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Max O'Rell, the French lecturer, says he saw very few stupid faces in America.

According to a statement made in Parliament, there are in England and Wales more than 40,000 pauper children.

The number of suicides in Buenos Ayres, Argentina, has increased of late to such a degree that it is said to have taken on the appearance of a veritable epidemic.

The St. Louis Star observes: "The United States and Great Britain present to the world the fine spectacle of settling by arbitration the disputes that between other Nations would lead to war. The United States and Great Britain have no better title to leadership among the Nations of the world."

It has been remarked that there is an enormous number of United States pensioners living abroad. This is explained by the fact that many adventurous men in England, Germany and Canada were attracted to the United States Army during the war because of the large bounties and pay, and when they were disabled applied for pensions, retiring to enjoy the money among their own kindred.

An \$18,000 stone Lutheran church is being built in Vandergrift, Penn., yet there are no people in the town to attend it. The corner-stone of the structure was laid with elaborate ceremonies recently. No congregation, however, has been formed, no pastor elected to officiate, and there is not a soul living in the place. This unusual state of affairs was caused by a gift of land to the Lutheran denomination by the land company that is building the town. The company decided to limit the denominations of churches built there to the Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic bodies. The company stipulated that not less than \$15,000 was to be expended on each edifice. There was no congregation, however, to accept the gift, and the transfer could not legally be made. The different church people were in a quandary, but the Lutherans got over the difficulty by accepting the gift for an imaginary congregation.

This is a great apple season, exceeds the New Orleans Pinyune. Chicago has 1,000,000 barrels stored away already for winter use. This is nearly quadruple that of the ordinary year and is due to the enormous crop and the consequent low prices. Chicago store houses usually contain from 200,000 to 300,000 barrels, but have run up as high as 350,000. At present every inch of available room is full to overflowing, and there are thousands of barrels waiting a chance to go into winter quarters. Low prices and the good quality of the fruit have combined to bring about an immense movement from the producer to the consumer. Carload after carload of apples in bulk arrive daily in addition to the thousands of regularly packed barrels. Shipping the fruit in bulk saves the cost of the barrel and cheapens the fruit to the consumer. Good sound apples are being sold all over the city by peddlers at from five to ten cents a peck, and many Western cities also receive their supply in this shape. The same grade of apples in barrels are also being sold by merchants as low as seventy-five and eighty cents a barrel, while choice sell at \$1 to \$1.25, and strictly fancy sorts of the varieties in market are not over \$1.50 to \$1.75 a barrel. Eastern apples are coming to Chicago in competition with the Michigan crop. The New York and New England yield was so large that it can find no adequate outlet.

Congress has made available \$40,000 for the purpose of enabling the Post-office Department to conduct experiments in daily free mail delivery in rural districts. The experiments are now being conducted in various States, and on the results of these a special report is to be submitted to Congress. Much confidence is felt, however, that the Chicago Record, that the experiments will be successful, and the hope is expressed that rural free delivery may become an established part of the postoffice policy in the near future. There are few things within the province of government to supply that would do more to make farm life pleasant. A daily mail delivery in country districts, with the closer touch and intercourse with the outside world which that implies, would mean a social transformation of considerable importance. The farmer would no longer be the isolated individual that he is. Thus the chief objections to country life, the feeling of being out of touch with the world, would be overcome. The farm life would be rendered more pleasant, with the result that the sons and daughters would be less tempted to desert it for the city. More than that, many persons would find it more agreeable and feasible to follow their inclinations and leave the crowded centres of population for rural homes. The establishment of a system of rural free delivery would have the effect of raising the value of farm land. The reform is one which the Postal Department and Congress should institute at an early day.

A BIT OF LIFE.
A maiden sat within the door
And sang as many times before,
A man to daily toil passed by,
No love nor pleasure lit his eye,
But when he heard the merry song
He whistled as he went along.

A woman by the window wept
For one who in the churchyard slept,
But when upon her hearing fell
That tune she knew and loved so well,
The flood of burning tears was stayed,
And soon a song her lips essayed.

