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Home News

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George Bartlett of Meriden has moved in-

Busy times these in households, where here is a family of little ones.

Go to the roller skating at Branderee hall New Year's eve., and have a good, jolly time. We are pleased to be able to report. Mrs. B. K. Field as convalscing from her attack

W. S. Brandegee's little two-year-old Frank, has had the prevailing unpleasantness in a very light form,

C. M. Jarvis left Wednesday for New York, en route to Binghanton, where he will remain till after Christin Mrs. Chandler, returned Monday to her

ome at Woodstock, after a week's visit with ner sister, Mrs. E. C. Woodruil. It almost makes one's mouth water to read Goodrich's new ad. today. The compliments of the season are extended to him.

A handsome residence property is offered for sale in our columns. This is a rare chance either for a home or an investment.

Will all (if any) who expect to receive on New Year's Day, send names and addresses to THE NEWS. Kindly give this attention. Skates, Sleds, Bissel's Grand Rapids Car-

Mr. Flannery, proprietor of Berlin hotel, has purchased Mr. Brandegee's bay horse, and now has one of the best looking spans in

The surveyors and engineers for the electric railroad, passed through Berlin street this morning, taking measurements, dis-Owing to the death of Mr. Gaipin, the

roller skating that was to have been held in Brandegee hall, Christmas Eve., has been postponed till New Year's Eve. Kilby & Taylor, the Kensington grocers

make an announcement through the columns of THE NEWS today. Chief among their offerings are Christmas suppnes. Give them The many friends of Mrs. Lafayette Glad-

ling will be pained to know that she is dangerously sick, and her recovery considered loubiful. Cancer in the stomach is her malady. The walls of the new depot as they ris under the magic touch of skilled hands and brain, give evidence of much beauty in out-

the and Lash. The brick by the way, are i. Berlin manufacture. What better present can one make than to give a good seal skin sacque, cape, or any other article made of gentune seal skin, such as one can buy at Alfred Williams & Son 41-45 Pratt street, Hartford, Conn.

F. L. Wilcox has presented the library with a number of fine broad flagstones, to be laid from the steps to the sidewalk. will not only add to the appearance, but be a big improvement over the sort mud.

Don't forget the Christmas entertainment at the church Monday night next. 105 all you can to make the cuildren happy, and thus have a good time yourself. Can't you contribute something for somebody?

How the eyes of the little ones (and some quite big ones) begin to sparkle in anticipation of a visit from that dear old dirtribut of yearly gifts. May their expectations all berealized many fold. Verily it is more blessed to give than receive.

We do wish we could impress on the minds of our correspondents, the necessity cannot appear for this reason. East Berlin iews is received too late this week for pub-

E. P. Yale, of the Yale Brick Co., has use for cottage buildings west of his house on the Collin's farm.

There will be a Christmas entertainment at the Beckley Quarter school house tomorrow evening, consisting of singing, recita-tions, etc., by the scholars. If former entertainments at this school are any criterion, those who attend tomorrow night will be pretty well repaid for their visit.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held Friday evening. Decem-ber 30th, in the chapel, at which the Ladies Aid society will turnish a plain supper. After which plans will be discussed for the best advancement of church work during the coming

Almost every town in the state has something to advertise about large hogs being killed about this time. Can't Berlin trot out a few Jumbo porkers so as to be in the "grease," so to speak, with these big porcine stories; or isn't our soil adapted to raising huge sparibs, sausages, etc.?

Ives, Upham & Rand of Meriden, have been so busy over the holidays, that they haven't had time to make their Christmas announcement. They have a store full, however, and are sure to be able to supply any demands you may make on them, in the way of Christmas purchases.

Notice was filled with the secretary of state on Saturday last, of an increase in the capital stock of the Terra Cotta company from \$25,000 to 37,500, in shares of \$25 each, The number of shares were increased from 1,000 to 1,500 and of the increased stock \$9,375 has been paid in cash. M. E. Jacobs was the principal purchaser, and now holds controling interest in the stock.

The beautiful weather of Sunday, drew out uite a large audience to the morning serrice, who were more than repaid by hearing one of the best discourses Rev. Mr. Clayton has delivered for some time, and that, all will agree, speaks pretty well for the sermon. The text was taken from Matthew XIII 45 46, "The Pearl of Great Price." The ser mon was noticable specially for its descritive historical beauty and earnest delivery A more complete report of it is prevent only by a pressure of other matters.

DEATHS.

DEMING-In Ellington, December 3d, 31r Lura L. Deming, widow of George D. Deming, formerly of Berlin. Aged 79. GALPIN-In Berlin, December 22nd, Henry N. Galpin. Aged 72.

KENSINGTON.

Mary Hurley aged twelve years, died Fri-

There will be a Christmas entertainment f the Methodist Sunday school, at Grange sall Saturday evening, December 24th There will be appropriate exercises, a supper and a good time generally.

Sunday evening, December 25th, there May all your brightest anticipation of the histmas gift be fully realized. will be a praise service at the Methodist church. Pleasing selections of Christmas

The Orange social at Miss Mary Upson's, last Friday evening was a pleasant occasion. Foth Endeavor societies participated, and there were many young people present. The "fortunes" concealed within the oranges. awaiting the successful archers occasioned much merriment, Games and refreshments followed, and all pronounced it an enjoyable

The buildings of the new Envelope Co., are progressing finely. The main building is of brick three stories high and 45x200 feet. Its artistic appearance with tower, decorations of pressed brick and terra cotta, and its correct architectural design grants. and its correct architectural design generally, is gratifying to residents, and attractive visitors. Its work is to be the manufac tre of paper goods, especially envelopes and caper bags. Upwards of one hundred hands will be employed, and it is expected that ome departments of the work will be begur soon after January 1st.

Miss Cora Cornell is sick with diph-

The Young People's "holiday entertainnent, will take place in Grange hall Wed-esday evening, December 28th. As indi-ated by the name it will be given by the young people of this vicinity and will con-sist of dramas, and music both vocal and The admission strumental co cents, and children half price.

James Simms who lives in the north part in New Britain, was seriously injured there saturday morning. A heavy piece of machinery failing upon his aukle raptured a blood-vessel. After having the wound dressed he was taken home. He is as com-fortable as could be expected.

Miss Rhoda Baldwin and Mr. Eli Badger vere married at the home of the bride' orents Wednesday, December 14th, at five o'clock. The bride was dressed in heliotrope ilk Henrietta, that was tastefully ornament ed with silk and moss trimmings, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Magee Pratt. Mor. han forty guests assembled from differen parts of the state. The gifts were numerous and exceedingly pretty. Mr. and Mrs. Bad-ger are to reside to Royal Upson's house.

The Ledge school, District No. 2, has cen closed this week on account of sickness mong the children, and will resume after e holiday vacation, January 9th.

Charles Dickinson is to remodel his blackmith shop into a two tenement house. There has been considerable complain

out the condition of the road under the ridge, near the station in muddy weather. In spite of a great deal of opposition Baltas Sengle has received his liquor license. There has been considerable talk about the nanner in which it was secured, and perhaps omething interesting beyond idle gossip

nay develop. Mrs. Golden, an aged resident of this lace, died Tuesday morning. The funeral sock place from St. Paul's church this

Activity in Kensington. From the Church Record.

