy of the Angel's Song May Come True." Leader, Miss Eva Bing. Special music. Everyone cordially invited.

PUBLIC TOILETS COMPULSORY.

An act of the last legislature makes it compulsory on the part of village authorities to provide at least one suitable public toilet in the business district of the municipality. The act is known as Public Act No. 285 of the Public Acts of 1915, and reads as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the common council of any city in the state and of the board of trustees of any incorporated village, to cause to be constructed and maintained not less than one public closet, commonly known and designated as a public convenience station, in such place or places as directed by the local board of health. Such closets or public convenience stations shall have thereon the proper signs and be so placed as to be accessible from the business district or districts of such city or village and shall be maintained in a satisfactory manner under the supervision of the local board of health. Suitable and adequate accommodations shall be afforded at such public convenience stations, to the members of both sexes.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The tax rolls of the various wards of the city of Tawas City are now in my hands for collection, and notice is hereby given that I will be at my residence every evening and all day Saturdays during the month of December for the purpose of receiving taxes. George Lanski, City Treasurer. Dated December 8, 1915.

1-2 off on all Mesh Bags at W. B. Murray's.

The Tawas Herald \$1.50 per year.

I. O. O. F. BOWLING ALLEY NOTES

The slogan for East Tawas in the last issue of the Herald was for "Better or Worse, Mostly Worse for Whittemore." Oh! oh! but East Tawas was handed a drubbing and one long to be remembered, especially by the bowlers. And it can be said without dispute that Samuel was the man of the hour and only with his steady bowling that East Tawas got away with what they did. There are no excuses to offer, the game has been played and East Tawas looks for a return match at which time they shall try and redeem themselves. Whittemore is one place to go and be entertained in A-1 manner. After the match was over both teams had the pleasure of having an oyster supper and other good eats. This can be vouched for by our mascot, Grant, who took great pleasure with his appetite and managed to misplace a four-layer cake which happened to be in front of him. After supper the bowlers all departed with good words for the Whittemore people and can say they were used royally and hope to visit them in the near future. The crowd that made the trip to Whittemore from East Tawas were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dimmick and Wm. Grant, who motored over and A. Wyman, C. Samuel, A. Dillon and H. E. Hanson made sure of their trip at this time of the year and left East Tawas on the Rose City train, returning on the midnight. The Whittemore team is expected in East Tawas soon and we hope to see a large crowd out to the games. The date has not been set but it is expected that a return game will soon be played.

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TWO GOLDEN DAYS.

There are two days of the week upon which and about which I never worry, two care-free days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these is Yesterday. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought. I cannot unsay a word that I said on Yesterday. All that it holds of life, of regret and sorrow, is in the hand of the Mighty Love that can bring sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of night.

Save for the beautiful memories that linger, sweet and tender like the perfume of roses, in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday.

And the other day I do not worry about is Tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promises and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister—yesterday. Its sun will rise in rosy splendor, or beyond a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that held yesterday, and holds tomorrow, shines with tender promise into the heart of today. I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the infinite keeping of that infinite love that holds for me the treasure of yesterday, the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the sky, deeper than the seas.

There is left for myself, then, but one day of the week—today. Any man can fight the battles of today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day.—Robert J. Burdette.

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EAST TAWAS DEPARTMENT

Devoted to the General and Personal News of the Week From Our Neighboring City on the East

William Anderson spent last Wednesday in Bay City.

Miss Lillian Eastman spent last Tuesday in Bay City.

Rev. G. E. Sloan was in Bay City on business last Wednesday.

Mrs. C. A. Pinkerton was a visitor in Bay City Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. James McGuire and daughter, Margaret spent Monday in Bay City on business.

George and Hubert LaBerge arrived Saturday afternoon for a visit at their home of an indefinite period.

Mrs. Minnie Norris of McVior spent the latter part of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Christeson are the proud parents of a nine-pound baby boy, born last Sunday morning, Dec. 12.

Presbyterian church services next Sunday: Sunday school, 11:30; evening service, 7:00. William Roberts, minister.

Miss Dorothy Schuster of Emery Junction spent Friday and Saturday of last week with her friend, Miss Helen Applin.

Mrs. Mary Merrick left last Saturday morning for Flint, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hill.

Charlie Johnson, who has been visiting in Flint with his brother, Aksel and Andie, returned to his home here on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Amelia Johnson, who has been residing at the home of her uncle, Victor Johnson, for nearly a year, leaves next Monday for her home in Virginia, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sedgeman left last Wednesday morning for Saginaw to attend the wedding of their son, Fred, which took place in that city Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Julia Nolan went to Saginaw last Wednesday morning, where she attended the telephone operators' conference, held in that city Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Coleman F. Way of Flushing, who has been visiting with his niece, Miss Estella French of Wednesday afternoon for a few days, where he will visit with relatives and friends.

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The Christmas exercises of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held next Sunday evening, Dec. 26 at the Presbyterian church. The oratorio, "Tidings of Joy," which was given with success last year will be repeated this year, some of the best talent in this city and Tawas City having been secured for this entertainment.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB.

An interesting program was given at the Monday musical club last Monday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Harry Anker, subject, "Beethoven and Mendelssohn."

The following program was given: Paper, "Sonata," and piano solo Mrs. Fred Richards Paper, "Beethoven," Miss Helen Applin Piano, four-hand Mrs. King, Mrs. Thompson Vocal, "Knowest Thou the Land," Miss Blanche Richards Moonlight Sonata, Miss Mary Gardner Paper, "Mendelssohn" Mrs. Harry Anker Piano, four-hand Mrs. W. B. Murray Vocal duet Mrs. Budworth, Mrs. Thompson "Schertzo" Mrs. S. C. Mitchell Vocal, "Rest in the Lord," Mrs. R. H. Budworth Piano, six-hand, Mrs. A. G. Jackson, Mrs. S. Mitchell, Miss M. Gardner

At this meeting Mrs. George Prescott and Mrs. Louis Braddock of Tawas City were elected to membership.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. R. H. Budworth, January 10. Subject: "Schuman and Chopin."

SHOW THIS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR. Neighbor—"Hello, Smith! Haven't seen you for some time. Why don't you come over to see us once in a while?"

Smith—"Well, the fact is, old chap, that it's not through any ill-feeling or anything like that that you know, but you and Mrs. Jinks have borrowed so many of our things, that every time I come and see your place, I feel homesick."

BE KIND TO YOUR HORSE AND ALL DUMB CREATURES. IT SHOWS THE GENTLEMAN. adv

Christmas Gratitude

Do we think enough about saying "Thank you" at Christmas? We hurry and rush through the busy days before Christmas, and then when Christmas actually comes we put off the mood of giving and sit down intent upon the culmination of our effort, which is reached when we receive. We take what comes—sometimes eagerly, sometimes with a disappointed shrug—but we take what comes, do we not, and are we always prompt to give our thanks? A certain benevolent lady said last year, "I gave thirty-eight presents this Christmas and received only nine letters of thanks." This seemed dreadful beyond words. "And what of the others?" I hastened to ask. "Some of them thanked me when we next met," she said carelessly, "and some of them never thanked me at all. You know," she added after a pause, "one of the hardest things to do is to give thanks graciously. Some people can never do it. It is the distinct mark of high breeding. I don't suppose any one but a king or a princess has really the perfect art of saying 'Thank you.'" It is a mark of good breeding to be prompt and gracious in giving thanks. Even if the gift is a pin cushion and you already have ninety-nine others, say "Thank you" sweetly, affectionately and in the spirit of Christmas. Do not let twenty-four hours pass by without taking sufficient time to write an appreciative, affectionate little note to every one who has remembered you at Christmas time. Though this may be looked upon as a duty to others, it is far more than that; it is a duty to yourself, a very real duty, for to be discourteous is to be selfish, and to be selfish is to be outside of many of life's keenest joys. As a matter of self training, if for no other reason, say "Thank you" as quickly and attractively and sincerely as you can.

The Christmas Spirit

Christmas! One day spring of cheerfulness and freedom from cankering care and selfishness and envy in a year of toil and strife and consuming unrest. Christmas, marvelous boon to humanity, springing legitimately from the brief, eventful life of the carpenter's Son, is a fixed institution. The twentieth century could not spare it if it would; wouldn't it for this brief, blessed day. Leveling ranks, silencing selfishness, dwarfing care, ignoring toil, forgetting creed and cult and birth and environment, it makes peace and good will not only possible, but inevitable. The gifts it bears are the spontaneous fruit of the omnipotent, all pervading spirit of Christmas—a wellspring in the desert, a sunbeam on a wintry day, a single exception to a steadfast rule. The spirit of Christmas never cloys. We cannot have too much of it. Morning, noon and night, for breakfast, dinner and supper, the first thing on awaking and the last thing on going to sleep, every hour of every day of every week of every month of the year we want the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of ministration, of giving, of service, of doing for others. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister"—this motto lived out on every day of the year would dispel the sorrows of the world, smooth out its wrinkles, abolish its poverty, soothe its pain, comfort its heartaches, heal its diseases, make it a heaven. This is what is typified by every Christmas tree and every gift it bears, by every bulging little stocking that hangs in the chimney corner, by every wreath of holly, by every greeting and merry wish.

