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The kings-of-earth have golden crowns Bedight with jewels rare; I have no crown, but then I have Your smile and beauty fair; I have no crown of high renown, But, O my love so true! What recks it me since well I know That I have you?

The soldier wins a dying wreath In leaping leaguers walls And spout of slaughtered victims brings Beneath the funeral pall; Such trophies are the meed of war, And crimson in their hue; My wreath, my spoils, are all of love; For I have you. —Edward Orville Sharpe.

THAT MISS BENTON.

BY EDITH ROBINSON.

HAVE some bad news for you, girls. Don't call me an eavesdropper—unless it is in the sense of dropping in on the eaves. For our genial host, Mr. Tuttle, persists in holding his domestic conferences beneath my window, in the tone he uses to his oxen, on a subject intimately related to my peace and welfare, I consider myself justified in listening.

When she had made this speech Lou Saxe dropped on the bed, already occupied by Bertha Lewis and Jeanie Foster, in an attitude of mock despair.

"What has happened?" asked Pris Armstrong, whose room they were in. She was at the bureau, where she was trying to heat a curling iron over the flickering flame of a small lamp.

"Some one is coming to-night to take the corner room," answered Lou. "She is an invalid—at least, Mr. Tuttle said she was 'coming for the quiet,' and nobody but a sick person wants to be quiet, of course."

"Ah!" remarked Pris, after an ominous pause.

"This means," went on Lou, "that we must give up our evening kettle-drums in your room, for when the invalid goes to bed she will want to go to sleep. We must not sing when we come home from a hay ride, or dance down the corridor after we have retired for the night. Neither must we gather here for midnight ghost stories, because an invalid can hear every whisper."

"It is too bad that she should come here to spoil our good times!" said Pris, indignantly. "Sick people should stay at home!"

"I know all about the way a person who has nervous prostration behaves, because my Aunt Kathleen had it," went on Lou. "Would you believe it, girls, she could not bear to see the dog wag his tail, and she put her hands to her ears if he threatened to bark. She did not like to have any one eat toast, because the crunching affected her nerves; and if I sat down in front of her in a rocking-chair, she would beg me to stop rocking, for the motion made her so nervous!"

"More affectation!" exclaimed Pris. "If people let such notions take possession of them, there is no knowing to what extremes they may be led. I like the nuns in the Middle Ages, who had a nervous epidemic of barking. I really think we have a mission work to perform, girls, in the midst of our good times."

"Aunt Kathleen didn't like clocks, either," pursued Lou. "Her power of hearing them tick was simply super-natural. Her room was at the top of the house, but she could hear the clock in the dining-room. She said she should like to emigrate to the village in South America that Darwin tells about, where there was not a single clock or watch, but the hours were guessed at by an old man 'who had a good idea of time.'"

"It is clearly our duty to keep our neighbor from developing into a hypochondriac, like your amiable relative," said Pris, decisively. "She should not come to a summer hotel for quiet. We are here to have a good time, and not to look after invalids!"

The gong sounded, and the girls gathered on the piazza to watch the arrivals.

"That is she!" whispered Lou, as a round-faced, dark-eyed young woman came up the steps.

"But she doesn't look like an invalid," demurred Jeanie.

"They never do! Nervous invalids always look the picture of health," returned Lou. "That is one way you can tell them. Another way is by their bags, to which they cling as to dear life. These bags contain little pellets, or a bottle of coffee-bromine, or a treatise on how to cure nervousness, according to the mental endowments or disendowments of the owner."

Miss Benton—as the name of the new guest read simply on the register—retired early, but a light gleaming beneath her door showed that she was still awake when the girls assembled in Pris's room to exchange their gossip. Pris had dragged the rocking-chairs from the other apartments into her own chamber, and they began their discipline of their unwelcome neighbor by a series of thumps. The door was left open; a small round clock having wonderful ticking powers was placed in the entry.

If the four girls, after this, could appear at the breakfast table looking as fresh as though they had gone to bed with the sun, such was not the case with their neighbor; Miss Benton's heavy eyes and languid manner bore witness to a disturbed night.

The people in the smaller dining-room, having come early in the season, had fallen into the pleasant intimacy for which even a few weeks together in a summer hotel are sufficient. Miss Benton made no attempt to join in the merry, desultory chatter which was, indeed, skillfully directed by Pris to the end of excluding her. What had begun in a mere spirit of frolic and a passing resentment developed, as the days went on, into scarcely concealed dislike, the reason for which none could have told.

There was certainly no apparent reason, for Miss Benton was well-bred and attractive in appearance. Even gentle Mrs. Forsythe, who had hitherto welcomed so kindly any solitary stranger, was swept along by the current, and save for a stately inclination of her head and a formal greeting ignored Miss Benton. She was very fond of her niece, Lou Saxe, and "A summer hotel was not a hospital," she said.

So in the picnic at the Rapids, during the long, bright day spent at the Shaker settlement, and at the climb up Saddleback, Miss Benton was ignored. She was not invited to join in the evening games, in which even the elders participated, nor did any one suggest that she was included in the bidding to the hop at a neighboring hotel, or to the concert given in the village by the summer residents.