Those of our readers who were former residents of Kensington, but of getting their contributions in early. Much | who have been absent for some years nteresting matter is received each week, that would perhaps be more than a little surprised at the changes that have transpired here. In the vicinity of the railway station he would prob bought of the Consolidated Railroad, the ably doubt the evidence of his senses old passenger depot, the tank house and as he looked about him after the platforms therewith connected at Berlin first shock of surprise to have station. We hear he will take the lumber to sufficiently recovered to wend his way toward the post office and what was formerly Hart's shops, his astonishment would not be lessened. Here in place of time worn wooden buildings or blackened ruins he would see a substantial brick factory more than two hundred feet in length of good architectual design and of particularly neat appearance. Would he not be justified in think ug that the old Kensington was be ing touched with the spirit of pro gress as well as other places?

The Envelope Company is winning golden opinions from citizens here because of its thorough way of preparing for its coming business This is seen in the immediate sur roundings of the new factory, and also in the improvements going forward at the upper reservoir. The underbrush and stones about this have been cleared away, the waste course made secure by new timbers and railings, and the house belong ing to it has been repaired and renovated.

WESTFIELD WHISPERS.

Miss May and Myra Wilcox are home on vacation of two weeks, from Moody's chool in Northfield, Mass. No happier girl than May is, to be home once more. Miss Alice Wilcox is home also. She is

attending school at Mt. Holyoke, Mass. The Methodist are to give a Christmas entertainment in the chapel, in this place on hursday evening.

Miss Luella Wilcox from Hartford will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wilcox. They will also enterain friends from New York, Ivoryton and Meriden. Jacob Bacon of this place died Wednesday

evening, December 14th, aged 71 years. The funeral services were conducted at his resiuneral services were conducted at his resience Friday, by Mr. Gilis, a student from Vesleyan university.

Z. Ransey and W. E. Wilcox, are going a Hot Springs in Arkansas, honjug to be the student of Friday evening. December 30th, at 6 p.m. sharp. Tea will be served by the ladies at 7 o'clock. An informal church conference will be held after tea. The pastor dence Friday, by Mr. Gilis, a student from Wesleyan university.

benefited thereby. The Sunday school are to have Christmas | present at this important meeting.

exercises in the Congregational church on Friday evening, December 23d.

Mr. Blakeman, state inspector, visited Westfield grange December 15th. He proved a very pleasant genial officer. We had quite a full attendance. All passed off

5-9-5 Death of Henry N. Galpin.

It is with a feeling of the deepest grief that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. Henry N. Galpin, whose spirit passed over the valley to that great unknown beyond, at a quarter past two this morning, after an illness of a little over three weeks. Mr. Gaipin's malaly was progressive paralysis of the brain. Almost since the hour he was taken he has gradually failed and grown weaker, in spite of all that skilled medical aid, and tender loving nursing, that a devoted wife and laughters could administer. While there has been times during his sickness when he would temporarily rally, and inspire a gleam of hope that never dies while life lasts, it was only too apparent to both physician and friends, that unless some unlooked for change in his condition appeared, it could at most be but a few weeks that he could survive the inroads the disease would make on his system. Most of the time since his sickness he has been unconscious, scarcely recognizing those most dear to his sight. A decided change occurred about noon Tuesday, for the worse, rom which he gradually sank till he expired. His death was as peaceful and quiet as the sleep of an infant; not even a gasp of the breath to indicate that the end had come, but a gradual cessation of the respirations—a second falling asleep.

He was seventy-two years old today. The funeral will be held at the residence on Berlin street, Saturday afternoon, at two clock, presided over by Rev. Thomas Clay_ on, pastor of the Congregational church, of which he had been a member for nearly thir. ty years. The interment will be at East

With the grief-stricken wife, and daughters o all of whom his death comes as a great affliction, we tender our deepest sympathies.

School Notes.

Owing to the inefficincy of the teacher in the sixth district, who had to give up the school, Acting School Visitor, Daniel Webster has been filling the position, till another teacher can be procured, and is doing very efficient and much needed service.

Owing to occasional cases of scarletina appearing in different part; of the town, it was deemed advisable to again close the school in the fifth district. While it is to be regretted that the studies of the scholars have had to be broken into, all will agree that it is the wise course to be on the safe side. The school would have closed a week later for the Christmas vacation. As it is this week will take the place of vacation, and unless there should be further outbreak of the malady, which by the way, is of the very held on Tuesday evening last, and the follightest form, schools will commence lowing officers were elected for the ensuing again Monday, January 1st.

That there may be no misinterpretation of the school ordinances, the Board of Education have had the following rules printed in circular form, to be placed in the hands of all teachers and committees:

Geo. E. Hall; Asst Steward, Geo. II. Clark, Chaplin, A. S. Clark; Treasurer, William M. Fowler; Secretaay, E. E. Honiss; Gate-keeper, W. S. Elton; Pomona, Mrs. Huber Bushnell; Flora, Mrs. C. H. Savage; Ceres, and committees: all teachers and committees :

The school year shall be divided into three

Fall term of twelve weeks, commencing eptamber 6th, ending November 23rd. Five days of six hours each, shall constiute a school week. Morning session to begin at q a. m., closes at 12 a. m. Afternoon ssion at I p. m., closes at 4 p. m.

Winter term opens December 5th, closing March 24th, including holiday vacation of two weeks. Spring term of ten weeks opens April

oth, closes June 16th, 1893. No school to be kept Saturday, and no lost time to be made up, except by permission of School Board.

The Clerk of each District, shall be required to make an inventory of school property at the begining of each term, and return he same to the Acting School Visitor.

Every teacher shall be held responsible for all damage done to school property of every description, by those under her charge during school hours.

Christmas Services at the Congregational Church.

Sunday, December 25th, preaching at 10.45 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Clayton. A Christmas sermon.

Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Junior society of Christian Endeavor at o'clock.

Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6.30 p. m. Christmas concert by the choir at 7.30. Miss Cummings will be present and sing on Christmas day. The Sunday School entertainment will be

held on Monday evening at 6.30. A short program of music and recitations will be given before the presents are distributed.

The Preparatory lecture will be delivered on Thursday evening at 7.30. The church will also vote upon the candidates for membership.

The annual meeting of the church will be to Hot Springs in Arkansas, hoping to be and church committees, earnestly request all church members who possibly can, to be

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ers, to the chimney stack. Only one fire is used, and the pot containing the articles to be annealed by this arrangement subjected to a uniformly distributed heat, as the result of which the pot does not suffer from undue strains, or buckling, and in consequence it lasts a longer time. The uniform distribution of the heat obtained by this, means insures annealing in a shorter time, and likewise causes a reduced consumption of fuel, both of which are important considerations .-New York Sun.