Old newspapers for sale at this office, 5 cents per bundle.

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It is well to think of those we love on this holiday, but of all days in the year this is the one when we should also think of the poor, the orphans, and all those less fortunate than ourselves. The Man whose natal day we celebrate on December 25 gave no thought to himself, but was a true friend of the friendless, the poor, the sick, and all those who were neglected and cast out by their more fortunate fellows.

Christ laid upon His followers the command to follow Him and do His will, and that will is that none shall be neglected. Echoing down through the ages come His words which should be remembered at this time, "Even as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

In the large cities Goodfellow clubs have been organized whose members pledge themselves to look out for one or more children who otherwise would be neglected and forgotten on Christmas day. The work of these clubs is far-reaching and they are doing untold good. But in the small towns and villages there is proportionately just as great a chance for Goodfellow work, though mostly in these places it is left to the inclination and thoughtfulness of the individual. And all too often the individual forgets in the hurry and worry of every day life and business to think of those who need his help.

Be one of the thoughtful ones this year. A little inquiry will reveal to you many opportunities to act as Santa Claus to some poor child or children who would otherwise be forgotten and neglected at Christmas time. A small expenditure of time and money will bring joy and happiness into the lives of these little ones, and your own Christmas will be happier and more joyous in the thought of a deed well done.

WHAT IS AN EDITORIAL?

Probably never before in the history of journalism have editorials been more widely read, which means by the same token, that never before have newspapers exercised so wide an influence. The editorial is an expression of the newspaper's belief or sentiment. To be of any value, it must have behind it that paper's reputation for fearlessness, truth, and fetterless incorruptibility. Without these the influence of the editorial is nullified before it reaches the printing press. The newspaper's first duty is to give the news. Its second duty is to comment on the news—show toward what end the news is tending, whether political, educational, social or religious, crystallize the sentiment in its particular community in regard to that tendency, and, finally, to give its own honest, unbiased opinion. The editor's duty is a sacred one, and he should be fully alive to its responsibilities. His opinion on any subject should be given only after serious study, but when it is given, it should be frank and above board. No one else is bound to think as the editor thinks, but the editor's opinions go down in black and white and he ought to have good grounds to base them on. Those reasons, expressed in the editorial, make it valuable. In fact the editorial stands or falls because of the reasons it sets forth showing how the editor arrived at his opinion. The "fighting editor" is usually a man of

deep thought—one who bases his opinions on solid foundations and is willing afterward to come into the open and fight for them.

CLEANING POLITICS.

"Politics can be cleaned only from the inside of the political party," says Rev. Joseph H. O'Dell, D. D., in the Ladies' Home Journal. "Men who exert any influence in elections must play the game three hundred and sixty-five days in the year. A hundred circumstances make it impossible for a minister to be a direct factor in the results, but this does not render him a political nonentity. He can understand enough of the working methods to apply the great determinative principles; he can inspire the sluggish citizens of his congregation to a performance of their civic duties; he can fire the men of his church with such a passion for righteousness in public life that will serve on their party committees and become candidates for office; he can luster registering and voting with a sacramental significance. What he cannot do himself by direct action, he can cause a hundred or five hundred of his parishioners to do as an integral part of their Christian lives. There are certain spheres of influence in which a minister is at a discount because of his professional standing. But he is not thereby shut out from a part in the development of modern society. Jesus did not legislate by specific acts, regulations and by-laws, but by the proclamation of determinative principles. These principles are as applicable today as they were sixty generations ago. It is the minister's privilege to show the relevance of those principles to modern life; to bring them to bear upon such problems as local option, factory regulation, child labor, workmen's compensation, capital and labor, trade competition, penology and a hundred kindred themes. If he can lay the divine compulsions of such principles upon the men who fall within his pastoral domain, he will have become a social, civic and political power of the first order without jeopardizing his influence by plunging into a game for which he has had no training and to which he cannot give adequate time without sacrificing his own unique responsibilities and privileges."

The political pot has begun to boil already, and in every section of the country "favorite sons" are trying out the public sentiment regarding their chances for election to some fat office. Even our own Chase Osborn has the bee in his bonnet again and will give the dear people an opportunity to nominate him for president. But he will stand about as much show as a snowball in the hottest place you can think of.

BOOZE FIGHTING.

For the married man who cannot get along without drinks, the following is suggested as a means of freedom from bondage to the saloons: Start a saloon in your own house. Be the only customer (you'll have no license to pay). Go to your wife and give her two dollars to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are sixty-nine drinks in a gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have eight dollars to put into the bank and two dollars to start business again. Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have enough money to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and let a marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you entirely.—Reprinted from Illinois Steel Company Safety Bulletin.

Many Children Have Worms.

Worms are a common childhood ailment. They make children irritable, nervous and restless, besides robbing the body and mind of proper nourishment. Watch your child. Examine the stools and at first signs of worms give your child a treatment of Kickapoo Worm Killer. They kill the worms, act as a laxative and expel the worms and poisonous waste. Tone the system and help restore your child's health and happy disposition. Only 25c at your druggist. adv-2

Old newspapers for sale at this office. 5c. per bundle.

ELBERT BEDE SAYS:

The shiftless one doesn't do much at shifting for himself.

Sometimes you find a tough old sinner who is tender-hearted.

Women want the ballot so that they can help their husbands win.

The man who put the pain in campaign must have been a candidate a few times.

The devil wouldn't be hard to overpower if he didn't have so many people assisting him.

Pretty soon it will be easier to keep track of auto owners by listing those who don't own any.

A woman who raises six daughters, all of whom learn to play the piano, has Job beat for patience.

The unluckiest persons are those who imagine they are born that way and give up to their supposed hoodoo.

We hurry for the constitution until we find it does something we think it should not do, or doesn't do something we think it should do.

Don't try to butt in on a woman's first quarrel with her husband. She'll say everything that can be said without any aid from those more experienced.

Fashions change the outside appearance of women about every fifteen minutes, but underneath she remains the same all the time—dear and sweet, or otherwise.

Exercise is supposed to strengthen the different parts of the body but we really believe that the strongest-minded woman we ever saw didn't exercise it three minutes a day.

To abstain from wrong doing merely through fear of the law or through fear of public opinion is said to be nearly as sinful as committing the act. The innocents are mighty few.

THE STREET CORNER SAGE.

His Idea of Gossips.

"Heard a feller say in a free lecture down at th' church one time that a gossip wuz the lowest down thing on air, an' blamed if I ain't a little bit in-clined to agree with him."

The Sage "borrowed" a chew and proceeded:

"Trouble with 'em is that when a bunch of 'em gits to talkin' and tellin' each other wut's happened in their neighborhoods, they run out of facts an' git to guessin' at what happened. They ruin peoples' rep-a-tation that they don't know enny thing about a-tall. I'm in favor uv makin' gossipin' a pen-a-tensury offence."

"Seems to me Uncle," remarked a younger man, "that I've heard some of you old timers over at the grocery store, get mighty personal in some of your conversations."

"Yes," replied the Sage, "I reckon we do, but we don't aim tuh tell nothin' on nobody that we ain't heard on re-sponsible authority er that we don't hev grounds fer b'leevin'... Y' see that's different."

FADS AND FASHIONS.

The bell sleeve is accepted with enthusiasm.

Fur buttons are latest touch on suit coats.

Yokes are a good deal used on the new tailored shirts.

Newest velvet hats are combined with crepe de chine.

Beaver and seal are very fashionable furs this season.

Cuffs show the cavalier, the gauntlet and flare styles.

Waists with convertible collars are among the best liked.

THE NEW MAID.

A young girl, fresh from the country, was employed by an English mistress as maid. They were about retiring for the night when she explained to Bridget:

"We generally have breakfast about eight o'clock."

Bridget, looking at the mistress in an amusing way, with candlestick turned sideways in hand, grease dropping on the carpet said:

"All right, if I'm not down, don't wait."

Christmas Was For Adults Then.