The next festivity was a "lawn party," given by an enterprising youth in the near neighborhood, who, in the hope of remuneration, had showered his rustic attentions upon the city visitors. The sawmill of which he was the owner stood on the brink of a great dark pool, that had been named by the girls the Styx. Mark Mudgett was his name; and "Mark" was an abbreviation of "Marquis de Lafayette," a given name originally bestowed, under the impression that the French patriot's name was a Christian name. The girls politely called him "the Marquis."

Ice cream was to be sold at his lawn party, and boats were to be let on the Styx. The girls had enlisted the interest of the other hotels and the Marquis's wife was a great success.

The girls all enjoyed it much; but the crowning festivity, the last frolic of the season, had been reserved for the following day. There was to be a twenty-mile drive to the lake, a sail around it and a moonlight drive home.

Early on the morning following the Marquis's lawn party, Lou entered Pris's room to find her friend, with a ghastly face, seated upon the side of the bed.

"It was the ice cream!" Pris gasped. "Oh, dear? Is this the way it feels to be sick?"

Pris clasped the bedpost with both hands, as though she could thereby stop the dizzy whirl in her aching head. The other girls came in and suggested various unsuitable remedies.

"Leave me! I don't care if I die! I'd rather die than feel like this. I heard the clock strike every hour till I had a nervous epidemic of barking. I really think we have a mission work to perform, girls, in the midst of our good times."

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Presently she heard the groaning wheels of the mountain wagon roll up to the door. One horse was restive; would he neigh again? The girl put her hands to her ears in an agony of apprehension. What a shrill voice Lou Saxe had, and how long they were getting ready!

They were gone at last, and the girl turned her pillow to see if there were not a cool spot upon it; but no sleep came. The day was intensely hot. She had closed the window to shut out the sound of Mrs. Tuttle, the hostess, beating eggs in the kitchen. Her sense of hearing was a torture to her.

By and by Mrs. Tuttle came to the room, seated herself in the rocking chair—the one that had been utilized in Mrs. Benton's treatment—and entertained the invalid with a graphic account of all the funerals, accidents and illnesses that had come under her observation.

"Seems though you'd ought to have something for dinner," she urged. "Couldn't you eat a bit o' cheese?"

"No, thank you," answered Pris, struggling to speak gently.

"It's home-made. 'Twouldn't hurt you."

"But I don't care for any, thank you."

"Jest a grain. You could soak it in your tea."

"Please, no! murmured Pris. "If you soak it in your tea it would make it soft."

Pris's self-control was at an end. Desperation gave momentary strength. "I—don't—want—any—cheese!" she cried, fiercely. "I never mean to eat anything again as long as I live. Do go!"

Mrs. Tuttle moved toward the door in evident alarm; with her hand on the knob she hesitated and turned, with a feeling akin to that of the deserter condemned to be shot, and expecting of the word of command, "Fire!" Pris divined beneath the bedclothes. The next moment the bang of the door quivered through and through her aching head.

How the hours dragged! In the silence of the great house a creeping sense of loneliness came over the girl, till it amounted almost to terror.

"If I live to get home, I'll never leave it again," she thought. "How do you do?"

The last words were spoken aloud, in a sudden frenzied desire to hear a human voice, and to ascertain whether she had not lost the power of speech.

"Not at all well, thank you," she answered herself, still aloud. "I am in a position to realize, as I never did before, the figures given in the arithmetic beneath the 'Table of Time Measure,' of the appalling number of seconds there are in a day!"

Presently there was a gentle tap at the door.

"Come in!" called Pris, ready to welcome even Mrs. Tuttle. But it was Miss Benton who stood upon the threshold!

"I thought I heard you speak," said Miss Benton, "Can I do anything for you?"

It was more in the tone than even the kindly words, but the last vestige of Pris's self-control vanished, and an incoherent outburst was the only answer. Miss Benton listened at first in astonishment, and finally with a look of understanding, while her mouth, with Pris noticed for the first time was so fine and true, lost its smiling curves. But in the gravity that had stolen over the face, the girl was vaguely aware that a rare depth of feeling was revealed.

"Oh, it is awful to think of the way we have treated you!" Pris concluded, breathlessly.

The smile came back for a moment to Miss Benton's face.

"This is the first I have known of my ill treatment," she said, calmly. "I should have gone home to-morrow under the impression that this was a remarkably agreeable household. I have been so unutterably thankful that you let me alone, did not force me to 'talk shop,' ask for my autograph, inquire if it were not necessary for me to 'keep my mind calm,'—a query with which one poor unfortunate agonized me at Soranton,—and above all, did not allude to me as an 'authoress!'"

"An authoress!" repeated Pris, in a dazed tone. "You are not—you cannot be Kate Eleanor Benton? Why, yes, you are the Miss Benton!"

Oh, the difference conveyed in a girl's tone between "the Miss Benton" and "that Miss Benton!"