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The Old and New Year.

some hopes that have faded and disappeared neath the ruthless plowshare of Time, the frail blossoms that were so fair, and whose dying the withered arms of the old friend empty chair in some home. who is passing for evermore from beat quicker with fresher, nobler heaven cannot hea impulses, as his smile fall upon him? The old year is gove, and all unassail the sensitive heart. Oh! the tears we might have staved! the good the New Year with tears of joy and not of sorrow; for in his innocent arms he bears new privileges and yet more glorious opportunities. The privilege of doing the good we did not do, of being what we never vet have been.

Rubbers.

not require a very great stretch of mosphere of her society. the memory to recall the time when Another thought that comes in a pair of arctics would last through the contrast between this and other a whole season, with every-day towns, is the comparative few idle rough werr. It is impossible to men in the place. The harmony three or four weeks, with the same ployee, indicates that the laborer is the price paid in former years, when to I. the quality was so much superior, was considerably in advance of what terion to judge of the coming, beit is now; but who is there that speaks one of prosperity for Berlin. would not rather pay \$2.00 for a pair of arctics that would last from May it ever be so. November till April, and ensure manufacturer of rubbers, we believe

IT is a generally accepted saving (and in a great many cases truth will bear out the assertion) that cor porations have no souls. It is pleas ing however, to be able occasionally to prove that there are exceptions to this statement, and more pleasing to be able to note the exception in our own town. This was mani fested last Saturday night when the officers of the Berlin Iron Bridge company treated their host of employes to a grand oyster roast. Such traternal acts between employer and employe cannot be estimated by dollars and cents. Were there more such fsaternal intercourse through out our land there would be fewer Homstead horrors to chronicle.

Post office department officials are chuckling over having discover ed and put a stop to some thrifty tricks among the fourth-class postmasters. Just after the result of the election became known resignation of Republican postmasters, accompanied by recommendations for the appointment of their successors, began to pour into the department. May they live many years to con-At first the resignaitons were accepted and new appointments made. but the number of resignations and recommendations became so · large that suspicion was aroused and ar investigation made. Then it was learned that the retiring postmasters were making a good thing out of turning their offices over to Democrats, who, of course, hoped to be able to retain their hold on the office under the Cleveland administration. Mr. Wannamaker then issed an orde that no resignation of postmaster were to be accepted for the remain der of this administration, excepfor some extraordinary cause.

O. U. A. M., TAKE NOTICE.

The next regular meeting of the O. U. A M., will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 27th As the election of officers for the ensuin term occurs at this meeting, it is earnestly desired that as many members as possible will make an effort to be present. Past and Future of Berlin.

The mind only just begins to grow accustomed to the joys of Christmas time, ere we are sud- liable beast of some twenty sumdealy called upon to pause in our festive pleasure, to bid farewell to the year whose few remaining days Twee the Sunday after Christgreat beyond

This is both a retrospective and a prospective season. In the backward glances that we cast over the period that has just ended, the minscenes, whose cuerislied remembrances are bright spots upon the pages of the Past. Our days may be likered to the weaver's snuttle : bright for dark they glide swiftly by, as they weave into the wood of our existence the threads of pleasure of

Uneventful as the 'year may have been to some, to others it has been fraught with the deepest of momen-The year hath grown old, and tions issues : while joy has been though we cannot torget the glad- brought to some, others have l'annie had flown, drained the dregs of the cup of grief and vicisitude.

What marks was this departed period left in Berlin? Its record perfume is yet sweet in memory, we shows a mingling or joy and sorrow. brush away our tears to greet the of prosperity and adversity. The studing young year bounding from new year will come to find an empty place in some heart. our sight. And who doth not love hath no joys that death will not the young child, and feel his heart suppress, and earth no sorrows

As we turn from these contemplations of morn zing to affairs availing the keen regrets which must more practical, we and the subject pregnant with absorbing interests. Aside from those advantages of we might have done! But the old year beauty in her developments, and is dead, and standing above his beauty in her moral atmosphere, all grave, because all unavailing the of which we have deligated to dilate sighs we heave, we hasten to baptize upon in the past few months, many New Year's observation, congratulatory to Berlin can be made, and which forms a striking contrast when compared to any other town, that it has ever been our lot to reside in.

While the town is now making rapid strides in the march of progress, it is a fact remarkable and pleasing, that she retains so many If some of the worthy gentlemen of those old staid qualities that or corporations who manufacture many other towns have given place rubbers, in the United States, would to more modern forms of society. improve the quality of their pro- And above all other thoughts, is the duct, even if in so doing they have to one that the pure air which sweeps sacrifice a tithe of their present across the hills and valleys, bringing profits, what a lasting boon they life and health, is fully equalled in would confer on humanity. It does purity by the untainted, moral at-

procure a pair now that will last existing between employer and, emusage. We readily concede that receiving the just requitment for his

> The past year, if used as a criin all her manufacturing circles

The improvements that are from them warm and dry feet, than to time to time projected and carried pay \$1.25 for a pair that will not out, will only need but a few years stand by one a month? Nor is this more of development to give us all base imitation of gum confined to the advantages of city life in a counarties; the whole class of rubber try home. Not the smallest feature for congratulation are the projects of an electric transit through our are responsible in a measure, for the streets, for easier and more rapid great amount of sickness caused by communication with our surrounding cities and towns, new and improved sidewalks through our leading streets, and an improvement in our

Merry Christmas.

THE NEWS would take advantage of this most opportune time; this period when the air is so full o good wishes, good resolutions and snowflakes; this cycle when so many presents are being selected, made and-wished for ; this annual festal occasion when everyone is so full of happiness, to join the great throng and extend its handshake and greetings to its numerous friends in Berlin. It would particularly extend 'A Merry Christmas"

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One old horse, a hitherto very remers' experience, (I grieve to say it)

are fast being mingled with the mas, when down the street the same question was asked by every man that you'd meet, have you seen an old horse, a small sorrel mare-she

was lame in four feet, and belonged the Squire. Covered well with a lingers lovingly over departed blanket when she started away and buffalo robe, and was hitched to a sleigh. She had been to a Fair in a neighboring town to take the

mure's wife in her very best gown,

o see all the sights, and enjoy hat he could, while the squire stayed home as a good husband should. Af er staying and seeing till the very last minute, she thought she'd go ome,-the mischief was in it, "nary horse could she find she could claim as her own, the halter was left, but

That the horse had been stolen ery many had fears, and the driver re hunted 'till he froze both his ears. But no thief had a hand in a caper so cute, the blame must all rest on the canning old brute. Waiting long at the post till her patience gave out, she hitched from her tie rein, and faced square about and started for home, but slow progress she made, for she took the wrong road, the silly old jade. What could she mean, of what was she thinking, uch a temperance nag, sure, could'nt rave been drinking. But I leave con to guess and wind up my varn, she was found the next day in some-

The Masonic Goat.

body's barn.

SUSIE-LINIE.