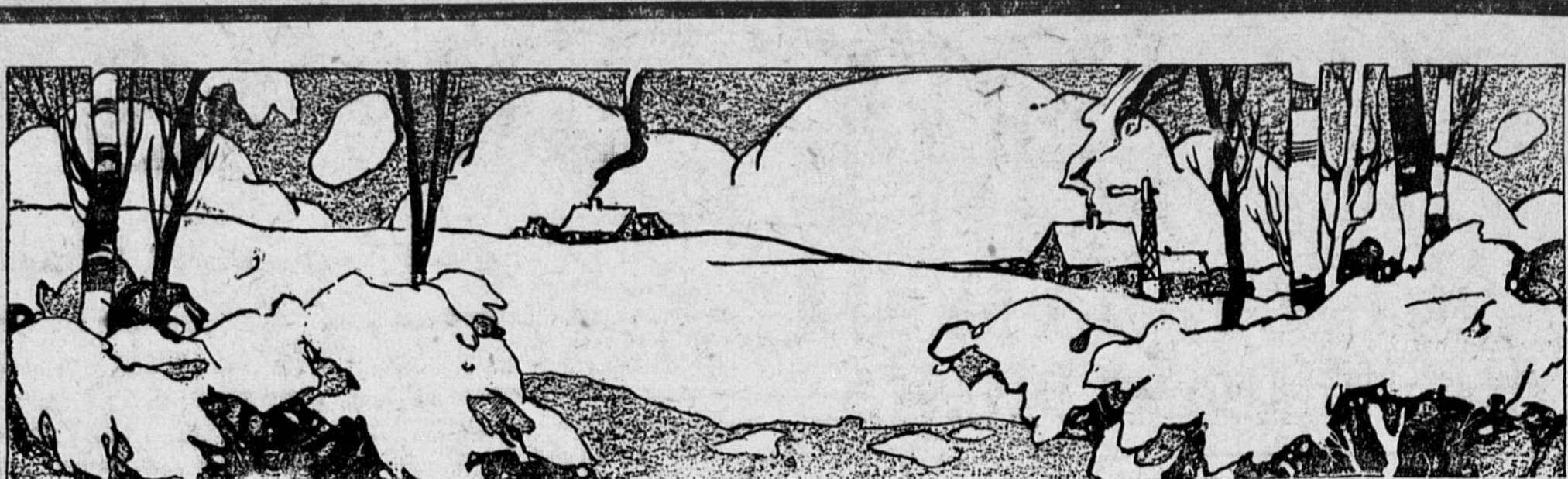
Seventy years ago Christmas was an adult and a home festival. It received all its honor, all its joyousness from the ideas of father, mother and home. It was the golden ring that held all the love and sentiment we associate with those three almost divine words. Sons and daughters might stray to the very ends of the earth, but Christmas brought them home again—in the body if possible, but if not possible then in the sweetest love and memory. If a child had done well it looked forward to the joy of telling it to father and mother at Christmas; if it had done ill it felt sure of pardon and help at Christmas. "Father Christmas" was their own father, and by his side stood the dear, sweet mother, ever ready to persuade and plead for all her children; glad to welcome, glad to forgive, glad to praise; full of sympathy for every joyful and sorrowful condition.—Amelia E. Barr.

Mistletoe Superstitions.

What superstitions cluster, thick as its berries, round the mistletoe! In old times such were its magic powers that it was worn as an amulet, and potent love potions were brewed from it. It cured wounds, enabled any who held it not only to see ghosts, but to compel them to speak. And that its magic is not all lost will be proved this Christmastide in thousands of our homes, where its white berries lend sanction to the osculatory homage paid to pretty faces.

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous.

Few of us realize the danger of coughs and colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous bronchial and lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. At druggists. adv-2



CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM THE HARDWARE STORE

A few suggestions of interest to you. The value of Hardware Items for Christmas Gifts has long been recognized. We offer a choice line of goods. Any item reliable and sure to please.

We offer a choice line of Skates.

- Boys' all Steel Skates 35c
- Girls' Strap Skates 75c
- Girls' Strap Heel-Toe 50c

Single Barrel Shot Guns. Your boy will want one of these.

Genuine Iver Johnson make. 12-16 ga. \$4.00 and \$4.50

Flash Lights--Very useful as well as acceptable gifts. Old or young, they all want them.

Prices 75c and up

Ingersoll Watches, the watch that made the dollar famous. Every boy wants one.

We also have the Reliance--- a fine one, good enough for Dad at \$3.00

If your father is a carpenter, a fine Atkins Saw or a Maydole Hammer would please him. Carpenters always like new tools.

The best line of steel Sleds we ever had.

Fine, strong, handsome Sleds at 75c to \$1.25

And then there are the Pocket Knives. Show us the boy who doesn't want a new knife!

10c-15c-20c-25c-50c and up

Now let's fix father or mother up with a new Carving Set.

Beauties at \$1.75
Others at prices up to \$5

Maybe the family alarm clock is in bad repair.

Our "Sleep Meter" at \$1.00 is a "Ringer." We will be pleased to show you one any time you call

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OUR SCRAP BASKET

The Week in History.
 Monday, Dec. 13.—Battle Fredericksburg, Va., 1862.
 Tuesday, Dec. 14.—Washington died, 1799.
 Wednesday, Dec. 15.—Hartford convention, 1814.
 Thursday, Dec. 16.—Boston tea party, 1773.
 Friday, Dec. 17.—General Goliard died, 1830.
 Saturday, Dec. 18.—New Jersey admitted to Union, 1787.
 Sunday, Dec. 19.—Massacre of Narragansetts, 1675.

Old Songs Re-twisted.
 Mary had a little lamb,
 She wanted more I know;
 But to wait for this,
 She'd have to miss
 The first of the picture show.

And Along Came Ruth.
 "I am sick of having to renew the kitchen table with oil cloth," complained Ruth's mother one afternoon, while she was finishing the luncheon dishes. "I think it has cost me fully two dollars since the first of the year, because oil cloth is so easily ruined by hot dishes and vessels."
 "Why don't you have a zinc top put on?" suggested Ruth. "Aunt Mary has one and it cost her only \$1.35, and it will be good for years and years. When it is stained she just washes it off with vinegar and salt and it is as bright as ever. Hot things can't hurt a zinc cover, and in the end it is much cheaper than any other kind."
 "As you go back to town, just stop and tell the tinner to come up and put one on as soon as he can," returned Ruth's mother convinced of the wisdom of her daughter's advice.

Find Coins 500 Years Old.
 Sullivan, Ind.—Frank Bennett, a blacksmith, digging at the former site of the Howe brickyard, near here, found a number of copper coins and white metal plates more than 500 years old. They were found five feet underground, below the old trail used by the pioneers, between Terre Haute and Vincennes.

One of the copper coins contains a head with the date 1410, and another contains a raised head wearing a crown dated 1410. One coin is marked "Six pence, Henry VIII."
 The largest white metal plate is about 2 1/2 x 5 inches, and is inscribed: "On this 7th day of February, 1498, of Our Lord, I, E., do demand all nu land: John Cabot." Another plate reads: "Sebastian Cabot, May 5, 1496, Henry VII."

Umbrella Signs.
 To place your umbrella in a rack indicates that it is about to change owners; an umbrella carried over a woman, the man getting nothing but the drippings of the rain signifies courtship; when the man has the umbrella and the woman the drippings, it indicates marriage; to carry it at an angle under the arm signifies that an eye is to be lost by the man who follows you; to put a cotton umbrella by the side of a silk one means "exchange is no robbery"; to lend an umbrella may be interpreted, "I am a fool." To always have an umbrella, signifies memory perfect.

Retort Courteous.
 E. Pluribus Jones reached the station platform just as the 5:15 was pulling out. A little burst of speed before the admiring onlookers netted him fifty feet in overcoming the train's handicap, but the best that his ample carcass could do thereafter was to run a losing race. He quit at the end of the freight yards and returned.
 "Miss your train, sir?" inquired the porter cheerfully.
 Jones flicked a speck of dust from his coat sleeve.
 "No, my friend," he said earnestly. "Oh, no, I was just chasing it out of the yard. You oughtn't allow it around here. Don't you see the tracks it's left?"—New York Evening Post.

Chiffon veils are used for rough weather and motoring.
 There is no limit to the number of garments—coats and blouses—which affect the Russian side closing.

I'D RATHER BE SQUARE.
 I'd like to be rich, and I wonder who wouldn't,
 And yet if it cost me what some people pay,
 I'd like to be rich and find that I couldn't.
 There's too much worth while that is lost by the way.

To sacrifice friends and ideals to surrender—
 My heart and my conscience, my soul and my mind—
 And sell all my dreams for a dollar-marked splendor
 Would leave me too poor for the riches I'd find.

I'd like to be rich, there is pleasure in money—
 It's good stuff to have, it's good stuff to spend,
 It helps you to pay for your milk and your honey,
 And gives you a chance to be nice to a friend.

I'd like to be rich, but I'd never be willing
 To pay such a price as some men do for gold—
 The cost is too high and the pace is too killing,
 And too many things must be bartered and sold.

Yuletide Culprits in "Ye Olden Time"

THE first century of colonial life saw few set times and days for pleasure. The holy days of the English church were as a stench to the Puritan nostrils, and their public celebration was at once rigidly forbidden by the laws of New England.
 New holidays were not quickly evolved, and the sober gatherings for matters of church and state for a time took their place. The hatred of "wanton bacchanalian Christmases" spent throughout England, as Cotton said, in "reveling, dicing, carding, masking, mummung, consumed in computations, in interludes, in excess of wine, in mad mirth," was the natural reaction of intelligent and thoughtful minds against the excesses of a festival which had ceased to be a Christian holiday, but was dominated by a lord of misrule who did not hesitate to invade the churches in time of service in his noisy revels and sports. English churchmen long ago revolted against such Christmas observance.
 Of the first pilgrim Christmas we know but little, save that it was spent, as was many a later one, in work.
 By 1659 the Puritans had grown to hate Christmas more and more. It was, to use Shakespeare's words, "the bug that feared them all." The very name smacked to them of incense, stole and monkish custom. Any person who observed it as a holiday by forbearing of labor, feasting or any other way was to pay 5 shillings fine, so desirous were they to "beate down every sprout of Episcopacie."