"Please!" The owner of the name made a funny little gesture of abhorrence. That word—authoress—always conveys to my mind an impression of a being with long curls, who writes verses for the Poet's Corner of the local newspaper. You see," she went on, in a communicative tone, for Pris was too much overwhelmed by the discovery that the occupant of the corner room was a woman whose name was a household word wherever there were girls to read and love her stories, "I had work that I must finish, and at Soranton I was not left in peace for a moment, so I stuffed my manuscript into my bag and fled. I could devote myself to my work here without one ear pricked up for fear of interruption. It was so delightfully quiet in my room—"

"Quiet!" interrupted Pris, in amazement.

"Wasn't it?" queried Miss Benton, innocently. "But I acknowledge that I am deaf, dumb and blind when I am at work on the last pages of a story. I did hear your good times together, though, after you came upstairs for the night, and sometimes longed to join you. Your extempore orchestra of whistling and blowing on combs was my evening refreshment."

"We wouldn't have done it for the world if we had known," murmured Pris, absently.

"I am a disappointment, of course," returned Miss Benton, laughing. "Confess that you thought an authoress must be seven feet tall, with a dictionary under one arm, an encyclopedia under the other, goggles on her nose and a pen in her hand! I'm sorry you're ill. I will have your door and mine open, so you shall not feel lonesome, and perhaps you can sleep. Oh, no, don't thank me just for being neighborly."

A crowd was gathered around Miss Benton the next morning, and a chorus of lamentation arose that she was going by the morning train.

"This is what I have escaped!" she exclaimed, in mock despair, as autograph fans and albums were produced by the adoring circle of girls.

In one album there was written a line that, as Pris Armstrong, who felt quite well the next day, looked upon it, choked back her "thank you!"

"I was a stranger, and ye took me not in!"—Youth's Companion.

Two Hundred Miles An Hour.

After a half-dozen years of experimenting A. B. Creil of Tonia, Mich., has perfected a model of a postal car which will attain a speed of 200 miles an hour, and is designed by the inventor to carry mail between the principal cities of the country. This car is to be thirty-three feet long and to run on a steel elevated track eighteen feet above the ground, and it is estimated that the road will cost \$10,000 a mile. The car is provided with an apparatus for picking up and throwing off mail, so arranged that it will work automatically. The model is provided with thirty-four apartments, and carrying out the scale of the model the bags to be dropped in each place will be capable of holding 10,000 letters. Under the patentee's idea power houses can be supplied at intervals of 200 miles, and the electric current, sufficient to make the entire run between New York and Chicago, may be generated from the waste power at Niagara Falls. It is so arranged that the operator in the central electric station will always know the location of the car. Ex-Postmaster-General Bissell, who has been shown a working model of the device, has indorsed it, as have many scientists. Mr. Creil's model weighs nearly 1500 pounds. —Chicago Record.

The Cliff Dwellers.

In New Mexico and Arizona there are hundreds of ruins of huge houses among the cliffs, from four to six stories in height and some of them having over 500 rooms. They were built by the Pueblo Indians, who, before the new world was discovered, were living in their strange houses that were forts, almost secure from attack by their inveterate foes, the fierce Apaches. While hundreds of them are crumbling with the dust of centuries, some have been occupied by Pueblos within historic times. They were invariably of stone, and laid with remarkable skill. They are all terraced and the front of the buildings look like flights of gigantic steps.

There are no doors or windows in the outer walls, and no stairs, all entrance being by ladders. They built their houses where nature had arranged for their security, in the cliffs or on the tops of mesas or rock islands. Modern research has proved that the "cliff dwellers" are not an extinct race, but have moved from the deserted ruins as the centuries went on, and that the descendants are the present Pueblo Indians, a peculiar and interesting people, living comfortably, peaceably and industriously. —Philadelphia Press.

Vogue of War Pictures in Japan.

The war with China has given a great vogue to war pictures in Japan. A large number of these have been sent to this country by Banko Matsuki, a young Japanese art dealer of Boston and Salem, who is now on a visit to his native country with his American wife. These pictures are remarkably spirited color prints from wood blocks, and combine the effect of Occidental realism with the principles of peculiarly Japanese art in a way that, while often marked with much crudeness, is not infrequently remarkably powerful and at times impressively poetic. "One of the strongest of these pictures," says the Boston Herald, "is that of a Japanese General mounted on a splendid horse, standing on high ground and watching the progress of the battle below. It is a beautiful piece of drawing and military pose, and would be worthy of a Reguault. Such a picture would make the reputation of a painter in the Western world." —New York Advertiser.

The Sultan's Play Shop.

The Sultan of Turkey is delighted with the success of the fine china manufactory which he installed some time ago in his palace at Constantinople. He is a great amateur of the ceramic art, and he caused to be brought from France several decorators, molders and potters for this china factory. They were engaged at Limoges, and Abdul Hamid was so satisfied with the first articles they turned out that he gave the eight artists the medal of the Order of the Moljide. The Sultan's factory, which began with the fabrication of small articles, is now producing large ones—table services, finely decorated vases, six of which were offered to the Czar, and many other pieces of large size. —New Orleans Picayune.