Did you ever think, dear reader, of the lonely condition, the quiet, monotonous and yet patient and incomplaining life of the masonic goat between lodge meetings? Did the cruel wrongs of the masonic goat never appeal to the warmer sympathies of your bosom? Did the act never come to your mind that while the free and frolicksome worldly goat is wandering, accordto his own sweet will, up and down the back yards of the nation, chewing with a glad smile the succulent tomato-can of long ago, surveying with a critic's eye the family wash on the clothes line, chewing the best gauze undershirt, and butting the thoughtless wayfarer into the adjoining school district, the patient and grievously wronged masonic goat is lying within the tiled recesses of the lodge, with a dreamy, far-away look in his eyes, and naught to cheer him but the hope that he may soon be called from refreshment to labor, and be given an opportunity to break the backbone of a too confident candidate?

But it is only at stated occasions that the masonic goat is called up, and his eyes brightens with enthusiasm as he stretches his limbs and goes forth to indulge in his favorite brand of amusement. At other times there is no funny business for him. And yet how patient and uncomplaining in his daily walks is the sad-eyed, lodge-trammeled masonic goat! If I had time I could weep

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A GOOD WAY TO SHRINK WOOLEN DRESS GOODS.

The Proper Manner to Lay Plaits-Some Hints for Amateurs on the Way to Equip Themselves While at Work-Velvet Bands for Skirts.

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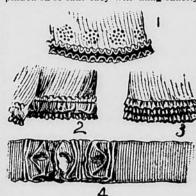
There is always one benefit in making the skirt proper and the lining separate, for most woolen goods will shrink, and where they are sewn together the grace is soon lost by the drawing up of the outside. To obviate this, where it is preferred to have them sewn togother, the material should be shrunk. To do this, unroll the material twenty-four hours before you want to cut it, and wring out large towels from clear, cold water and lay them along and fold them tightly in with the cloth, which should be rolled up for at least eighteen hours, and then it will have shrunk all that it can. Unfold it and spread it out to dry. It will require no ironing. It can be cut while still damp, as it soon dries.

The model for the foundation or the skirt itself should measure forty-two inches long, and the front top be ten inches acros and twenty across the bottom. The widel of the side gores must necessarily depend upon the size of the wearer, but each ought to be about five inches at the top to twelve at the bottom, which gives thirty inches. If the lady is smaller, the top seams can be rounded a little to fit, or narrow dart or two can be run in. A skirt now should be about four yards around the bottom. In all dresses the center of the back is cut bias, which gives a graceful

Heavy goods require no trimming other than stitching, but light, flimsy materials may have plaits from top to bottom, wrinkled or lifted drapery, ruffles, etc., and double skirts or Russian blouses.

Wherever there are to be plaits laid half way up or from top to bottom they should be pinned in their place on the figure. This is why so few succeed in laying deep plaits that will stay in place. them upon a table or lapboard, and while there they look well, but as soon as worn hang all askew.

For mourning dresses the foundation skirt cut after the model is hung over the frame, and all plaits and folds are to be pinned on so that they will hang exactly



1. Double box plait. 2. Puff and heading. 3. Narrow ruffles. 4. Rose plaiting.

When the drapery is all in place and firmly held by pins it should be sewn down to the foundation by waxed linen or cotton thread. Silk, no matter how well fastened will work loose in a short time.

The facing of a skirt to make it hang well and wear well is a tedious work, but remember that one gown well made will give more comfort and satisfaction than half a dozen slammed together in any way. and so it is worth while to take pains. Wigan or tailor's buckram makes the firmness, and a band-bias preferably-is stitched to a straight piece of linen two inches wider. To this again is stitched alpaca, not quite so wide as the linen, the top edge being turned in. This leaves the linen to be sewn to the outside by invisible catstitches or a couple of rows of machine sewing, but the hand sewn is far better as dust will settle in the machine work. The best way to sew the bottom is to have the whole sewn in a seam with the skirt, and then turned under, pressed and hemmed. It is a matter of taste as to how the bottom shall be finished—with mohair braid, or bias velutina binding, or a puff or other narrow trimming put on the edge

Reversed plaiting is also used. At present a rose plaiting is considered the handsomest, but this should not be over three or four inches wide, and it is often not over one inch. It requires to be hemmed on both edges, and must have just six times as many yards of materia! to plait as the skirt is around. An illus tration of rose plaiting is given; also one of double box plaits, one of the puff and one of the narrow bias ruffling, which with a few rows of narrow b aid, make up the trimming that will be most fashion able for some time to come.

When beaded passementerie is used, as it still is on silks and Priestly silk warp henriettas and fine cashmeres, the needl and thread should always he passed back ward and under, and the edges all care fully sewn down, and the outline must be

closely followed.

Fringe, and particularly beaded fringe, needs to be sewn from the top edge, the needle being set in from the top and the thread held high. If feather or fur trim mings are to be used, the edges of the skin should be slightly turned in. Wet it if it is unruly.

If it is desired to border a collar or any other portion of a costume with pea beads string them on a fine wire and sew that one stitch between each two beads. Other wise they will be crooked.

If lace is to be used as flounces, it should be gathered on a strong thread just the width of the skirt, allowing two inche-for "takeup." Sew it together, and then quarter it by means of pins, and pin the quarter points to the skirt, having rather more fullness in front and on the sides than in the back. Then it can be sewn on. holding the skirt toward you to be sure that the lace does not slip down below the

edge of the skirt.

Making velvet bands for skirts or panels is a particular job, and there is just one way to do it right, and that is to line it with stout crinoline, and turn in the edges half an inch all around and herringbone it to the crinoline.

When a skirt has been finished around the bottom and the trimming put on, it is ready for the pocket and the waistband. This should be a narrow tape, the narrower the better. A few cross stitches should be set in the middle of the front and a hook and eye in the back. Nearly all dresses open in the back, but some open a short distance down the left hip and are but toned with fancy buttons. Two loops to hang up by go on the belt and an elastic to hold the back plaits in place. Set the pocket where it will be hidden among the back plaits.

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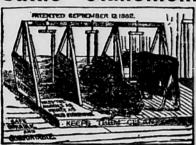
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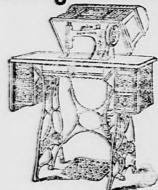
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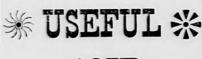
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An Exceedingly Bright Outlook gressive Men at the Helm.

Just east of the Berlin station is located he extensive plant of the Vale Brick Company that has just begun business, the first kiln of nearly a quarter of a million of brick having been fired up the first week in October. Of these brick 150,000 have been sold to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company, with which to build handsome new station now in course of construction. The capital of the company is \$100,000 and the officers are: President, Edward P. Yale; secretary venture after venture, with fair prospects the company is \$100,000 and the officers are: President, Edward P. Yale; secretary venture after venture, with fair prospects the company is the fair prospects. secretary, Lucas M. Wilcox. The company with disheartening promptness. His pecuwill make fine grades of pressed face and moulded brick of any desired color. The company owns thirteen acres of land contiguous to the railroad track, consisting of immense beds of clay of apparently inexhaustible extent. Recent drillings on the tract have brought up fine, soft clay of a superior quality from 75 feet below the surface. Mr. Yale says that the beds contain sufficient clay to make enough brick with which to rebuild the city of Boston. The hitherto elusive success wood the new hitherto elusive success wood hitherto tract have brought up fine, soft clay of a clay on the surface is all of excellent quality, but a singular fact is that the deeper the clay the better the quality seems to be. The company also owns, near Clayton station, seven acres of shale land, and there are already stored at the brick works 1,500 ton of shale, which is worked up with the clay

The bricks are made on two Chicago Boyd presses, which are supplied by two nine-foot, dry grinding pans, on which the clay and shale are ground. The brick are made by an interesting automatic process through which there is no immediate hand-ling of the material by workmen from the time the clay and shale enter the mill until the brick comes out already formed to be placed in the baking kiln, which has ; capacity of 240,000 brick.