Her neighbor heard the tender strain,
And softly joined the sweet refrain,
Thus, all day long that one song bore
His joyousness from door to door.
—Clarke J. Denton, in Ladies' Home Journal.

to time. As a matter of fact, however, we were only two minutes late in starting, and were soon bowling away merrily towards the south.

A JUMP FOR FREEDOM.

If yes, a steady lot, us drivers? Well, we have to be, there's no choice in the matter. Driving wants a clear head, and a man who can make up his mind what to do in a moment. The majority of people don't half realize the work there is to do, or the responsibilities of the "foot-plate."

I often think, myself, the difference there is between us chaps and the captain of a Channel boat. I used to think of it more when I was on the "Sou'-Western," running the Continental train to Southampton. Maybe I had a couple of hundred lives in tow; but I'll venture to say very few of them thought of the man who had them and the train in sole charge, for though the fireman's along with you, the driver is responsible for everything, including him. Yet when the passengers stepped aboard the Channel boat, if they got a glimpse of the captain they'd look at him with a kind of awe.

I don't say all this out of jealousy, but I've often thought if we had a uniform, with gold lace round our caps and collars and an engine worked on our shoulders, folks who were going a long journey would think more of us, and say: "That's our driver," just as you hear them remark "That's our captain."

Still, as I say, I wouldn't change. There's a charm about the "foot-plate" and a pride in your engine that only a driver knows. Why, I've seen men get quite affectionate over a favorite engine, and almost cry when they were changed to another. Adventures? Well, the life's full of adventures, more or less; not very interesting to the general public, perhaps, but exciting enough to us. Stop, though. I can tell you one adventure I had years ago, which will interest you—about the most remarkable thing that ever happened to me, and about as curious an affair as you could find in the history of the line, I reckon. It was while I was on the Sou'-Western, and before I became a regular express driver.

Before you can quite understand it, I must tell you something about the line itself. From Clapham Junction to Hampton Court there are four lines of rails, two of them used for up and down "fast" trains, and the others for up and down "slow." You have the same sort of thing on some of the other lines; the London and Northwestern, for instance, has four lines as far as Roade, beyond Bletchley, only they are worked differently to the Southwestern.

The London and North-Western run their up and down fast trains on the two left hand lines of rails from Euston, and the up and down slow on the two right hand, so that, when two trains are going in the same direction there is always a line of metals between them. But from Clapham to Hampton Court Junction the outer left hand rail is used for slow, and the next to it, the inner left hand, for fast, the outer right and inner right being used for up-slow and fast respectively. The "up-slow" extends all the way to Woking, but this has nothing to do with my story.

Thus, you see, if one train passes another going in the same direction, the trains are close together. Sometimes I have known two trains travel alongside each other at the same rate for two or three minutes, and more than once I have spoken from my engine to the driver of another train, and given or received a bit of 'bacsy when we were going at the rate of forty or fifty miles an hour. The Northern system is generally considered to be the better of the two, but the South-Western still sticks to the old plan.

One day, in the winter of 188—, there had been a special cheap excursion from Portsmouth to Waterloo; I forget what the occasion was; but, anyhow, I was detailed on duty to take this train back to Portsmouth. We were to start at 9.27, and as far as Hampton Court Junction to run on the outer, or slow, line. The last train before us was the nine o'clock, so you see we expected a clear run. We were not to stop anywhere before reaching Portsmouth.

The train was a heavy one, as a good number of people had taken advantage of the excursion, and it seemed that we should hardly get off

"brethren" will be posted all along the line of route. At Waterloo two of the men will watch you into the train. At Basingstoke two others will keep their eyes on you while the train is stopping there. At Southampton you will be watched on board the boat, and the same thing will happen at Havre and Rouen, your only stopping-places. At Paris you will be met by two couragers, who will keep you in view until the final arrangements have been made, when you will be told how to act. So do not think to escape, as every movement will be watched."