Land of Milk and Honey.

Switzerland is veritably the land "flowing with milk and honey, and abounding with a thousand hills." Great attention is paid to apiculture; the honey is famed for its aroma and delicacy; though some tourists are disposed to doubt if that which is in every breakfast table is all the product of the busy little hymenopter. —Detroit Free Press.

OLIVE OIL.

ITS MANUFACTURE A GREAT INDUSTRY IN SICILY.

The Entire Population Turns Out to Gather the Olive Crop—Pressing the Oil—The Curious Olive Press.

WHEN the olives hang purple in the Sicilian orchards and the leaves are beginning to be crisp and dry, says the Chicago Record, denizens of the island bestir themselves and the air fills with the drowsy crunching of the oil press.

The work of gathering the crop begins on the long, sloping mountain sides early in September, and it is sometimes late in December before the last baskets of fruit are taken from the lowland orchards. It is the only time in all the year when Sicily is really active. Every one—even down to the little boys and girls—is pressed into service. The workers swarm through the orchards with their deep wicker-baskets, a gay, care-free crowd. The men jar the fruit from the trees and it is gathered up by the women and children and is borne away to some one of the presses which dot the quiet face of the country side. And they and their fathers and grandfathers have been doing the same work at the same time of year for centuries past, but in all that time practically no improvements have been made in the crude methods of extracting the oil. The people look askance at anything which will disturb their ancient customs.

The olives are carried to the presses from the orchards as rapidly as possible, because the sooner the oil leaves the fruit the better it is. At one end of a low shed, with nothing but the earth for flooring, stands the crushing mills with a number of slow-moving, scantily clad men grouped about it. The base is a circular platform of solid masonry about the shape and size of a large butcher's block. The surface inclines to the center, from which rises a stout, short, wooden post. Pivoted to the top of this there is a long, smooth shaft or pole that extends outward through the center of a huge stone wheel or crusher weighing from 1500 to 2000 pounds. The end of the pole reaches to the center of a mule path around the stone block, and when the mule is hitched on and begins to pull the stone wheel turns on the platform and crushes the olives under it into a pulp. The workmen keep the mule crawling at a snail's pace and from time to time add more olives or turn over those already on the stone.

When the pulp is fine enough it is packed into short, open-mouthed baskets or mats of rushes about twenty inches broad and carried away to the press. Any one who has seen a letter-copying press, and can imagine it about fifty times enlarged and made of wood, with a huge oil-stained beam in front of the upper jaw, will have a good idea of an olive press. The baskets, to the number of fifteen, are piled evenly upon the base of the press and covered on top with a board. Then the big beam is let down and a wooden screen operated by six or eight men is sent grinding down until the rich yellowish-green oil bursts from the interstices of the baskets. It oozes downward into a trough and drips off into a hoghead filled half full of water. The oil remains at the top and impurities go through the water to the bottom. The pressure is left on for about five minutes, when a few quarts of boiling water is thrown on the pile to wash off the oil.

The screw is then loosened and the pulp is returned to the stone mill, where it is crushed again for half an hour and then returned to the press. This process is repeated three times, after which the pulp is taken into a dark room and left for three days, by which time it has attained a high temperature. It is then pressed for a fourth time, after which it is sold to bakers for fuel. Half the oil is expressed at the first pressing.

After being carefully measured, the oil is carried in goat-skin bags to the store-room where it is placed in unglazed red jars. At the end of a week it has thoroughly cooled and partially clarified by settling and is ready for export.

The process of clarification may be carried on or it may not. For the finest grades the oil is filtered through sand and charcoal until it becomes perfectly golden in color. The bottling is done usually in the great cities of the world.

Not all that purports to be olive oil, however, is really olive oil. Some clever manufacturers over in France and Germany have learned to extract rich yellow oil from peanuts which is largely exported as genuine olive oil. Besides this it is reported that olive oil comes from the cotton-seed presses of the South.

The olive industry in California has reached a great volume during the last few years, and it will doubtless furnish most of the world's supply eventually. California already supplies a very large amount of pickled olives.

The Boston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gives weekly lectures to coachmen on the proper way to treat dumb animals.

SONG IS NOT DEAD.

Song is not dead, although to-day Men tell us everything is said. There yet is something left to say— Song is not dead.

While still the evening sky is red, While still the morning gold and gray, While still the autumn leaves are shed, While still the heart of youth is gay, And honor crowns the hoary head, While men and women love and pray— Song is not dead.

—Robert F. Murray.

FUN OF THE DAY.

The man who considers himself all wool and a yard wide wants to make himself felt. —Galveston News.

Nothing leads to ruin faster than indulgence in the habit of being helped. —Minneapolis Journal.

A new industry is the supplying of chaperons for the new men; the new women have no use for them. —Philadelphia Record.

When the new woman really gets here the men will take a fateful delight in getting up church fairs. —New York Recorder.

Little Clarence—"My pa is a dentist and pulls people's teeth." Little Bob—"Huh! My pa is a lawyer, and pulls people's legs." —Puck.