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Marching On.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company used to be considered a little slow, but now it looks as if i had only been gaining momentum while waiting. It is now going ahead by leapand bounds, and the beauty of its progres is that its moyes are definite and sure, and there is no slipping back about them. It furnishes another surprise this morning, close upon the heels of one of the most ingenious, safe and profitable financial schemes ever adopted by any railroad company. Vesterday President Clark and Vice President Tuttle put the finishing touches or the arrangements for joining by a lease the Connecticut River, the Vermont Valley and the Sullivan railroads to the Consolidated

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All in a Name.

A certain business man in this city has good reason to believe that there is "some-thing in a name." For many years he engaged in business pursuits here under the name derived from his father. The name dustry, that it was barren of talismanic in finence in business. Although a man o and treasurer, Fortis H. Aliis; assistant in each case at the outset, but failure came to a letter never seemed to have any weight

After a great many vicissitudes he re luctantly came to the conclusion that it was his name which brought him bad luck. He resolved to try the effect of a change, and with the permission of the name assidnously. Enterprises that had fallen flat before became popular and prosperous. Old debts were specific paid and a new bank account grew to very healthy proportions. The gentleman grew rich steadily, and his name is now on the list of the solid way of New Yesh. the solid men of New York .- New York

Tennyson and Sightseers.

Though Farringford, in Freshwater, wa Tennyson's favorite home, Aldworth, in Haslemere, became by force of circum stances his summer residence—circumstances meaning in this case tourists and Saturday to Monday cheap trippers. Tennyson used to say that he was literally driven from the Isle of Wight by the summer visitors. Not content with invading the demesne of Farringford, these enthusiastic but not considerate sightseers would dog the steps of the object of their admira-tion whenever he took his walks abroad. venty years ago he burchased the t at Aldworth, and made it his summer re treat. The house was designed by Janac Knowles, who, besides acquiring celebrit as the editor of The Ninteenth Century Review, is a professional architect.

Every year in May, since 1872, Tempsor has gone to Aldworth, returning to Fresh water in October, when the trippers cease from troubling and the 'Arry is at rest. Tennyson had acquired an aversion to summer holiday mortals that was almost morbid in its intensity. Perhaps this grew by what it fed on, perhaps a part of itsmall part of it-was affectation, for Ten nyson was a hero worshiper, and, as far as himself was concerned, was not indifferent Herald.

The March of the Caravan.

Perhaps the weirdest and most impress-ive of the many unwonted memories that the traveler carries away with him from travel in the east is the recollection of the camel caravans which he has encountered at night. Out of the black darkness is heard the distant boom of a heavy beli. Mournfully and with perfect regularity of iteration it ounds, gradually swelling nearer and louder, and perhaps mingling with the tones of smaller belis signaling the rearguarc of the same caravan. big bell is the insignia and alarm of the leading camel alone.

But nearer and louder as the sound be comes, not another sound and not a visible object appear to accompany it. Staddenly, and without the slightest warning, there looms out of the darkness, like the appari tion of a phantom ship, the form of the captain of the caravan. His spongy tread a great string of linked ghouls the silent procession stalks by and is swallowed up in the night,-"Persia and the Persian

A Southern Idyl.

Bishop Sessums, of Louisiana, tells in his delightful way an experience in one of his recent visitations in his diocese. The town-Bayou something or other-wae flooded, owing to a break in the leveecrevasse, they call it. The water was ten or twelve feet deep in the streets, and as the bishop was making his visitation in a rowboat he passed a small house where lived a good, simple hearted colored man. As the bishop glanced up at the house he saw the colored man sitting in the second story window of his little home, with a skiff fastened just outside, while he was contentedly playing "Home, Sweet Home" on a cornet.—New York Tribune.

Developing a Child's Inner Life. 11 13 State St. Meriden. of these lessons. In this paper only. ather than by merely surrounding him with the same."

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DON'T CARRY BUNDLES ON A NEW YORK STREET AT NIGHT.

The Actual Experience of a Man Who Was Branded in the Police Records of the City as a Saspicious Character-No

In a down town restaurant the other day I met a friend not unknown in the literary world. He was taking luncheon. His air, nowever, was so perturbed and his nien omy that in pansing at his table I banteringly: "What's the matter?

ost your last friend?"
"Don't suppose I've got any more lends," he said laconically; "I'm a susms person.

age I listened to a remarkable tale of woe from my friend, and I can assure the "Last night," began my friend, "I was

down town very late. I had spent the evening in Droklyn, and on arriving at

the end of the bridge I stopped in at an open all night drag store, where during the day I had left a package containing a pair of tronsers which my tailor had just pressed and tenovated. "With this bundle under my arm I took a train on the Sixth avenue elevated and got off at Eighth street. The cars were so arm, and in leaving the station I did not step to put it on, as I live very near Uni-

versity place. When within half a block of my nome it began to rain, but I did not top to put up my umbrella, having my ust made a run for it.

"I had run perhaps thirty yards when I felt a heavy hald on my shoulder, and a gruff voice said in my ear, 'Hold on there:

what are you runnin fer?'
"I looked up and saw a big policeman standing over me. I was so surprised that all I could say was: 'I am running to get out of the rain. Didn't think I was runing to catch a train at this time of the night, did you?"

'Don't get fresh, young feller,' persisted the policeman, but just tell me where you got them clothes.' "'Well,' I replied, still so astonished I could hardly collect my wits, 'the overcoat

is mine and the pair of trousers in the bundle were just sent from the tailor's this afternoon, and I am bringing them

"'Oh, say, now, that won't do,' was the bluecost's reply. 'I'm on to you and your game. You'll have to come to the station with me. See?'
"But listen. I'm so and so, and I haven't

done anything.' I vainly expostulated, giv-ing my name and occupation.
"'Where do you live?' said the fellow insultingly. 'We are right opposite the insultingly. 'We are right house now,' I replied meekly.

"Oh, we are, are we?' said the police man with a sneer. 'Well, let's see you open

"'But I don't go in this door,' I explained; 'I go in the one on the side. I have no key to this door.' "'Just what I thought,' said the policeman. 'We'll have no more monkeyings, so

you just come along with me.' "With that he dragged me off to the Mercer street police station and intro-duced me to the sergeant at the desk, who proceeded to question me in much the same Chesterfician manner as had character-ized the policeman's conduct toward me

since he first appeared on the scene.
"I explained to the sergeant that I was only a harmless citizen and tried to be a worthy one; that I had been kept down own late, and was returning with my overcoat on my arm and a bundle containing a pair of trousers under my arm. I added that I had told the policeman where

"'You lie! You're a liar!' shouted the policeman, who was standing at my side. "At this I ventured to get irritated, and I took the policeman's number. As he grew more and more excited the sergeant sent him into the back room.