The train flew on; my mate and I were interested, as you may well guess. He paused for a moment to allow of the engine being cooled once more, then I said:

"But you might have stopped the train by pulling the communicator, had—"

"I'm coming to that. I had thought of trying to escape thus, but just as the train moved out of the station a little note was thrown in at the window by a 'comrade,' who had been watching me. I opened it and read as follows: 'We never thought the other night that perhaps you might try to escape by stopping the train en route and jumping off. In case such an idea has entered your head, you may as well know that the 'brothers' are on the train. You know what that means. You are helpless. Be brave for the sake of the 'cause.'"

"Have you got that letter?" said the fireman.

"No; I tore it up. Well, I tell you, I was desperate. I had half made up my mind to jump and risk it, when we gradually began to pass your train. I was alone in my compartment, and could see the well-filled carriages close to me. I sat looking at them mechanically, when the idea suddenly seized me, and I asked myself the question: 'Why shouldn't I change trains?' By this time I was opposite to the guard's van in the front, and there was not a moment to be lost. It was too late to try for that when I opened the door, and my only course was to jump on to your engine. Thank God, I did so safely!"

"Aye, you've had a lucky escape, and you may well thank God. Well, what's to be done now?"

"Where are you bound for?"

"Portsmouth."

"Do you stop anywhere first?"

"No."

"Well, look here. Can't I slip off on the outer side as we come into the station?"

"I don't know so much about that. You've come on the foot-plate uninvited, and you ought to give an account of it to the authorities. If I let you get off without, I'm liable for a row myself. Besides, how are we to know your story's true?"

"Before God I swear it's true. And no one need ever know I was here. I'll make it well worth your while. Besides," he added, piteously, "it's my only chance. When they know I've escaped they'll search high and low. If this isn't kept quiet they'll know about it before I have the start of them, and that means certain death. I couldn't escape. As it is, I've got money enough to get well out of the country before they know of it."

Well, it seemed rough enough on the poor chap, but my mate stuck out against letting him go. I argued the matter out with him as well as I could, and he was beginning to come round to my point of view when I suddenly exclaimed:

"Look out, mate, there's a block at Petersfield."

The distant signal was shining with a red light instead of a green, and we put on the brakes until the train was almost at a standstill.

"For God's sake, let me get off," begged the stranger.

My mate and I looked at one another. The train came to a stop close to the signal.

"Don't refuse me. See here," and he held out five sovereigns and literally pressed them into my hand. I looked at him again. He nodded.

"All right, get off and keep quiet till we've gone on. Good luck to you. Here, I don't want your money."

But he was gone in a moment. Then the semaphore arm fell with a crash, the green light shone out, and we started once again; nor did we stop till we had reached Portsmouth.

Later on, my mate and I talked the matter over between us, and agreed that we would not mention it to anyone, as it was better for all that it should be kept quiet. Then I offered him half the money.

"No," said he, "I won't take it. If his story's true, it's something like the price of blood. They must have given him the cash for his journey and expenses."

I hadn't seen it in that light. "Well, mate, I believe you're right. I never thought of that. I shan't touch it either, I couldn't bring myself to do it. But what shall we do with it?"

Finally, we agreed to send it anonymously to a railway charity, and the next morning we did so.

Two days after that, I was off duty, when the fireman came round to my house, with a curious expression on his face and a newspaper in his hand. "Read that," he said, quickly pointing to a paragraph. I read as follows:

"Mysterious Disappearance of a Criminal.
"Oh Thursday evening last a strange occurrence, the facts of which are unknown, must have taken place somewhere on the main line of the Southwestern Railway between Waterloo and Basingstoke. Our readers will remember the case of embezzlement and forgery at the head offices of the Amalgamated General European and Colonial Exchange, a forgery on a large scale, in which the under-cashier, Charles Winfield, a clever, and unfortunately well-trusted young man, was deeply implicated. Winfield, by some means, managed to escape arrest and the police have been assiduously following his track since. On the evening in question Detective Baxter, of Scotland Yard, recognized Winfield in a first-class compartment of the 9.35 boat-train from Waterloo to Southampton. The train was just moving out of the station, and it was impossible for the detective to get in, but he ran along the platform by the side of the window, clearly identified his man, took the number of the carriage, and noticed which compartment it was, and immediately wired to Basingstoke, the first stopping place. When, however, the train arrived at this place the police, who had assembled on the platform, found no trace of the criminal. It was ascertained that the train had not pulled up once; the particular compartment was empty, but a thorough search was made throughout the train, it being thought that he might have changed carriages by the foot board. It is supposed that Winfield recognized the fact that he had been discovered at the last moment on his way to the Continent, and guessing that he would be arrested at Basingstoke, must have jumped off the train in a moment of desperation. Whether the unhappy man was killed or escaped remains a mystery, no trace of him having been discovered."

"What do you think of that?" said my mate.

"Well, I said, 'I think he half deserved to escape on account of his luck. And—well, he was the finest liar I've ever met!'"

The fireman nodded his head slowly, and then said:

"Well, I had my doubts most of the time. He was too fine a liar for me!"

—Strand Magazine.

A Canine Cotton-Picker.

Among the great many almost decrepit old women who earn a rather precarious livelihood by picking up and reselling the waste cotton that falls from the bales about the streets and warehouses in New Orleans, La., is one well known among the brokers who goes by the whimsical cognomen of Mom Katrine.

Mom Katrine is a little bit of a wizened colored woman, almost too old to walk and quite too blind to see, but she owns an unflinching source of revenue in the shape of a little black and tan terrier, Voodoo by name, that is as expert a cotton-picker as one would wish to see. Every morning, by the time the sun has warmed the edge of the day, Mom Katrine and Voodoo appear on the street, the old woman usually to take her seat on the curbing, while the dog begins his daily task of cotton-gathering. Voodoo's energy in this unwonted occupation is somewhat marvelous, so the warehousemen say, and it certainly is amusing to see the little fellow dodging in and out among the bales under the very feet of the porters, snatching a wad of cotton and darting with it to Mom Katrine, who stores it away snugly in her big sack, which she usually takes home full every evening.

Some of the porters think Voodoo is a nuisance, he is such a persistent picker, but as they believe Mom Katrine to be a witch and the dog a participant in her black art, they are afraid to drive him, and so the two have become regular institutions of the trade. —Philadelphia Times.

Emigration From Sweden.

Swedish emigration is slowly increasing. The total number of emigrants for the three-quarters of the year 1896 is 11,618. In 1895 the emigration was 10,781, and in 1894, 7047, against 30,000 during the years 1892 and 1893, respectively. In connection with the Swedish emigration to the United States the report of the Swedish Postmaster General, just published, is interesting. For the year 1895, \$1,311,920 was received in money orders from the United States, while \$277,310 were sent from Sweden, leaving a balance in favor of Sweden of \$1,034,610. Probably an equal amount was sent to Sweden through the banks and emigrant agencies.

No Fear of Extinction.

Millie—"It looks as though the bicycle would drive the horse out of existence."

Leavitt—"Not a bit of it. The more bicycles there are the more they will breed horses."

Millie—"What for?"

Leavitt—"Ambulances." — New York Herald.

Paternal Generosity.

Young Man—"I have come, sir, to ask for the hand of your daughter."

Gouty Father—"All right; all right; you may have both of them if you will only take the confounded piano along with them." — Yonkers Statesman.

CARE OF THE EYES.

A SPECIALIST TALKS ON SOME SIMPLE AND SAFE REMEDIES.

Salt, Boracic Acid and Alum Are Favored—How to Cure Blood-shot Eyes and When to Wear Glasses.

THE eye specialist was busy, but he found time to admit two callers, one a middle-aged matron, the other a girl who had experienced two seasons in New York society. They wanted his advice, and he gave it as follows:

"Well, you two women are suffering intensely with your eyes because, first of all, you've sinned against nature, and then one of you has applied a hot poultice of tea leaves to her eyes because somebody has told her that it would relieve the inflammation, and the other has bathed her eyes in scalding water with a dash of witch hazel in it several times a day because she read that such treatment, if persisted in, would strengthen weak eyes. Boah!"