One of the saddest sights in this world is to see the crabbed man try to smile when he meets the preacher. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mamma—"If Mrs. Smith gives you a piece of cake, be sure to say 'thank you.'" Freddie—"What good is that? She never gives you any more." —Brooklyn Life.

Sad-Faced Tramp—"Madam, I am a homeless man." Patient Housewife—"Well, if you are home less than my husband is, I pity your poor wife." —Tammammy Times.

Mrs. Youngfibre—"Mary, don't you put acid in the water when you wash the clothes?" Mary—"Oh, yes'm; but don't worry—me hands is used to it." —Harlem Life.

Mrs. Norris—"In this book I have written down most of the little incidents of our married life." Old Bander—"Ah! Sort of family scrap-book, eh?" —Brooklyn Life.

Cleanliness is next to godliness, and people there are who, because they are beyond being clean, fancy as a matter of course that they must be godly. —Boston Transcript.

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Boating among our young men appears to have become a lost art.—Stonington Mirror.

Shades of Neptune! How times have changed. Old Stonington, the birthplace of thousands of hardy saltmen; the port from which hundreds of whalers have fitted out and sailed and the town that for a hundred years has borne the smell of fish, tar and the sea!

Brother Allis of the Groton Review, says: "We believe that Groton is the best looking village in New London county." We would ask Brother Allis to take a day off—some Saturday for instance—and come to Niantic.

Some Big Fish.

There was nearly a wagon load of very fine blackfish at the depot Saturday, the result of a catch of Hatchets Reef by John Dunn, and his guests, Nelson Cornwall, Samuel Paddock and Capt. William Manwaring of Meriden.

The State Press.

SAME ON THIS END. The summer girls will soon put in an appearance and the borough beaux are awaiting their arrival with pleasurable anticipations.—Stonington Mirror.

MUST BE GREAT STUFF.

An old resident of our town, who has been a steady imbiber for many years without injury to his health has since the advent of no license whiskey become so seriously impaired in health that he is thinking of bringing action against the town or swearing off.—Bristol Herald.

DON'T GIVE BOOT.

The man that can be induced now-a-days to "give boot" when making trade with another, either does not know much about trading or else he is ignorant of the enormous rise in the price of leather.—Hope Valley, (R. I.) Press.

THE RIGHT WORDS TRULY SPOKEN.

There are journals in this country mean and trivial enough to be partisan in their obituary articles on Secretary Gresham. Partisan rancor and selfish hate may be forgiven, on a pinch, even when they follow a man to the brink of the grave, but spite and hate that seek to bridge the dark void in furtherance of their malicious intent are first in degree of unpardonable sins.—Cooley's Weekly.

PUSH IT ALONG.

I know looks as if all except the very old and the very young and those disabled would soon be riding the bicycle.—Bristol Press.

A DEPRAVED SET.

Nearly all the boys in town can tell how many "hills" of watermelons and muskmelon producers have planted in this town.—Windsor Locks Journal.

THE OPEN MEETING.

Union Lodge Provides a Good Evening's Entertainment.

Union Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W., proved itself a good host last Tuesday evening on the occasion of its open meeting held in Corley's new hotel building. The National. There were about 200 persons present, a large proportion of them being ladies.

The house has not yet been plastered, but the bare walls were partially covered by a liberal display of bunting. A temporary platform was erected at the east side of the building, and on this were seated Grand Master White, the chairman, Past Grand Master Coates and the singers and speakers. The principal speaker was Grand Recorder John C. Gallagher of New Haven, who spoke at some length and was very entertaining.

The other speakers were Past Master Eben Avery of New London and a visiting brother from Relief lodge. John Coates also made a brief address.

David R. Young gave several of his imitative recitations in a most pleasing manner, one of which, a character sketch of the discovery of America by "Christoph Columbus," from an illiterate Italian standpoint brought down the house.

The program was interspersed with several songs by the Chester Male Quartette, all of which were nicely sung and heartily encored.

Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served after the entertainment and the evening closed with a very social time.

OLD LYME.

N. C. Hall of New Haven, spent last week in town.

T. B. Farwell took a business trip to New York Wednesday.

Allen Bump of Derby, passed Decoration day with his parents here.

Clarence Latham of Massachusetts, was calling on friends here Friday.

Miss Elgie Perkins returned home Friday after a week's stay in Boston.

Eugene Monroe employed on the steamer Hartford, called on friends over Sunday.

Dent Rowland has been called to New London to act as conductor on the trolley cars.

Quite a sociable gang from here attended the dance at Saybrook hall Thursday night.

Miss Lizzie Noon of New Haven, passed Sunday with her aunt, Miss Lillie Champion.

The Baptist society gave another of their famous festivals at the town hall Tuesday night.

Homer Beebe of Hamburg entered the employ of W. E. Clark Tuesday for the summer.

J. D. Morley has had a new ell put on the rear of his house. Wm. Peckham bossed the job.

Wm. Maynard received a load of furniture from Caulkins & Post of Middletown, Wednesday.