"Having done this the sergeant took my name and address, and told me the police man was perfectly right in having arrested me, and that I had no right to be out at night with a bundle under my arm; that I had no business to have been running, and ought to have known enough to have been particularly police to the policeman when he stopped me, and to have at once told him all about myself without any reservation, without having been in the least offended

at being taken for a thief.
"Having read me this lecture the sergeant told me that I might go home, and I eft the police station with a feeling that erhaps I ought to thank the sergeant for llowing me to live.

"The next morning at 11 o'clock I was at police headquarters. I met a newspaper friend on the step and he greeted me with Well, how did you manage to get locked

'How did you know it?' I gasped. 'Oh, slip.came in here from the Fifteenth vith your full name and address saying von were arrested as a 'suspicious person and not held for lack of evidence.'

"Then I learned that it was possible in this city for the police to arrest a respectaole citizen, accuse him of being a 'sus-picious character' and then when he has roven his respectability brand him on the records at police headquarters for all time to come as a 'suspicious person' still, but not held for lack of evidence.

"A little later I was closeted with Super-intendent Byrnes, who, after he had listened to my story, said calmly: "The policeman had a right to arrest you. His instructions are to question people at night whom he meets with bundles, particularly if they are running. If their replies ar not satisfactory he must take them to the police station. There the sergeant can use his discretion in the matter.

'As to the men having been rude to you, I have your statement, and I will look into that. Come here tomorrow at 11 o'clock, and I'll have both the sergeant and police-

"Tomorrow I am going up to confront the sergeant and policeman before the superintendent, but from what he says I am afraid there will be but little done in the matter unless I take the case into the courts and sue the city for branding me as

a 'suspicious person discharged for lack of evidence.'
"You can see how far this thing might go, as Byrnes' men also have instructions in regard to women on the street at night. Supposing a thick headed officer like the one who arrested me were to arrest a respectable woman by mistake.

"She might explain at the station house who arrested in the station house are stated by the station house are stated by the station house which is the station house are stated by the station house are stationary to the stationary to the stationary to the stationary the stationary to the stationary the stationary to the stationary to the stationary the stationary to the stationary to the stationary the statio

and be discharged. In that case imagine the horror of having her name and the rea-son for her arrest recorded at headquarters, as was done in my case, with this added, 'Discharged for want of evidence.'"—New York Herald

LODGE MEETINGS.

O. U. A. M. Pequot Council, No. 24, meets every Mon-

day evening at Mechanics hall. K. of P. Mattabassett Ledge, No. 25, meets at Westcott's halt every Tuesday evening.

P. of H. Berlin Grarge, No. 24, meets on the first and third T esday of each month.

Percival Grange, Kensington, meets every 1st and 30 Wednesday, at the town hall. I. O. G. T. The I. O. G. T. m et every Wednesday evening at Good Templars' hall, East Ber-

BERLIN, CONN.

To those into whose hands—this copy of The News may fall, we take pleasure in pointing—out the natural and acquired advantages of the town. And should you contemplate changing your location, we ask your actention to the advanta-ges and substantial inducements offered to locate.

ges and substantial inducements offered to locate. TRANSPORTATION PACILITIES.

Situated on the main line of the New York. New Haven and Hartford Enifroad, one of the wealthiest, best equipped and ablest maraged railroads in the country, (whose stock is worth nearly \$200.) It also is an important junction for the haldetown and New Britain branches. Connections are made at New Britain with the New York and New England Railroad, and it the leading avenues for traffic from the West, and at Miletown with the Valley and Air Line Railroads. Thus affording railroad facilities unsurpassed outside of the larger cities.

Population, 2000. Subdivided into four Centers: Berlin, East Berlin, Kensington and Berlin Location: eleven miles from Hartford, the Capitolof the State, on the north; eight miles from Middletown, on the east; six miles from Meriden, on the south; and three miles from New Britain, on the west.

The residents of Berlin are largely employed in agriculture, it being one of the richest farming towns in the State. Aside from its general agricultural productions, it is a rich fruit growing section, possessing one of the finest peach orchards in the New England states, and several smaller ones, from which nearly fifty thousand baskets have been harvested this season.

An unusual low rate of taxation prevails and the town is nearly free from indebtedness.

The chief manufacturing industries of the place are Iron and Steel Bridges and Iron Build-TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.

The chief manufacturing industries of the place are fron and Steel Bridges and Iron Buildings, made by The Berlin Iron Bridge Co, the largest concern of its kind in the country, and Bricks, comprising the pallet-face and pressed brick. There are five brick-yards, who turn out nearly tifty million of Bricks annually. And several minor industries.

The railroad company are now laying the foundation for a handsome new passenger depot, to be constructed chiefly of pressed brick; a new freight house is just opened for traffic and other fine improvements at a cost of many thousands of dollars are being inaugurated by the company Land for building or factory sites is low in price; water plenty and shipping facilities most excellent.

Any enquiries regarding the place will be cheerfully given, by addressing the publishers of The Berlin News.

Sound Advice.

A sensible bit of advice was given by a man not long ago to a quarrelsome friend. It was in a brickyard, and two of the men had a dispute which ended in blows.

In the skirmish one of them was hurt, and the employer, who saw the end of the fight and was a man of more temper than discretion, advised him to get a warrant for the other's arrest.

While the matter was under discussion, a man who had seen the whole affair made his way to the injured party and said:

"You don' want t' get no warrant, Jim! You get yourself two pieces o' plarster, good, big ones, and put one piece on yer hade and the other on yer mouth, an you'll be all right!"-Yankee Blade.

Where Lake Michigan Gets Its Water. Lake Michigan has no visible inlets; where, then, does it get its replenishment?

From the Rocky mountains. Through rents and crevices, down into caverns at the roots of these mountains, pour ever the waters from melting snow. Four thousand feet they sink to strike a gravity incline that levels with their floor

under Chicago.
Under this city and elsewhere on the west side of Lake Michigan-this is the proved theory, theory as good as proved—the snow covered Rocky mountains are constantly sending their waters to supply flowage and evaporation that is ever going forward in the watery expanse.—Chicago Herald.

A Norwegian Town. Hammerfest was burned down three years ago, and has since been rebuilt in wood, on first stories of granite. In the suburbs one finds the old turf roofed houses, which are more snug than any other. The turf is laid over the bark of birch, and is warm in winter and cool in summer. In July it is covered with grass and flowers, and forms a grazing place for freshly weaned lambs. Children are sent up to keep the lambs from falling over the eaves.-Cor. London Truth.

How Fate Treated a Beautiful Model.

Mr. Frith, the artist, lately met on the streets of London a poor old woman with white hair and one eye, to whom he dispensed some charity. She turned out to be the original gay beauty in the carriage, the center of the great artist's famous "Derby Day" painting, executed thirty-five years ago, and which is now exhibited in the National gallery.-London Tit-Bits.

Men Who Rail Against Greatness.