"What are some safe remedies for weak eyes?" asked the young woman.

"I've heard that it is a good plan to close them for five minutes when they ache, and that after weeping it is well to lay a towel wet in rose water over them for the same length of time. Then every one knows about bread and milk, camomile and tea leaf poultices, and it seems to be that I have heard of more sleep being advised for bloodshot eyes. Then, once last winter when the whites of my eyes became yellow and the pupils dull, I was advised to consult a physician about my diet. But, dear me, I was too busy with my social engagements for that, so I just put a little balladonna in my eyes every day and went on. I can't understand my eyes being in such a condition as they are now, for I've had strong eyes."

"No person should put balladonna in the eyes unless prescribed by a doctor," began the specialist. "Many eyes have been ruined by its use. Society women of middle age are very prone to do this. Many of them are too vain to put on glasses; then their eyes grow dull from constant straining, and they resort to atropine. This has a tendency to increase the hardness of the eye in advanced age. Neither should hot, or even warm applications be used, unless directed by a specialist, as such have a tendency to inflame the eye. As for poulticing the eyes with camomile or tea leaves, or bread and milk, that is worse than folly. More ulcers of the eye are caused by this popular fallacy than by any other."

"In removing small foreign bodies from the eye the eyestone or linseed is frequently resorted to. It should not be used, for it is liable to pass from view behind the lid, often causing additional inflammation, and besides, it is an excellent vehicle for germs."

"My eyes feel so very tired nowadays," interrupted the matron.

"Yes, and that tired feeling should not be neglected," continued the doctor. "It comes after a certain amount of work or dissipation, and glasses may be necessary to obtain relief. The eyes weren't made to do 'nec' work all day and most of the night. There are muscles in and about them that are in a condition of constant tension all the time that one is reading, writing, sewing, or doing any 'near' work. Consequently the eyes rebel against this abuse by pain or inflammation of the lids. The habit of stooping over in reading or writing has a very bad effect on most eyes, especially near-sighted ones, and should be avoided. When men and women come to be forty years of age, the morning papers of most of them looks blurred. This is a natural condition, but they complain that the printing isn't clearly done or the paper is of inferior quality. Such persons need glasses, and should not neglect to obtain them. In case of neglect they will surely be punished by having to wear glasses sooner or later, generally sooner. On the other hand, if a person puts on glasses at the first call made by the eyes, he may live to a good old age without ever needing to wear them except when doing 'near' work."

"Doctor, you've told us a great many things not to do, now tell us some things that we can do for our twin stars, as the poets call them," pleaded the younger of the patients.

"In cases of ordinary inflammation a safe wash is made by putting a teaspoonful of table salt into one-half pint of water. Allow it to dissolve thoroughly and use once, twice or three times a day in the eye, and not on the outside as most people do. When you simply dash the outside of the lid with salty water the seat of inflammation is not reached at all. A teaspoonful of boracic acid, dissolved in a half pint of warm water and allowed to stand until cool, is one of the most cooling and soothing of the simple eye remedies. It can be used several times a day, and rarely ever fails to relieve inflammation."

"If both of these remedies should fail a teaspoonful of powdered alum in a pint of water, applied several times daily, will, nine times out of ten, have the desired effect. Rose water is of no special value, except that it has the advantage of being distilled. You say you've been advised to lay a towel wet with rose water over your eyes a few

minutes after you've had a crying spell? The mental effect produced by its perfume was probably the only good you got out of the rose water. The real benefit that your eyes received came not from its application, but from the rest that your eyes received, and the composure of your entire system following a complete relaxation.

"When the eyes are bloodshot on arising in the morning, this condition may come from too little sleep or too much. Again, it may be the result of a mild form of inflammation of the lids or of rheumatism. If they are red from too little sleep, use one of the remedies suggested and sleep more; if from too much, do the same and sleep less. Avoid the use of hot applications in all mild or acute inflammations. If the eyes are lustreless, or the white portion appears muddy, consult a physician as to your general condition, and don't, in the name of common sense, deluge your eyes with balladonna to brighten them up."