W. S. VanBergen and wife of New York, are enjoying a few days stay at Mrs. Hall's house.

J. H. Noble put a gang of men at work digging the cellar for the school building Saturday.

Camps team from New London delivered a load of 40 feet timber for the bridge Tuesday night.

The ferry boat Lady Fenwick, came out to surprise the people with a new coat of paint last week.

Mrs. David Morley returned from Boston Wednesday, after passing a few weeks with friends there.

Wm. H. Spear, the gospel temperance apostle, will give a lecture at the town hall Wednesday evening for the benefit of the temperance union. All are invited to come and hear some good common sense talk.

BASE BALL.

BLACK HALL WINS THE PENNANT BY A GOOD MARGIN.

The Old Lyme and Saybrook ball teams crossed bats at B. H. S. grounds Decoration day and Lyme came off victorious, 10 to 4.

It was a rather one sided game from the 3d inning. Lyme kept adding to its score while Saybrook made no more runs.

The battery work of the Lymes, the base running of F. Roche and double plays by Farrell to Chadwick and Fairbanks to McGuire were some of the features.

OLD LYME.

R. B.H.P.O.A.E.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes F. Roche, J. Roche, Rowland, Griswold, Bates, Chadwick, Hoskins, Dickey, Farwell.

SAYBROOK.

R. B.H.P.O.A.E.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Pardee, Wixtom, McGuire, Fairbanks, Ross, Martin, Walker, Beckwith, Smith.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Table with 2 columns: Inning and Score. Shows runs scored in each inning for Old Lyme and Saybrook.

Old Lyme—1 2 1 3 1 0 0 2—10
Saybrook—0 2 2 0 0 0 0 0—4

Martin out for interference.

2 base hit F. Roche.

Base on balls of Roche 3, off Martin 2.

Struck out by Roche 5, by Martin 5.

Passed balls Pardee 4.

Wild pitches Roche 2 Martin 3.

Hit by pitcher Hoskins.

Stolen bases F. Roche 4, Rowland, Mixtom, Ross, Martin, Beckwith, Smith.

Double plays Farwell to Chadwick, Fairbanks to McGuire.

Time of game 1h 58m.

Umpires, J. Eaton, J. Kearney.

The pennant of the Inter-Scholastic base ball league for 1895 was won last Saturday at Norwich by the B. H. S. boys and will still continue to decorate their school room where it has hung for two successive years.

The B. H. S. boys played fast ball and took the lead in the first inning and try as hard as they could the Norwich boys could not catch up as Captain Griswold had a good grip on the ball striking out 11 men and allowing but 10 scattering hits and this with the catching of Bartlett and the batting of Cleveland and Sayles and a double play by Brown to Moore were a few of the features of the game that will long be remembered.

BLACK HALL.

R. B.H.P.O.A.E.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Cleveland, J. Eaton, Bartlett, Griswold, Sayles, Moore, H. Eaton, Brown, Cozlidge.

NORWICH.

R. B.H.P.O.A.E.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Lynch, J. Baldwin, Sturtevant, Frazier, E. Crawford, Plunkett, Holmes, Luther, Richards.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Table with 2 columns: Inning and Score. Shows runs scored in each inning for Black Hall and Norwich.

B. H. S.—4 0 4 0 0 0 1 1—10
N. F. A.—2 1 0 0 0 0 1 3—9

Base on balls of Griswold 4, Baldwin 2, Holmes 5.

Struck out by Griswold 11, Baldwin 5, Holmes 6.

CRESCENT BEACH.

Julius F. Pratt has a gang of painters at work on his cottage.

Mrs. J. Yale Fairman has been at the beach for a few days of late.

F. B. Chaffee and wife and E. B. Chaffee of Middletown, were at the beach last week.

J. P. Stow of Middletown, came down Wednesday to look after his cottage interests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Case and Miss Alice Tyler, all of Hartford, are at Col. Tyler's.

Mrs. Annie M. Cobb and Misses Charlotte and Julia Cobb are at the Martin cottage.

Major Coles of Hartford, has completed the work on his new cottage and it is very pretty.

Mrs. John Stevens and a few friends from Hartford, have been at the beach for a few days.

Mrs. Maynard and family of Hartford, and George Stiles and family of Williamantic, are among the late arrivals.

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Miss Mary Bacon is visiting in Westbrook, Me.

Mrs. Ellen Willey of Williamantic, is at Mrs. A. M. Grovers.

Miss Mason was leader of the Y. P. S. C. E. consecration meeting Tuesday evening.

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CONN. EASTERN NEWS. Tuesday, June 4th, 1895. TRAVELERS' GUIDE. Trains leave Niantic Station, going East, at 7:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. and 3:45 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. Express leaving New London at 1:45 stops at Niantic.

NIANTIC POST OFFICE. Mails close, going East, at 9:15 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 3:45 p. m. Going West, at 7:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 3:45 p. m. from the West at 9:40 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 3:45 p. m. M. C. WALTER, P. M.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. J. Milner Morris, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Young People's meeting at 6 p. m. B. F. U. meeting Tuesday evening; regular prayer meeting Friday evening.