Judge Sewall watched jealously the feeling of the people with regard to Christmas and noted with pleasure on each succeeding year the continuance of common traffic throughout the day. Such entries as this show his attitude: "Dec. 25, 1685. Caris come to town and shops open as usual. Some somewhat observe the day, but are vexed, I believe, that the body of people profane it, and blessed be God no authority yet to compel them to keep it."
 When the Church of England established Christmas services in Boston a few years later we find the judge waging hopeless war against Governor Belcher over it and hear him praising his son for not going with other boy friends to hear the novel and attractive services. He says, "I dehort mine from Christmas keeping and charge them to forbear."—Alice Morse Earle.

Yule Log Must Be of Ash.
 In Devonshire the Yule log, to be a luck bringer, must consist of a bundle of ash sticks bound around with bands of the same tree, nine in number, no more and no fewer. And every time the fagot cracks in the flames the good host must furnish a fresh bowl of liquor to his guests.

The Christmas Angel.
 Here comes the Christmas angel,
 So gentle and so calm,
 As softly as the falling flakes
 He comes with flute and psalm.
 All in a cloud of glory,
 As once upon the plain
 To shepherd boys in Jewry,
 He brings good news again.
 He is the young folks' Christmas.
 He makes their eyes grow bright
 With words of hope and tender thought
 And visions of delight.
 Hail to the Christmas angel!
 All peace on earth he brings.
 He gathers all the youths and maids
 Beneath his shining wings.
 —Rose Terry Cooke.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.
 To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion; to think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasion, hurry never—in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common—this is to be my symphony.—Channing.

Our Daily Special.
 We all hope for the best. But only a few of us expect to get it.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Peace on Earth.
 Peace? Yes; that is after all and above all our Christmas gift. To make joy for others, to behold their joy, to rejoice in it, is the joy unspeakable. And why? Because it is godlike and divine. Even so the Father joys in our joy, and the Son perfects his joy in completing ours. Peace is the product of passing out of the human into the divine element and activity. No man is peaceful who cannot share, in some faint way at least, in the experiences of his Father and his God. That is the only real absorption into the divine, the perfection of which heathen philosophy has dreamed as its highest goal, but which the gospel alone has brought to light and made accessible and attainable.
 How much our Christmas Sunday has in store for us! May we all indeed realize its richest treasures and feast our souls upon them. May it be the happiest of happy Christmas days that comes once more to us. As we hear our children sing, may it be the echo of the angel's song, and as we unite with them in praising Christ the Lord may his peace enter into our hearts and abide there forevermore.

Learn a Little Every Day.
 The alloy in United States gold coins is silver and copper, in the silver coins copper. Both are nine-tenths fine.
 The English language is derived from Latin, Saxon, French and Greek.
 About eleven per cent of the deaths in the United States are the results of some form of nervous disease.
 In the British Museum in London, there are over thirty-five miles of shelves filled with books.
 Gold can be beaten 1200 times thinner than printing paper.
 Of the twenty-six barons who signed the Magna Charta, only three could write their names. The others made their marks.

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 East Tawas Michigan

PROFITABLE CROP ROTATION.
 The most profitable crop rotation does not consist merely in changing the crops around from year to year, regardless of the relation of the crops to each other. The central aim in all crop-rotation systems should be to leave each field in a better state of cultivation, better physical condition, and reasonably free from pests at the end of each rotation cycle.

No hard and fast rotation system can be laid down for any community, but the most profitable system must be worked out for each farm and, indeed, for each field. There are certain general principles, however, that should be borne in mind in this connection in order to accomplish the most satisfactory results. For soil improvement there should be at least one leguminous crop in each rotation cycle. To this class of plants belong the clovers, alfalfa, peas, beans, etc. There should also be a sufficient quantity of live stock, especially milch cows, on each farm to utilize the roughage and to supply the desired quantity of stable manure, which, in addition to green crops plowed under, will furnish the necessary amount of humus to the soil. The conditions resulting from this treatment, if the soil is properly handled, will make the succeeding crops more vigorous and capable of offsetting, in some measure at least, the effects of any pests that may appear. Again, the successive crops in any rotation should be so selected and arranged that no two upon which the same pest may thrive will be grown in succession. The principles of disease control by means of crop rotation are based upon the fact that certain pests can thrive only on certain kinds of plants. Therefore, when the crops are changed and the food supply thereby cut off, the pests must perish or be greatly reduced in number.

A WAYWARD TONGUE.
 The chairman of the committee was addressing a meeting at a teacher's institute:
 "My friends, the school-work is the bul-house of civilization, I mean—ah—"
 He began to feel frightened.
 "The bulhouse is the schoolwork of civ—"
 The smile could be felt.
 "The workhouse is bulschool of—"
 He was evidently twisted.
 "The schoolbul is the housework—"
 An audible snigger spread over the audience.
 "The bulschool—"
 He was getting wild. So were his hearers. He mopped his perspiration, gritted his teeth, and made a fresh start.
 "The schoolhouse, my friends—"
 A sigh of relief went up. Hamlet was himself again!
 He gazed serenely around. The light of triumphant selfconfidence was enthroned upon his brow.
 "Is the woolbark—"
 And that is when he lost consciousness.

Old Songs Re-twisted.
 Hush little suffragette,
 Don't you cry,
 You'll be an alderman
 Bye and bye.

A woman may worry her life away about the actions of her neighbors without learning that they are doing the same about her.

Christmas and the Children.
 Once a year at least we are all children together. Imagine, if you can, a world from which childhood should be absent. If in any star among those sweeping planets over our heads there is one wholly inhabited by grownup folk that must be a quiet and grave place, a place to shun, a place of lonesome dignity, robbed of motive and of charm.

Our homes exist for the children. They afford us our best reason for the incessant toil, which is less a curse to the race than a blessing. Their insistent claims on our care cannot be put aside. Their joyful irresponsibility is in contrast to our continual sense of obligation. Like the birds and the flowers, they bring song and bloom into our lives, and their dependence on us is as simple, their faith as sincere, as ours ought to be on the great All Father.

When Christmas comes their little cups are full to the brim. Such small things please them, too—the doll, the train of cars, the toy elephant, the picture book. When we do not spoil them by frauding them of their share in the giving as well as in the receiving, how much pleasure they take in choosing their presents; what wonderful ideas they have of the possibilities of a dollar; how they select the biggest and most beautiful things without a thought of the cost! Money is nothing to a child. He has not yet entered upon that sordid phase of being when expense obtrudes itself like a gentle of evil in the garden of roses. A child's heart is as large as heaven. A child's love is as wide as a child's life. At Christmas we all dwell for a little while under the beautiful scepter of the Child in the Midst—Margaret E. Sangster.

An Ancient Christmas Hymn.
 Oh, come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant!
 To Bethlehem hasten now with one accord.
 Come and behold him
 Born the King of angels—
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
 Sing, chorus of angels;
 Sing in exultation!
 Jesus, forever be thy name adored.
 Word of the Father
 Now in flesh appearing.
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
 —From the Latin.

Last Sigh of the Moor.
 A rocky eminence on the outskirts of Granada, Spain, is known as "El ultimo suspiro del Moro" (the last sigh of the Moor), because, according to the legend, Boabdil, the last Moorish monarch, took leave there of the land of his birth.

FADING OUT COLORS.
 Toward the end of the season, when summer dress are much faded, but fit for morning dresses in the house during the winter, it is a good idea to boil the dress in cream of tartar water or to put a pinch of washing soda in the water to bleach as much as possible.

Christmas Presents

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| <p>For Her</p> <p>Rings, \$2.00 and up LaValliers, \$2.00 to \$30.00 Bracelet Watches Locketts and Chains Crosses Rosaries Bracelets Work Baskets Manicure Sets Traveling Sets Sewing Sets Hull Umbrella, \$7.50 for \$5 Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen Beautiful Piece Cut Glass Toilet Sets Thimbles Beads Scissor Sets Writing Sets Chafing Dishes</p> | <p>For Him</p> <p>Howard Watch Waldmer Chain and Knife Cigar Cutter Cuff Buttons for Monogram Cuff Buttons for Soft Shirt Fobs, Emblem Charms Emblem Pins, Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights Columbus, Woodmen, Foresters, Mac-abe Gillette Razors Hull Umbrellas, \$7.50 for \$5 Match Boxes Belt and Coat Chains Combined Traveling Cases Nice Ring Tie Clasp Scarf Pins Drinking Cups Collar Bags, Etc.</p> |
| <p>For Mother and Father</p> <p>Glasses Nice Piece Silver Gold Watch Umbrella</p> <p>Flask Fine Chain Nice Clock</p> | <p>For Baby</p> <p>Cups Chains and Locketts Pins Spoons</p> <p>Beads Rings</p> |

Not How Cheap, But How Good

I have a very fine line of Christmas Goods this year and will be glad to have you call and inspect them any time and as often as you wish.