For my part, whenever I hear any one railing against a man of eminence with whom he cannot possibly have been brought into contact, I know at once what it means-the railer has been writing an idle letter to the eminent one, and received no reply.-Exchange.

There are few uncracked walls in Essen, Germany. The testing of the big guns manufactured by Krupp has shaken the foundations of most of the houses and keeps glaziers busy.

Among the relics in the rooms of the New York Historical society is the tail of George III's horse, which was taken at Bowling Green.

The incident of the monkey using the cat's paw to take chestnuts out of the fire is said to have taken place in the hall of Pope Julius II.

The Americans must not be very fond of tea, when they drink eight times as much coffee as the beverage that does not inebri-

About 9,600,000 kids are slaughtered in Europe annually to supply one town in France where gloves are made

Wool Treated with Chlorine. Attention is called to the fact that wool which has been treated with chlorine acquires a stronger affinity for mordants and dyestuffs, and in consequence is dyed much deeper shades than untreated wool. This being the case, care should be taken in so treating wool that too much bleaching powder be not used, from 2 to 214 per cent. of the weight of the wool being quite suf-

ficient, this to be made into a clear solu-tion, acidified with sulphuric acid, the wool being worked in this for thirty minutes, rinsed in water, and then dyed in the usual manner.-Textile Mercury.



EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES.

Found at Tel el Amarna by Dr. Flinders Petrie and 3,000 Years Old.

This collection of interesting antiquities compriles frescoes, marbles, carving, pot tery, fluted pillars of a kind not bitherte known, boads, pieces of valuable glaze and the actual furnaces used for glass work ing. A unique treasure is a plaster cast from the mask after death of the face of



OF HEAD OF KING introduced a sort KHPENATEN, of sun worship, shown on one of the rock tablets where Khuenaten, his queen and two daughters are represented worshiping the sun, from which long rays are streaming. At the end of each ray is a hand, typifying the nelpful life giving element of the sun.

Several sculptures of Khuemten are shown, beautifully carved, and the outline of the face of his mother, Queen Thii. A horse's head in bas-relief is full of spirit, The pavement of the great hall of the harem of the palace was painted in a natural and realistic style with plants, birds and animals of an artistic excellence much beyond anything hitherto found at that period or until very many centuries later in Assyria and Greece. In another room are the broken pieces of cumeiform tablets found in the rubbish holes of the scribe's house near the palace, scraps of absolute dictionaries, one of them in parallel Assyrian and Egyptian. The diplomatic correspondence contained in the regular baked cuneiform tablets formerly stored in the house were found there three years ago and are now placed in various museums. Here are also slabs of marble, with specimens of outline carving from a sculptor's school, of the highest

Dr. Petrie in his excavations has come upon such evidences of the lapidary and glassblower's art as fairly astound one. And when we examine the statues hewn in various stones, and the exquisite finish of the sculptor's work, either in limestone or jasper, we are not surprised to find that side by side are evidences of a great sculpture school-slabs of stone covered with the work of the pupils copying the master's examples. But it is not only to the glassblower's art and the skill of the Pho-



PAVEMENT FRAGMENT.

nicians at Tel el Amarna we turn with wonder. We find, or rather Dr. Flinders Petrie has found for us, evidence of Greek influence, and the pots and vases from Mycenæ have evidently been brought to the banks of the Nile for a definite purpose by Khuenaten, the king. Yet this, of all other causes of wonder, is perhaps the greatest, that here at Tel el Amarna may be found the first real examples of apply ing of natural forms conventionalized to surface ornament on a large scale. The pillars of Khuenaten's palace were scratched from base to capital in representation of the living vine adapted to the use of ornament. And when we gaze at the piece of fresco, with its rich Indian coloring and the strange Japanese treatment and draftmanship, we feel that we must be a again all the lessons in color that E_{μ} ; had taught us, and honor the king ν was the originator of this great new de-parture of art in the Fifteenth century B. C. by the banks of the Nile, as we thank the explorer for being the means of itresurrection in this Nineteenth century of

A Laboratory Device.

Most practical chemists are painfully aware of the unsightly appearance of re agent bottles, caused by the drops of the solutions running down the outside and crystallizing thereon. Popular Science News tells that this may be prevented by simply painting the rim with melted paraffin. Care should be taken to cover only the side of the lip-none should be put on the upper surface. This can be accomplished most easily by using a small hog hair brush and a wax of low melting point, such as is used for imbedding sections. It will be found that besides preventing the solution trickling down the outside it enables one to deliver the reagent easily in single drops without resorting to the plan of only partly withdrawing the stopper.

Mending Cast Iron.

A general impression prevails that when any cast iron object is broken it cannot be mended. A correspondent of the New York Tribune tells that a cement may be made which will hold the parts together perfectly. Take two ounces of sal ammoniac, one ounce of sub-timed sulphur and one pound of cast iron filings. Mix in a mortar and keep the powder perfectly dry. When it is to be used mix it with twenty times its weight of clean iron filings. Grind the whole in a mortar, wet with water until it becomes a paste and apply to the parts to be mended. After awhile it will become as strong and hard as any part of the metal.

Dogskins Tanned by Electricity.

The stray dogs taken up by the French police, according to a French journal, are killed and handed over to an enterprising manufacturer, by whom the skins are tanned by electricity. Instead of taking seven or eight months to transform the skins into leather, as is the case by the ordinary system, electricity does the work in three or four days. The leather so tanned, moreover, it is asserted, is much better than that manufactured by the ordinary process, and when made up into ladies' boots and snoes is much admired for its soft and delicate qualities.

Notwithstanding the fact that there is some prejudice, gainst the use of petroleum in furnaces on account of the claim that it causes corrosion, the Russian railways rapidly have substituted that fuel for coal for DINING A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

The Food of the Angle-Saxon Men of Wealth Was Served in Abundance. A thousand years ago, when the dinter was ready to be served the first thing brought into the great mall was the table. Movable trestles were brought, on which were placed boards, and all were carried

away again at the close of the mean. Upon this was laid the tableclock. There is a old Latin riddle of the Eighth century in which the table says: "I feed people with many kinds of food. First, I are a qual-ruped, and adorned with handsome close-ing; then I am robbed of my apparel and

The food of the Anglo-Saxon was largely bread. The bread was baked in rouse, that cakes, which the superstition of the cook marked with a cross, to preserve them fro the perils of the fire. Milk, batter and cheese were also eaten. The principal mean was bacon, as the acorns of the oak forests which then covered a large part of Eng land, supported a unicrous droves of swin-Our Anglo-Saxon forefathers were not only hearty eaters, but also deep drinkers.

The drinking horns were at first literally horns, and so must be immediately emptied when filled; later, when the primitive horn had been replaced by a glass cup, it retained a tradition of its rude predecessor in its shape, so that it, too, had to be emp-tied at a draft. Each guest was furnished with a spoon, while his knife he al ways carried in his beit; as for forks, who dreamed of them, when nature had given man ten fingers? But you will see why a servant with a basin of water and a towel always presented him- if to each guest be fore dinner was served and after it was

Roasted meat was served on the spit or red on which it was cooked, and the gaes cut or tore off a piece to suit himself Boiled meat was laid on the cakes of bread, or later, on thick slices of bread called "trenchers," from a Norman word meaning "to cat," as a use were to carve the meat on, thus preserving the table cloth from the knife. At first the trencher was eaten or thrown upon the stone floor for the dogs who crouched at their mas-ter's feet. At a later date it very at it a basket and given to the poor who gathered at the manor gate.