THE FRATERNITIES. Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall. Bay View Lodge, No. 129, F. & A. M., meets every first and third Monday in each month in Union Hall.

TALK OF THE TOWN. Walton Gates visited in Hartford, Thursday. Trains will soon stop regularly at Crescent Beach. The Harvard crew arrived at their quarters on the Thames, Saturday.

Several Niantic people attended the funeral of the late George Fox in Waterford, Friday. The Arizona and Quikstep arrived at Luce Bros. fish works Thursday with 500,000 broy fish.

Raymond Beckwith has been at work at the Niantic House the past few days changing the location of the stairway which leads to the dining room. Dr. Daniel Calkins, East Lyme's town clerk, was a welcome caller at the NEWS office Friday.

Recorder Beckwith for Union lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W., paid Mrs. Charles W. Morley of Lyme, \$2,000 last Tuesday, that being the amount of the death benefit which her late husband was entitled to from the order.

For some reason unknown to the general public the 9:30 train Saturday morning failed to bring either mail or express matter. A special was sent through about 11:30 consisting of an express car, a mail car and a passenger coach in charge of Conductor DeWolf.

C. S. Davis has been doing a big stroke of business in his line the past week, having put up no less than six monuments and stones. In this town he put up a stone of very handsome design for Conductor T. L. Beebe of the Valley road in memory of his wife and child, and one to the memory of Charlie Wicks.

NOTICES TO BE DECORATED. Notices have been served on all members of Niantic lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., that Wednesday, June 5, will be observed as a memorial day for decorating the graves of deceased members of the lodge.

WHOLESALE SHEEP SLAUGHTER. Dogs Run Wild out in Lyme and Do Considerable Damage. Perhaps there is no town in the state where more attention is paid to sheep raising than in the town of Lyme, where much money has been expended in getting together valuable flocks and where the yield from wool and lamb is greater or more remunerative.

Although there have been many times when it was thought it was known whose dogs had committed the damage, no definite action has ever been taken towards putting a stop to further ravages among the sheep and the town had to pay large bills. Friday last fifteen sheep owned by William Bogue and eighteen sheep owned by another resident of that section were killed by dogs.

Obituary. ELISHA M. COMSTOCK. Elisha M. Comstock died at his home in East Lyme, on Thursday, May 30, after a long illness, aged 65 years. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. E. Martin officiating, and was largely attended.

NO GRAVES DECORATED. Memorial Day Allowed to Pass Unobserved in Niantic. On Wednesday, May 29, the New London Day published the following in relation to an article which appeared in the last issue of the NEWS regarding the observance or more properly the non-observance of Memorial Day in Niantic:

A Niantic publication severely criticizes Perkins Post G. A. R., of this city for not making arrangements for the observance of Memorial day, in that place. Commander Smith of the post said that soldier dead at Niantic would not be neglected, as it was intimated there was danger of their being.

With its usual lack of courtesy the Day did not deign to give the name of the "Niantic publication" which it claims so severely criticized Perkins post. It has been noticed however, that the Day has never hesitated in the past to slip freely from the columns of the NEWS, the aforesaid "publication," but was never yet known to give proper credit. It is probably a matter of habit.

THE SCHOOLS AGAIN. Another Side of the Much Vexed Question. District No. 2 Troubles A Well Known Gentleman Speaks Strong Words for Miss Harding, the teacher.

A few facts, and consequently truths, in regard to the school in the second district in the town of East Lyme, New London county, State of Connecticut, and also quotations from the reports of the acting school visitor, and for the school board for a number of years past of the schools in this town, and more particularly in regard to Miss Jennie S. Harding an experienced teacher, and in justice to her and all school teachers, and school officers, who have faithfully performed their duties in regard to the station they have been elected, appointed or chosen to fill during the terms they have served.

Miss Harding has taught in some one of the districts in this town continuously since 1888. I now propose to review the report of the acting school visitors of this town in regard to Miss Harding as a school teacher since 1888 up to the present time as a matter of justice due Miss Harding—and now quote the school of 1888, in the fourth Niantic school district, Intermediate department. "The winter and spring terms were taught by Miss Jennie Harding, who succeeded in restoring order in this department and commendable progress in studies. This was accomplished by patient and persevering effort on the part of the teacher day by day through the whole of both terms."—1889. "The Intermediate department has been taught by Miss Jennie Harding, a faithful and efficient teacher who has been untiring in her efforts for the advancement of her pupils and left no duty undone which belonged to her position as teacher."

1890. "The Intermediate department was taught by Miss Jennie S. Harding with best results in order and progress in studies. This was accomplished by persevering effort on the part of the teacher through the school year." 1891. "The Intermediate department of this school was taught by Miss Jennie S. Harding, the discipline established in this room and maintained until the end by the teacher is commendable; her instruction clear and forcible. She is the type of an energetic teacher; for such service the teacher should be amply and better rewarded, than she has been in the past. It is better to pay good wages to first-class teachers than to pay less wages for poorer service. The examinations of Miss Harding has always been satisfactory to the board of education of this town, and stands as high as over 90 per cent. in the grade; when we as a school board only required 80 per cent. accordingly she amply filled the requirements of the board."