Yours truly,

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Christmas Dreams and Christmas Eve

CHRISTMAS DREAMS.

SOME tiny elves one Christmas grew mischievous, it seems, and broke into the storeroom where old Santa keeps his dreams.

And gathered up whole armfuls of dreams all bright and sweet and started forth to peddle them adown the village street.

Oh, you would never, never guess how queerly these dreams sold. Why, nearly all the younger folk bought dreams of being old, and one was chap in curls and kits, a gentle little thing, invested in a dream about an awful pirate king.

A maid who thought her pretty name old fashioned and absurd bought dreams of names the longest and the queerest ever heard, and, strange to say, a lad who owned all sorts of costly toys bought dreams of selling papers with the raggedest of boys.

And then a dream of summer and a barefoot boy at play was bought up very quickly by a gentleman quite gray, and one old lady, smiling through the grief she tried to hide, bought bright and tender visions of a little girl who died.

A ragged little beggar girl, with weary, wistful gaze, soon chose a Cinderella dream, with jewels all ablaze. Well, it wasn't many minutes from the time they came in sight before the dreams were all sold out and the elves had taken flight.

—St. Nicholas.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE snow is white on the roofs tonight, the moon looks down with her silvery smile, and the wind blows free through bush and tree and whistles along for mile on mile.

And, ah, hark there! On the midnight air comes the faintest tinkle of fairy bells. They are coming near, they are coming near, and their sweet sound swelling of joy foretells.

It is Santa Claus, and he cannot pause, but down the chimney he quickly slides. Each stocking fills till it almost spills, then gayly chuckles and off he glides.

How happy he, the saint to be, of all the girls and all the boys! He hears his praise through the holidays as they eat their sweets and break their toys.

So still he smiles and the time beguiles concocting schemes our hearts to cheer. He loves us all, and great and small regret that he comes but once a year.

—William Barclay Dunham.

TELLING THE OLD STORY OF CHRISTMAS



WOMEN THIEVES IN CHURCHES

Boston Complain That Band Is Systematically "Working" the Sacred Edifices of That City.

A clever band of woman thieves is suspected of "working" the wealthy congregations of several large Boston churches. Rectors and sextons of at least two houses of worship have been notified recently of purse and handbag thefts during services. Circumstances have led to the conviction that it is the same band that operated last spring among Back Bay churchgoers. Trinity Church in Copley square and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral have been visited by members of the female gang lately.

The suspects are all women. One of them, at least, disguises herself in deep mourning, apparently to throw her prospective victims off their guard. Others of the suspected band are stunningly gowned girls, attired always in the latest styles. One of the suspects is about fifty years old, another is said to be not more than twenty. Invariably the thefts are from women in the congregations, and most often the stolen articles disappear during communion services, when the communicants leave their pews to receive the sacrament. They return to find that the demure, well-attired girl who sat beside them is gone; so also is the purse or handbag, containing money or jewelry, perhaps, which they had left on the cushioned seat when they went forward. Or again, the sorrowful, aged woman in widow's weeds, whose heavy black veil had completely hidden her features, has vanished and the worshiper's costly muff or rich fur piece is missing, too.—Boston Post.

GOING BACK INTO HISTORY

Italians and Greeks, With Small Forces, Captured Constantinople in Year 1453.

On account of the fact that the Turks are in this great European war it is interesting to recall from the pages of history that on May 29, 1453, the forces of the Italians and Greeks, numbering only about 14,000, conquered Constantinople against an estimated defending army of Turks of 200,000. This has been disputed in history as to numbers engaged, but the salient fact remains that the city founded by the Emperor Constantine was captured by the Italians and Greeks at that time.

The days following the Crusades had been marked by changes indescribable in brief description. The Mohammedan element had become dominant. Then in a political movement the Italians and Greeks assaulted the very citadel of Mohammedism and after a long fight against tremendous odds captured the then rather insignificant capital of the Gateway to the Orient, which has been the scene of many strifes since that time and is now one of the main issues of the greatest of all wars. The Arabic peoples had been aroused by the growth of Mohammedanism. The thought that if a devotee of Islamism died for his faith he was at once destined to translation to the seventh heaven was paramount to all other thoughts. Then it was that the uprising of the Christian Latins and Greeks intruded into the long years of the rule of Islam and conquered Constantinople.

Junketing Refrigerator.

One of the most practical junkets that Uncle Sam has ever sponsored is the specially fitted refrigerator car that has been started around the country to demonstrate proper methods of handling eggs and poultry for shipment.

The car is a complete refrigerating laboratory, which carries its own engine to operate the cooling apparatus. It is divided into two rooms. The first is of a temperature slightly below normal, for the gradual cooling of the poultry before it is placed in the other room, which is the refrigerator.

Experts from the department of agriculture make the demonstrations with poultry and eggs supplied by the local dealers. The scientific candling of eggs and their skillful packing for long shipment are also demonstrated.

Telephones in Canada.

Next to the United States, Canada has the largest number of telephones in proportion to the population.

The telephone business of Canada for the year ended June 30, 1914, showed an increase of more than \$2,250,000 in gross earnings, while the telegraph companies reported a decrease of \$112,000 as compared with 1913.

The gross earnings of the telephone companies last year totaled \$17,237,268, with gross operating expenses of something over \$12,000,000. The net earnings were \$4,500,000. The gross earnings were equal to \$33 per telephone. The total number of telephones is 521,144, or one for every 15 of the population. The average is exceeded only by the United States.

Rifles in Armies.

Each army now fighting in Europe uses a rifle different from that used by each of the others. The Russians have the longest rifle, the French the longest bayonet, while the Austrians use the heaviest bullet. The rifles with the largest calibers are those of the French and the Austrians. The German rifle attains the greatest muzzle velocity. The British have the shortest rifle, but with the bayonet added the weapon is longer than the rifle and bayonet of the Belgians and Austrians.

THE LITTLE FELLER'S STOCKIN'

OH, it's Christmas eve and moonlight and the Christmas air is chill, and the frosty Christmas holly shines and sparkles on the hill, and the Christmas sleighbells jingle and the Christmas laughter rings as the last stray shoppers hurry, takin' home the Christmas things, and up yonder in the attic there's a little trundle bed where there's Christmas dreams a-dancin' through a sleepy, curly head, and it's "Merry Christmas!" Mary, once ag'in for me and you, with the little feller's stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

THISN'T silk, that little stockin', and it isn't much for show, and the darns are pretty plenty round about the heel and toe, and its color's kinder faded, and it's sorter worn and old, but it really is surprisin' what a lot of love 'twill hold, and the little hand that hung it by the chimbley there along has a grip upon our heartstrings that is mighty firm and strong, so, old Sary, don't forget it, though it isn't fine and new, that plain little worsted stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

AND the crops may fail and leave us with our plans all gone ter smash, and the mortgage may hang heavy, and the bills use up the cash, but whenever comes the season, jest so long's we've got a dime, there'll be somethin' in that stockin'—won't there, Mary? every time, and it is amongst our sunshine there's a shower or two of rain, why, we'll face it bravely, smilin', and we'll try not ter complain long as Christmas comes and finds us here together, me and you, with the little feller's stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

—Joe Lincoln in Saturday Evening Post.

Shoes Instead of Christmas Stockings

ALL over New York the children talk of the coming of Santa Claus for weeks before Dec. 25, but there was a time when he was more frequently referred to as St. Nicholas, the Dutch St. Nicolas, or San Claus. Mrs. Van Rensselaer says in her "History of New York": "The stockings that our children hang on Christmas eve were once the shoes that the children of Amsterdam and New Amsterdam set in the chimney corners on the eve of Dec. 6, and the reindeer whose hoofs our children hear represent the horse, descended from Woden's horse Sleipner, upon whose back St. Nicholas still makes his round in Holland. When Catholicism prevailed St. Nicholas was everywhere the children's saint. In Holland, where his personality was modified by memory of Woden, god of the elements and the harvest, he had a peculiar hold on popular affection, which persisted into Protestant times. The children of Holland still believe that he brings the gifts that they always get on the eve of his titular day, Dec. 6."

Safe in Santa's Arms



A SUBSTITUTE CHAPERON

By FANNY KENDERDINE.

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A bellboy had just brought the telegram to Mrs. Ramsey. She regarded it with vexed resignation.

"Girls," she said, addressing her pretty daughters, "you must go home with me. Mrs. Kittredge wires me that she will be in Boston on the 20th—tomorrow—to make me the long-promised visit. I must be there to greet her." Her tone was final.