"It's an excellent thing to rest the eyes as much as possible," concluded the doctor. "Especially does this apply to city people. The things that meet the eye constantly in the country are not so taxing on the vision, but the shifting variety of persons and things that one has to see in the city are very straining. When you get in a street car don't take a book or paper along to read to save time; don't study the people about you or read the signs as you pass. Quietly close your eyes and become acquainted with yourself." —New York Sun.

Mystery of the Service Berry.

The fruit of the service berry, the well known decorative shrub that retains its bright red berries even in mid-winter, was the source of a sort of scientific puzzle about half a century ago says Cosmos. In 1859 Pelouze discovered in standing juice of service berries a sugar, perfectly crystallized substance having the properties of sucrose. The new sugar was named sorbine or sorbose. There was nothing astonishing about the discovery, but when other scientists desired to make some sobose the puzzling thing happened—the product absolutely refused to appear. The mystery has now been cleared up by M. Bertrand, a Parisian chemist. Repeatedly exposing crushed service berries to the air, he obtained the usual alcoholic fermentation, followed by the growth of a whitish layer on the surface of the liquid, but there was no trace of sorbose. At last a little red vinegar fly was observed to alight on the surface layer. A remarkable transformation followed, the membrane becoming thickened and filled with larvae, while an abundance of sorbose soon appeared in the liquid below. The work was that of microbes less than one forty-thousandth of an inch in length. These microbes had been brought by the little red fly, had made the membrane thick and heavy by their rapidly increasing numbers, and by their oxidizing influence had transformed the berry juice into the new kind of glucose.

Jekyll Island, the Beautiful.

Jekyll Island, which lies abreast of Brunswick, Ga., about six miles out, is the wealthiest incorporated game preserve in the world. It is owned by seventy-five stockholders, each worth a million or more. The intrinsic value of the island itself has increased six times over its original valuation. The par value of the stock is \$100, and it was sold for that when the company was chartered. Its value to-day is \$6000 per share, and there is none of it on the market.

Jekyll Island is in direct contrast with Antioch in the St. Lawrence River. It is occupied exclusively by its owners, the majority of whom maintain palatial establishments. There are no railroads and no telegraph lines, and there will not be. A large part of the island is maintained in its primary state and is stocked with a great variety of feathered game, much of it imported. That part under cultivation is laid out in broad drives and walks and in gardens.

The semi-tropical character of its vegetation, the soft and balmy quality of its atmosphere in the winter months and its perfect isolation and freedom from intruders make Jekyll Island, with its combination of country villa and natural wildness, one of the wonderful beauty spots of the world. —New York Mail and Express.

Washing Himself With White of Eggs.

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OLD LYME.

Donald Miller and family were in New London, Tuesday.

Mrs. A. T. Waite returned to her home at Toledo, O., Saturday.

Mrs. James Noon of New London, was in town visiting friends, Friday.

George Appleby purchased a fine cow from Arthur Butler of Saybrook, Saturday.

Mrs. W. G. Lane lost a valuable cow one day last week, from unknown causes.

Fred L. Babcock of Schenectady, N. Y., was in town a few days last week.

Miss Alice Brainerd and Mrs. E. T. Waite were guests of friends in Hadam, Tuesday.

Mrs. J. G. Perkins and Miss L. G. Perkins were visiting with friends in New York, last week.

Edward Lyman Bill of New York, was in town last week, visiting with his brother, Len, at Bill Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fratus were made happy one day last week by the arrival of a little boy baby.

Austin's carpenters are re-shingling the horse sheds at the Congregational church, which adds greatly to their appearance.

One of George Appleby's children met with an accident last Saturday, by falling from a stack of hay and breaking its arm. Dr. Wallace set it.

N. G. Post of Essex, was in town a couple of days last week, delivering pianos. Mrs. James F. Bugbee received one, and Mrs. Robert Rowland another.