1892. "The Intermediate department of this school was taught by Miss Jennie Harding. The order with which this school was conducted was such as to demonstrate that the teacher had full control of the pupils. They responded promptly to her requirements and gave strict attention to the business before them. A large class was examined and approved for entrance into the Grammar department at the beginning of the fall term. This examination included reading, writing, geography and arithmetic through fractions. This lesson covered 188 pages and but three questions were missed by the class."

1893. District No. 5, Black Point. The school in this district was taught by Miss Jennie Harding, a teacher of acknowledged ability in teaching and school government; the school was well attended and the progress commendable." 1894. "District No. 5, Black Point. The school in this district was taught by Miss Jennie S. Harding with her usual success in government and teaching."

The foregoing not including this year 1895 covers the space of six years I was duly elected one of the board of education, and was chosen, in the year above written, chairman and much of the time, also an acting visitor as his reports to the town and state will show, and have been active in the well being of the schools for a number of years previous to the dates given above. I have visited Miss Harding's school this year, and do not hesitate to say (notwithstanding many things we may hear to the contrary) Miss Harding's school for the past year has been kept in every particular as a good model school and Miss Harding has my full approval of her management of the school, and I think I have had perhaps, as much experience and interest in our district schools as some others, that in my belief and in truth are trying very hard to injure the well being of those who have worked hard for the good of the schools of this town.

which has caused this trouble in its proper light and home to those that have been so active to try and bring Miss Harding into disgrace, I have faith that those interested in the subject can see with half an eye the cause of all this. It would be well for those implicated in this business to take into consideration the Golden Rule, Do unto others as ye would they would do by you in like circumstances. Right and justice must will maintain itself sooner or later.

DANIEL CALKINS. (One of the board of education, Town of East Lyme, at present, and for many years chairman and acting school visitor in the town of East Lyme, Ct.) EAST LYME, May 31, 1895. Ministers to Meet Here. The Norwich District Ministerial Association will meet in the Niantic M. E. church June 10 and 11.

The following program has been arranged for the occasion: Monday 2 p. m. devotional service led by Rev. G. S. Bates. Business. The Immoral in Fiction; Rev. R. Povey, 7:30 p. m. sermon, Rev. Joseph Cooper. Tuesday 9 a. m. devotional service led by Rev. W. J. Smith. Business. The Tenure of Church Membership, R. W. Eia. Skepticism, Rev. L. H. Massey, 2 p. m. devotional service led by Rev. J. S. Wadsworth. Review of Mudge's "Growth in Holiness," Rev. F. C. Baker, 7:30 p. m. Epworth League service, Rev. O. W. Scott to preside; speakers Rev. W. L. Hood and Rev. E. P. Phreaner.

NORTH LYME. The wedding bells will soon ring in old Hamburg. Rev. R. M. Burr preached a memorial sermon last Sunday. Rev. John G. Ward left for Saratoga Monday morning to attend the Baptist May meetings held in that place. L. O. Raymond will finish his contract on the parsonage farm this week, where he has been sawing timber for Clyde M. Beebe.

ESSEX. A Hebrew from Chesterfield was arraigned before Justice Burnham at the town hall in Hamburg Tuesday, for alleged abuse to his cattle and departed for home \$20 poorer, including fines and costs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ely Beebe received a telegram Friday the 17th, announcing the death of Mr. C. D. Alling of Waterbury, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Beebe. They left on the evening train Saturday to attend the funeral, which was held Sunday in Ansonia, where Mr. Alling was visiting his brother when he was taken sick.

BURT FOX has moved from Chester into one of A. M. Wright's tenements, vacated by S. De Forrest. Mrs. F. F. Buckley has rhododendrons in full bloom that attract lovers of flowers to look at them. Mrs. Calvin Beebe and daughter, Mrs. Emma Tyler, of Norwich, are guests of Mrs. W. C. Griswold's. Mr. Chas. E. Porter, the artist, from Rockville, is visiting with his artist friend, S. M. Comstock.

There were quite a number from here attended the memorial service at the Congregational church in Centerbrook last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heafford, of Florida, are visiting at Mrs. Heafford's sister, Mrs. Wm. H. Phelps. They are old residents of Essex. Mr. Marcus Beebe and Miss Callie Smith were united in marriage last Wednesday at the Congregational parsonage by the Rev. Mr. Arms. We are doing a larger shoe business than ever before. Why? Because we give more for a dollar than any one else. E. S. Lewis, New City Store. J. A. Harrington, who was injured some few weeks ago by falling off a trolley car in Hartford, has been spending a few days at his old home here. He has recovered from his injuries. Mrs. Samuel Colt, with some friends, was in Essex last Saturday, to take a look at the yacht Dauntless, which is moored in the North Cove, inside the bridge. A good many bibles have been brought out from their vestry places the past week. Some who have not looked in the good book for years have been perusing its leaves for certain passages.

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