"But, mother," objected Katharine, "why can't you write Mrs. Kittredge and tell her to visit us here in New York? We can have heaps more fun."

"There is no reason why we should not remain until after the Beasley concert—" began Rosalind, but the look on her mother's face checked her words.

"Unchaperoned?" asked Mrs. Ramsey, in horror.

"Find us a chaperon for the remainder of the week, and then we'll come home and help entertain Mrs. Kittredge," urged Katharine.

"There's no one in town of whom I would ask such a favor, but there is my cousin, Algernon Mudge—"

Algernon Mudge! Visions of his portrait in an obscure corner of the library at home assailed the mental vision of the girls. Cousin Algernon Mudge was small and pale and very learned looking. His little moonlike face was almost obscured by a pair of huge tortoise-shell rimmed spectacles.

Surely one would be safe with Algernon Mudge, their mother's second cousin.

When they reached their sitting-room after their mother had gone, they were confronted by a servant bearing the card of Mr. Algernon Mudge.

All this for the benefit of a little, near-sighted student!

"Come!" said Katharine, and they went down to the red parlor where the visitor awaited them.

But the only occupant of the red parlor was a tall, big-framed young man, smartly arrayed in most fashionable clothes.

The young man bowed profoundly. "I am here," he said pleasantly.

"You—you are mistaken," said Rosalind haughtily. "We are looking for our cousin, Mr. Mudge."

"I am Algernon Mudge," insisted the youth, placing a card on the table. "My father is laid up with an attack of rheumatic gout and he sent me—as a sort of substitute chaperon. I—hope you don't mind."

Katharine looked appealingly at her elder sister.

"We didn't know that Cousin Algernon had a son," confessed Rosalind. "We thought he was a childless widower. But we are glad to see you, Cousin Algernon; but we were surprised."

"No wonder," said Algernon, shaking hands vigorously. "Expecting a neat little chaperon like dad, and finding me!"

"I'm sorry, but I'm afraid you won't do," sighed Rosalind.

"Oh, bother!" said young Algernon. "Let me take you about a bit. How long have you been here?"

"Arrived last night," announced Rosalind, tragically.

"Say, that's bad luck, isn't it? Ever been here before?"

"No; we live in Boston, and it hasn't seemed—seemed necessary," went on Rosalind. "But now we are here there are so many things we wanted to see; just common everyday 'sights' that you will laugh at."

The girls went away with Algernon Mudge and from the moment they mounted to the roof of a Fifth avenue bus until hours afterward they were set down at the Mudge home in Washington square, they forgot everything save that they were seeing things about which they had read and talked for years.

And Algernon Mudge, senior, sort of balanced matters by proving to be exactly as they had pictured him—save that he was the most charming and delightful of hosts.

"I didn't want to disappoint your mother, my dears," he said patting their hands; "so I just sent my big boy along. Algie works too hard anyway. A little play will do no harm."

After dinner Jack Kenyon, a friend of Algie, dropped in and Cousin Algernon insisted upon music. And the next day there were four who set forth upon adventure in Manhattan.

It was a double wedding the following October.

After Katharine and Algie and Rosalind and Jack had left the house, Mrs. Ramsey looked at Cousin Algernon Mudge, who beamed back at her through his goggles.

"I—I'm afraid you're an irresponsible chaperon," sighed Mrs. Ramsey. "Through you I've lost both my girls!"

Cousin Algernon squeezed her hand gently.

"A reliable chaperon usually arranges a desirable marriage," he hinted, "and, remember, Sally, that I am alone, too—and, well—if we had met years ago we would have been sweethearts. What do you think—eh?"

Mrs. Ramsey blushed.

"I don't know, Cousin Algernon—but they say—it's never too late—"

But Algernon Mudge did not wait for her to complete the sentence.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to help make it so buy your Fruit Candies, Nuts, Etc. at the Corner Store. Buy your Cranberries now, the market has advanced 25 per cent. We will still sell Saturday the finest of late Howe's at 12c per quart.

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The tendency the past few years has been to make Christmas gifts which are useful as well as ornamental, and the same custom will undoubtedly prevail this year. If you are looking for something that will give pleasure and at the same time be useful to the recipients of your gifts you will do well to look over our stock before making your purchases. Following is a partial list of articles suitable for Christmas gifts:

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NEWS FROM THE ISCO COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Alabaster School Notes.
John Robinson visited the high school Friday afternoon. He is a graduate of this school.
The pupils of the high school will test milk for anyone who will let them have a small amount of fresh milk.
The pictures the school received from the state traveling library are the best set of pictures we have yet received.
The high school had a spelling match Friday in which John Robinson took part and he proved himself one of the best spellers.
The high school pupils are going to give a play entitled "Rube and His Ma," on the 23 of December. It is an exceptionally good play and it is thought that it will excel any play yet given by the school. Admission is 25c for adults and 15c for children. Tickets are already in circulation. adv

Cottage School.
Monday morning school prayer.
Dear, kind Heavenly Father,
Hear our prayer this morning.
Another week begun and we need Thy kind and loving protection.
Please hear our humble prayer.
Teach us in all we do, to do Thy will, Lead us in all we strive to do,
Help us to be thoughtful of our class, school mates and obey our teacher so kind and true.
And thus listen to Thy prayer.
Lord's prayer repeated.

The pupils who suffered an attack of chicken pox last week have so far recovered as to be back in school again.

Bahia and the Diamond Mines.
By Marguerite Washburn.
The best diamond mines in Brazil are found in the state of Bahia. For many years it had the richest diamond fields of the world, and it was noted for its precious stones until 1867, when the diamond mines of South Africa were discovered. Since then the best diamonds have come from Africa. But still thousands of dollars worth are still annually mined in Brazil. The best diamond mines are far back of the city of Bahia, in the mountains, at the head water of the river Paraguacu. You can get to them on boats and on mules. The diamonds are found in the gravel which lies upon a bed of clay at the bottom of the river. The water is quite deep, so the mining is usually done in the shallower places where there is not more than twenty feet of water and where the current is not strong. The first thing done is to drive a long pole down in the bed of the stream. Then two miners in a canoe row out to the pole. One man remains in the boat and the other dives down to the bottom. The diver has a large bag with him, the mouth of top of which is held open with a hoop. He rests the hoop on the river bed, and scrapes the gravel into the bag until he has filled it, then he climbs with it up the pole to the boat. The bag of gravel is taken into the boat to the shore and emptied out upon the bank some distance back from the water, then the men row back to the pole for more. The diver can not stay under the water for more than a minute. The miners go steadily on through the dry season, for as soon as the rain begins the river gets so high that it is too deep to mine. They stop and wash over the gravel looking carefully for diamonds and other valuable stones called carbons. Sometimes many bushels of gravel are looked over before a carbon or diamond is found. The most of the diamonds now being discovered are small. They are shipped from the mines to Bahia and from there to Europe to be cut into shape for jewelry. The carbons are really black diamonds. They are about as hard as a diamond, but are more porous. They are used for polishing very hard substances. They are all sizes, from little ones as small as a grain of sand to some which weigh hundreds of carats. A carat is a weight so small that it takes one hundred fifty of them to make one ounce of troy. It is a measure for precious stones, and is used for carbons. Not long ago carbons were selling for twenty dollars a carat, or so much that one large carbon recently found brought twenty thousand dollars.

WORK FOR TRADE EXPANSION
United States Has Splendid Chance to Increase Its Commerce With Eastern Countries.

A delegation of distinguished Chinese merchants and statesmen have done this country the honor to visit us with the expressed purpose of learning western ways from us, which they deem superior to their own. It is a compliment which is duly appreciated, and, while Uncle Sam is entirely willing and ready to act the part of schoolmaster, he should also take advantage of the occasion to become a student and learn from others while teaching them. He can learn from the visiting Chinese gentlemen a lesson in progress and enterprise. What they are doing by coming here Uncle Sam should also do by sending delegations to other countries on a similar mission. We ought to send representatives and observing business men and statesmen to the countries south of us. We, too, want to know what and how to buy and we want to know what our neighbors have to sell, and what they wish to buy from us. Similar delegations could be sent to the orient, and especially to China, that is awakening, and where 400,000,000 people are anxious to trade with us. There is practically no limit to the commerce which could be carried on between this country and other countries that we have neglected too long. Not only cotton, although cotton is a great product, may be considered. The visiting Chinese said that they wanted our lumber, and by sending ships through the Panama canal we can get our surplus products into the Pacific and as far as the seas extend, and successfully compete with any other nation.—Memphis News-Scimitar.

Went Down With Lusitania.
"A truth can be proved in just one way—by living it." And those who know and understand a little of what he called the meaning of his life, realize that Elbert Hubbard did this. In one of the best of "The Little Journeys," that he has written, occurs this: "We give the name philosopher to men who make other men think." So Elbert Hubbard was a great philosopher. No one who has seen the biggest Roycrofters at work or play can ever doubt this. All the beautiful theories and sentiments that he has sent abroad as mottoes are there, in that little corner of the country, put into everyday use. What John Ruskin and William Morris began—he carried out. "The Beauty of Usefulness" and "The Usefulness of Beauty" was made manifest to all who took the little journey to the home of the Roycrofters. How those two leaders would have gloried in him!