During the latter part of the Middle Ages the most con nous object on the table was the saitceliar. This was generally of silver in the form of a ship. It was placed in the center of the long table, at which the household gathered, my lord and lady, their family and guests, being at one end and their retainers and servants at the other. So one's position in regard to the salt was a test of rank—the gentlefolks sitting "above the sait" and the yeomanry below it. In the houses of the great noble dinner was served with much ceremony At the hour a stately procession entered the hall. First came several musicians followed by the steward bearing his rod of office, and then came a long line of serv-ants carrying different dishes.

Some idea of the variety and profusion may be gained from the provision made by King Henry III for his household at Christ mas, 1254. This included 31 oxen, 100 pigs. 356 fowls, 29 hares, 59 rabbits, 9 pheasants 56 partridges, 68 woodcock, 39 plovers and 3,000 eggs. Many of our favorite dishes have descended from the Middle Ages, Macaroons have served as dessert since the days of Chaucer. Our favorite winter breakfast, griddle cakes, has come down to us from the faraway Britons of Wales, while the boys have lunched on ginger the time of Edward II, more than 500 years ago.-American Analyst.

Thunder Lore.

The natives of the Sandwich Islands considered thunder as being Manna Loa's echc from the clouds. This curious notion has crystallized a weather proverb which is now current among many of the white residents of the islands-viz, "It will rain today; Mauna Loa shakes the clouds." In this connection it may be remarked that the early Scandinavian settlers of Iceland believed that there was some mysterious and supernatural connections between the roarings of Hecla and the "angry mutter peasantry still plant the house leek—"Jupi ter's beard"—on their house roofs as a pre ventive against thunder, lightning and evil spirits, a custom which reminds one o Charlemagne's edict, "Et habeat quisque supra domum suam Jovis barbam."

Another widespread superstition, and one that has been noted among the tribes and nations from China to England, and from Cape Hatteras to the Golden Gate tells us that if the "claps" or reports of thunder come in even numbers the storm will be of short duration and very mild But, on the other hand, if they come in uneven numbers, especially if the reports be a series of five, nine or thirteen distinct claps, much loss of life and property will result.-St. Louis Republic.

Good Points of a Mule.

Rightly used, kindly treated, given the same good care as a horse the mule ha-always shown himself kind, good tem pered, willing, docile and intelligent Moreover, while he has none of the horse' graceful, sympathetic ways of showing affection and responding to appreciation the mule is capable of genuine devotion to a kind master. Both the horse and the ass have affectionate dispositions, and the only reason the mule does not evince such is be cause nothing calls it out. Jack is no demonstrative, but he does respond visibly to kind treatment.

He makes, moreover, an easy paced, care ful, kindly riding animal when well treat ed. Taken altogether he is a useful, intelligent, much enduring, little appreciate brute, whose melancholy position is that of a dog with a bad name—his good quali ties rarely mentioned, while his bad ones are credited at their full value.—San Fran cisco Call.

A Queer Predicament.

Two interpreters were needed in a trial in the court of criminal correction, Michael Shuler being able to speak only German, and his wife only French. They were married in Switzerland in 1830 and came to this country about a year ago Being poor they placed their baby with Schuler's sister, who lives on a farm in St. Louis county, and both went to work, the wife securing employment as a servant girl. The testimony developed that they had lived together over a year without be ing able to understand each other.-St Louis Post-Dispatch.

Dining Cars.

Dining cars are generally run at a loss and are attached to trains simply as a mat-ter of attraction. A steward, four cooks and five waiters are attached to each care The food costs from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a month It costs from \$16,000 to \$22,000 a year to run one of these cars, exclusive of the wear and tear on the property and incidentals. In some places, and particularly in the south, sleepers are also run at a loss.—Public Opinion.

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stomach, then the B. I. B. Co. have dertaking was a grand success. surely discovered the secret of Among the guests present, to see goodwill between their employee how such an affair could be man-

good feeling is very st keep in even closer touch with "the boys," and to extend to them the compliments of the Christmas season, in some more substantial manher than the mere exchange of empty words, they treated them last Saturday night to an oyster roast, and like all their other deeds, it was done by the wholesale contract.

To accommodate the large crowd tuge new iron shop was used for he spread, where long rows of tables had been temporally erected said town for the occasion. As early as seven o'clock the crowd began to gather, and the work of roasting the toothsome bivalves commenced. Twentyive barrels of oysters, a barrel of crackers, butter, and other incidentals has been procured.

Great iron pans that would hold nearly a third of a barrei, had been made, and the capacity two huge turned out upon the table to the waiting crowds, steaming ...ot, emitting a savory order that would tickle the palate of an epicure, say nothing of hungry men, whose appetites had been whetted in anticipation of what was to come.

From the time the first panful was turned out on the tables, till nearly ten o'clock, the roasters were kept on the jump to supply the demand. It was a big time-everything was big. The building in which it took place is nearly 500 feet long by 200 wide; the crowd was big, the men ditto, and their appetites for halfshell roasts bigger; the good feelng was immense ; everything abouthe place seemed of leviathan proport ion. The ponderous, numerous presses, lathes, boring and shaping nachines and great sections of iron oridges and buildings that were met at every turn, seemed magnified by he glare of the hundreds of electric

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OYSTERS ON THE HALF-SHELL. lights. The music by the band, who dropped in unawares to enliven the The Berlin Iron Bridge Co. Tender occasion, seemed to be of ever

Oyster Roast-A Large Crowd, the barbecue proper, a number of Good Cheer, and Music by the ladies were entertained in the drawing-room-by the way did you know If the road to a man's heart is the Bridge Co. even had a drawing ound through the channels of his room for their help? The whole unand themselves. This company is aged, and to get some points relapecially favored with a class of tive to success and harmony, were of several gentlemen from Meriden and Southington.

By virtue of a vote of the town of Berlin. adopted at the annual meeting of the town, October 6th, 1892, a reward of \$200 will be paid for any information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person, or of workmen and invited guests, the persons, who have heretofore committed or who shall during the year ending October 6th, 1893, commit the crime of burglary in

NELSON F. TAYLOR, LOUIS A. WESTCOTT, EDWARD ALLING, Berlin, Conn., Dec. 15th, 1892.

Board of Relief.

The Board of Relief of the town of Berlin, will meet at the Town Clerk's office, Monday, January 2d, 1893, from 2 until 4 p. m., and blast furnaces were taxe to roast at Kensington town hall, Monday, January the succulent Blue reints and 9th, 1893, from 2 until 4 p. m. to hear and Stony Creeks, when they would be determine all or any appeals from the doings of the assessors.

All soldiers and sailors entitled to exemption who have not heretofore applied, should present their claim at these meetings. EARL COOLEY.

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