Activities of Women.
Late census reports show that there are 8,075,772 female workers over ten years of age in the United States. One woman in every five in the United States has the right to vote for President.
Miss Catherine T. McCusker is manager of the savings department of a Hartford, Conn., bank.
Mrs. S. E. Hoover, aged fifty-eight, acts as railroad switchman at Mayney, Ark., while her daughter acts as station agent.
The Serbian legion of death is composed of women who have been trained in the use of firearms and in the science of war.
Miss Ethel Crispin of Woodstown, N. J., has been appointed secretary and assistant psychologist to the director in charge of the Psychopathic Laboratory recently opened in connection with the Chicago Municipal court.

BLACK SPOTS WARNED HIM
Bay City Man Then Took Tanlac and Now Tells of Relief He Has Gained.

Albert Brisbois, 1401 Marquette avenue, Bay City, says that he recommends Tanlac, the new medicine highly as a superior tonic. While discussing the remedy recently he said: "I suffered for a long time from kidney trouble in an aggravated form and was in very bad shape. I could not rest well at night and would get up in the morning feeling worn out and unfit for my day's work. I suffered from pains in the back and occasional weak spells. I often had headaches which bothered me very much and would sometimes notice black spots floating in front of my eyes. "No remedy seemed to do me any good although I tried many of them. It was at this time that I heard Tanlac recommended by my friends in the city and I obtained a bottle. My relief, after taking a few doses was very great and soon I felt strong and well. I rest better now at night and get up feeling fit for a good day's work. I am better in every way and can heartily recommend the premier preparation." Tanlac may be obtained at the stores of James E. Dillon, East Tawas and Tawas City.

DEATH AS AN ADVENTURE
Editor's Comment on Remark That is Said to Have Been Made by Charles Frohman.

"Why should we fear death?" said Charles Frohman of New York, aboard the Lusitania as he gave his life-belt to a woman. "It is the greatest adventure that can come to one." The words were distinctive to an American gentleman facing finality. Death an adventure! And so it is when one has lived largely. Then, the full measure of earthly experience having been lived, eternal values established and the divine in us unfolding daily, it holds the yet richer promises and expectation in that continuation we hope for and of which we know so little. Change, growth, the opportunity to live more largely, and yet more beautifully. In the other event, the illusions of life all gone, its futilities weighing us down, the pitcher broken at the well, and the final weariness at hand, is death not a great and beautiful hazard? Despite its outward ugliness, a carcass at the bottom of the sea, a mangled body rotting in a deserted trench, does it not captivate the imagination? Extinction, maybe; a blotting out, that complete and dreamless peace from which there is no awakening, or yet—new life, new leaf to suit the newer day. A chance to mend the broken shard, the rebirth of old enthusiasms, illusion recreated, the larger aspiration, the fuller life. After all, what a gamble with unseen forces death is! Incidentally, how brave and how beautiful must have been, must still be a soul which, under such circumstances, could have uttered a sentiment so exalted. To go, not like a quarry slave, but to wrap the draperies of the deep about one and lie down peacefully—Isn't it fine? Isn't it the quality that belongs peculiarly to American manhood?—Tom Bodine in the Paris (Mo.) Mercury.

Ground for Friendship.
My friend does not take my word for anything, but he takes me. He trusts me as I would trust myself. We only need to be as true to others as we are to ourselves that there may be ground enough for friendship.—Henry D. Thoreau.

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Take notice that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and

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WHITEMORE.

C. N. Scott of Hale was a business visitor Tuesday. Mrs. R. J. Smith left Monday for a visit at Detroit. Ernest Smith of McIvor was a business visitor Tuesday. J. W. Crum of McIvor visited this city on business Friday. H. J. Jacques was a business visitor at Bay City Tuesday. Rev. Blachford of East Tawas visited the city Tuesday and Wednesday. Harry Latham and wife of Hemlock road were business visitors Saturday. Aaron Blumenau and family visited at Prescott Sunday, returning Monday morning. Cal Billings and C. H. Mark of Sherman township visited the city Saturday. Arrangements are being made by M. E. Sunday school to have a Christmas tree Thursday evening, Dec. 23. A fine program is being arranged. Farmers' Institutes will be held here some time in January. Arrangements are being made for same and committees are trying to make this institute the best yet. Art Dillon, Joe Dimmick, Art Wyman, Carl Samuel, Gene Hanson and W. H. Grant, the mascot, of East Tawas came down Saturday night and bowled a series of three games with our boys. Our boys won by 278 pins.

Tuesday of last week was the trial of Mrs. Joe McLean or Helen McLean, accused of assault and battery against Alma McIntyre, a little 12 year old girl Mrs. McLean brought here from the Central Home Mission at Saginaw. The little waif, daughter of a drunken father who loves his "cups" more than his child, was brought sometime in June or July of the past summer, as brought out by the trial. Children are too often taken with no other thought but the druggery they can perform and not treated as well as we do our dogs and cattle. The trial in question did not close until Wednesday morning, as one of the jury men disagreed. Five stood for guilty and only one stood out. About 9 a. m. the jury was dissolved and the sheriff sent to Reno to get a new jury. Helen McLean confessed to the charges brought against her so the suit was closed.—Contributed.

WILBER WARBLINGS.

Dr. C. V. Crane made a professional call here last Tuesday. Miss Edna M. Otis of Iowa is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Dorey. George Boyce of South Branch called on Enos Scott last Saturday and purchased a horse. Mrs. Robt. Brooks came home Monday evening after visiting for some time with relatives in Flint. Mrs. Wm. Phelps and daughter, Minnie, came home Saturday after visiting for some time with relatives in Detroit. Harold Colgrove of Tawas City spent a few days this week at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers and children of Detroit arrived last week for a visit with Mrs. M.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Goodale. John Bulley and son left last Saturday for camp near Cooke Site on the AuSable river, where they have secured employment for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brooks called on relatives at Cooke Site recently. Paul Herman has gone to Flint, where he has secured employment. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Abbott left Monday for Saginaw and Lansing, where they will visit relatives. They will also attend the State Grange convention while they are away.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

RENO RUMBLINGS.

B. V. Dyke returned home from St. John's Saturday. Thos. Frockins was a Tawas visitor Thursday of last week. Deputy Sheriff Chase was in town on official business Saturday. Benj. Charters made a business trip to Saginaw one day last week. Josiah Robinson was a business visitor at Tawas City Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McDougal Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Latter are attending the state Grange meeting in Lansing this week. Rev. Thos. Marsh will again preach at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. His subject being, "Substitutes for God." All are invited. The Episcopal Sunday school will hold an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Reno town hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. Everybody welcome. Thos. Spooner who bought a flock of sheep from Messrs. Pearsall and Yawger took them to the Harsch ranch Tuesday, where they will be cared for over winter.

HEMLOCK SLIVERS.

Austin Allen left Monday for Flint. John McArdle, jr. is home from Bay City. Miss Carrie Katterman is home to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latham visited friends at Whittemore on Sunday. The farmers are still busy threshing beans. L. P. Latham threshed 550 bushel for Robert Watts last week. The baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Latham, who has been sick with pneumonia is improving nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Venessa, Can., are visiting at the homes of Wm. Allen and John Durand. The social at the Orange hall last Wednesday evening was not very well attended, owing to the bad weather. The proceeds from the supper was \$14, and besides that the ladies sold quite a lot of their bazaar goods. Next week is the week of Christmas trees. Miss Lucy Curry, teacher at the Watts school will have one on Wednesday evening. Misses Jennie Smith and Lottie VanHorn at the Greenwood school on Thursday evening and the L. D. S. at their church at McIvor on Friday evening. On Tuesday evening a large crowd of the friends of Mrs. John McArdle gathered at her home to help her celebrate her birthday. The evening was spent in music and games, and refreshments were served. Monday being Mrs. Bradford's birthday their friends sprung a double surprise by presenting both, Mrs. McArdle and Mrs. Bradford, with a nice water set.

ELLAKE ECHOES.

Rev. Roberts of Tawas City held services at the school house Sunday night. Glenwood Streeter and Perry Nunn of Hale were Ellake visitors last Sunday. J. Clancy, representative for the Universal Merchants' and Manufacturers' Protective Association autored into town Tuesday. On the way to church Mrs. F. Eymier slipped and sprained her ankle, she managed to get home but is unable to walk on it. James LaBerge drove over to Totingham's at Hale to get his dog which strayed away. Claude Vosburg went to Bay City Tuesday and returned Wednesday. Frank Eymier and Mr. Vosburg drove to Prescott Thursday. Geo. Van is at work buzzing wood. All who have a buzz pile call on him.

SHERMAN SHOTS.

John Jordan is home until after the holidays. C. H. Mark was a business caller at Turner Friday. Rev. Marsh of Hale preached at the hall Sunday night. Sim Pavelock was a business caller at East Tawas Friday. Frank Smith spent Sunday with relatives at Alabaster. Chas. Mark and Miss Marie Billings autored to Reno Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Binegar were at Tawas City Saturday. Julia Wood left for Detroit Monday, where she has employment. Hugo Kaiser of East Tawas spent Tuesday evening at McIvor. Rev. Faupel of Turner preached at the town hall Tuesday night. Misses Sands, Dillon and Buswell spent the week end at their homes. The M. E. Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Kohn on Thursday. Mrs. Albert Draeger was a business caller at the Tawas one day last week. Miss Minnie Norris spent a few days last week with friends at East Tawas.

HALE AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Reader of Canada is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Dafoe. R. D. Brown captured a fox squirrel while hunting last Saturday. Henry Button left for Lansing recently, where he expects to spend the winter. Earl Armstead of Detroit is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Armstead. Wm. Miller and wife of Detroit were calling on old friends in the place this week. Frank Merchant and his wife returned from their trip to the exposition in California last Saturday. Rev. Thos. Marsh is spending a few days near Mt. Pleasant. He expects to return with his horse and buggy. E. V. Esmond, Mrs. Yawger, Fern Yawger and Mrs. R. D. Brown were Tawas City visitors Friday of last week. Bernard & Co. received 3,000 bushels of corn from Ohio this week which they expect to feed to stock this winter. Next Sunday is "Young Men's Sunday" at the Baptist church. Rev. Thos. Marsh will preach on "What Christ Can do for Men." A big crowd is expected. E. B. Follett and daughter, Margaret, left for Ann Arbor Monday, where the latter will receive medical aid. Mr. Follett will attend the State Grange convention while there. The program and Christmas tree of the Baptist Sunday school will be held at the church Friday evening, Dec. 24. All are invited to come and partake of the Christmas cheer.

SOUTH BRANCH NEWS.

Mrs. A. Martindale visited friends in East Tawas over Sunday. Mrs. Hattie Alderton left Saturday for Detroit for an indefinite time. Millie Alderton has gone to Detroit to attend a musical conservatory. Mrs. Lewis Golden left Monday for Bay City to attend the wedding of a sister. Oscar Pickett and wife visited at the home of Frank Selden last Sunday. They live in Hill township. Mrs. Hugh Jersey spent Sunday with her husband on the Prescott farm near the village of Prescott. Susie Patrick returned home from Brant, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Bert McFall for two weeks. The Christmas tree entertainment for the Episcopal church Sunday school will be held in Greve's hall next Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. Robt. Adams and wife left Tuesday for their home in Flint after a weeks stay at the home of the former's mother, who is somewhat better at this writing.

LAILAWVILLE.

Chris. Goedecke and family spent Sunday with Ed. Londo and wife on the Meadow road. Mr. and Mrs. George Culham of Tawas City spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod. Mrs. Ed. Woyahn is expected home from the Bay City hospital on Saturday. She is improving nicely. Mrs. Ed. Woizeschke returned to her home on Sunday evening, after spending a week with Mrs. Charles Downen. There was a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wright on Monday evening. Those present report a pleasant evening. The family are removing to East Tawas. Early Sunday morning Frank Wood and family had quite a scare, when their home was discovered to be on fire, but by prompt work it was soon extinguished before doing a great deal of damage.

ASK THEM TO PRODUCE.

The next time a person appears in your office or home and asks that you subscribe to some benevolent or charitable institution, just ask for his or her credentials. Under the terms of a law enacted at the last session of the legislature all benevolent and charitable societies soliciting public support in counties outside the place where their institution is located are required to obtain a license from the state board of corrections and charities. The law requiring a satisfactory showing to be made, to the state board is a good one and under it no deserving institution will suffer. Don't be taken in by some oily tongued male or female who is working a graft.

Cleaning Brass.

To clean brass flower pots or trays rub them with a piece of lemon; then pour boiling water over them, and finally polish with a soft, dry cloth.

SLICING UP THE U. S.

An anonymous pamphlet that has appeared in France suggests a simple method for settling the war. The author proposes that instead of killing off each other's male population in an almost hopeless effort to carve up each other's territory, the belligerents shall simply stop fighting among themselves and carve up the United States. The idea has been considered, the pamphlet says, "in the diplomatic circles of European chancelleries." "All the warring powers, we are told, could easily have their ambitions satisfied by this process. There's enough territory for all, and it could be subdued and partitioned with a small part of the effort now expended in the sanguinary European struggle. The country would be divided roughly according to the natural affinities of its population in the various sections. Great Britain would take New England and most of the other original states. France would get Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Germany would get New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Japan would take the Pacific coast states. Mexico would come in for Arizona, New Mexico and part of Texas. Russia would receive her old possession of Alaska. The Panama canal would be made free to all nations. The great group of western states comprising North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado would be organized into an imperial crown colony of the German empire. The powers would act in concert on the general plan, but each would be expected to take care of the task of occupying its own portion of territory. And wouldn't that be a pleasant little chore for each of the powers? Ask any citizen of any of the states mentioned—wake him up in the middle of the night and ask him!—Bay City Tribune.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the common council of the city of Tawas City, held in the council rooms Friday evening, Dec. 12, 1915. Called to order by Mayor Bing. Present—Aldermen Musolf, Mark, Marzinski, Wilson, Quick, and Clerk King. Quorum present. Minutes of regular meeting of Nov. 19, 1915, read and approved. Moved by Mark, seconded by Marzinski, that we hereby grant to the Michigan State Telephone Co., its successors, or assigns the right to place, and maintain a line of telephone poles, wires and fixtures over and along the south side of Lake street in the city of Tawas City, county of Iosco to replace the poles and wires now existing on the north side of said street. Motion carried. Yeas—Musolf, Mark, Marzinski, Wilson, Quick. Nays—None. Committee on claims and accounts presented the following bills, and recommended payment of the same: C. H. Prescott & Sons, tile \$19.23 J. W. Minor, assessment and tax rolls, third ward 25.00 J. A. Myles, assessment and tax rolls, second ward 25.00 N. C. Harting, jr., assessment and tax rolls, first ward 25.00 Charles Harris, labor on street team 11.60 Chas. Grise, ditching 3.50 Fred Rollin, ditching 3.12 John Patterson, labor electric light line .75 Moved by Mark, seconded by Marzinski, that the bills be allowed as recommended, and orders drawn for the same. Motion carried. Yeas—Musolf, Mark, Marzinski, Wilson, Quick. Nays—None. On motion council then adjourned. Eugene Bing, Mayor. J. B. King, City Clerk.

Proves Early Use of Coal.

Excavations of an ancient Roman villa, near Liege, disclosed fragments of coal, leading to the belief that the fuel was mined in Belgium as far back as the beginning of the Christian era.

A Woman's Way.

So determined is a woman to "look up" to the man she loves that if she married a woman she would dig a hole in the ground and crawl into it in order to be able to put her head on his shoulder and say: "Darling, how big and strong and tall you are."

American Hospital in China.

Che-Foo has an American hospital which is stated to rank with the best in the larger cities of China. It stands in four acres of ground on Temple hill, overlooking the city and harbor of Che-Foo, and cost \$50,000 gold.

The Greek Orthodox Christmas



ACCORDING to the Greek and Russian calendar, Christmas comes thirteen days after the day that is generally observed in this country—that is, on Jan. 7. In the colonies of the two races in American cities the day is celebrated by prayer, feasting and much merrymaking. The Greek Orthodox churches are crowded to the doors, men and women bringing candles, which they place before the shrines. In the Greek and Russian restaurants and clubs there is feasting, and the restaurants of the better class are decorated with laurel wreaths and pine trees. The poorer places have artificial wreaths of paper. In the Russian homes in the cities there are Christmas trees with presents for the children, just as there are on Dec. 25 in homes of other nationalities. Scores of children gather in homes to sing Russian hymns and songs. In the homes of the Greeks also there are Christmas trees for the children. The older folk receive money and gifts on the Greek New Year.

Father of Baseball. Henry Chadwick, the "Father of Baseball," is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, on the Twenty-fifth street side of the cemetery, near Eighth avenue. Triumph of Motor Truck. In France a bronze statue weighing three and a half tons, that was too large to be handled by railroad or canal, was hauled on a motor truck to its destination.

TREASURER'S OFFICE IOSCO COUNTY, REPORT OF LIQUOR TAX COLLECTIONS. I, Joseph G. Dimmick, Deputy Treasurer of the county of Iosco, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the following is a full and complete report of taxes collected or received by this office upon the business of selling, keeping for sale or manufacturing distilled, brewed or malt liquors during the year ending Dec. 6, 1915. Joseph G. Dimmick, Deputy Treasurer of Iosco County.

Table with columns: Date of Pay't, Name, Place of Business, Am't. Rows include Simon Goupil, John Corrigan, John Force, Samuel Anker, John Henry, R. E. Dameru, Fred Thibault.

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