John Ely passed a successful operation on the cords of his hand at the hospital at New London, a week ago, and is now able to move his fingers around as well as ever.

Frank Saunders took a look at the bottom of the Connecticut river, one day last week. It was his first experience in a diver's suit, and he says now, that engineering is good enough for him.

James Morris and his force of painters have just finished painting and decorating Mrs. W. G. Lane's residence and by their thorough work have succeeded in making it look more attractive than any house in town.

The funeral of Dr. William Rowland Babcock occurred Friday afternoon. Starting from the house at 1 o'clock, it was continued at the Congregational church at 1:30, which with its large seating capacity was barely able to accommodate the large crowd that assembled to pay their last respects to this noble young man.

The procession to the grave was the largest seen in town in many years, it being composed of a large number of his High School mates, a delegation of the Brakemen's Union, and a large number of people from the surrounding towns, with whom he made friends during his professional visits, and the many beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem in which he was held by his many friends.

Patnam's Christmas Gifts. According to their usual custom, the Patnam Furniture Mfg. Co. will give their customers four Christmas presents this year.

Numbered tickets are given for every \$5 worth purchased, entitling the holder to one chance for each article. The gifts this year will be one elegant case, one substantial rocker, one beautiful parlor table, and one metal piano stool.

SOUTH LYME.

Mrs. Jane Littlefield is in a critical condition. Her physician has no hopes of her recovery, as she is 84 years old and has been an invalid for years.

By the death of Dr. Babcock, our county loses a skillful surgeon and physician; our townspeople a kind friend, and he will be mourned by many, who have known him only to love him.

Died at the residence of her son-in-law, Supt. F. C. Payne, Dec. 11th, Mrs. George R. Slate, aged 83 years. She has been an invalid for a long time and had been a great sufferer.

But the end came and she dropped away as one going to sleep. I spent the evening with her the night before and she was talking of every day matters and no one thought the end was so near.

She had a beautiful home, and everything for her comfort was done by her son-in-law and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Payne.

OLD SAYBROOK.

Miss Carrie M. Acton is in New York city.

Miss Rebecca Burger has gone to New York.

Mrs. Houston Landon has been visiting friends in Meriden.

Rev. E. E. Bacon was leader of the Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening.

Mrs. E. S. Spencer entertained the ladies society of Grace church Wednesday afternoon.

Great bargains in winter millinery for one week only, beginning Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Mrs. Treadway's store Saybrook. Mrs. V. P. Freeman.

Annual meeting of Siloam Lodge, No. 32, A. F. and A. M., was held at the lodge room, Saturday evening, Dec. 5, for the transaction of business and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following officers were elected: H. Nelson Beebe, W. M.; F. M. Beebe, S. W.; W. G. Coulter, S. W.; H. Hefflon, treasurer; Wm. L. Kelsey, secretary; Arthur Gilbert, S. D.; Geo. McComb, S. D.; Frederick Thomson, Tyler; J. S. Starkey, S. S.; Frederick Fisher, J. C.; R. H. Tucker, chaplain; W. O. Coulter, Arthur Gilbert and Geo. McComb, financial committee.

A special town meeting was called Monday, at 2 o'clock, to consider the following resolutions: That the town of Saybrook appropriate the money required for license for the year ending Oct. 31, 1897, to grade the road between the corner formerly owned by the late Alpheus Parker, to the corner residence of Chas. Richardson, graded to the width of forty-five feet according to plans of specification to be approved by a committee of five, to be appointed.

Resolved that the work be done by our tax payers and voters; their sons over 18 years of age; their teams etc., and that all those who want to work and will work, shall have an opportunity, and all those who are found killing time be discharged. The above resolutions failed to pass and the meeting was adjourned sine die.

WESTBROOK.

W. B. Tibbals has purchased a trotter from Saybrook parties.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hart, of Durham, are visiting friends in town.

Newman Bushnell is confined to his home with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary Cook has been visiting Mrs. Nancy B. Chapman in Moodus.

Miss Kittie Lovelair left Monday for Brooklyn, to visit her sister, Mrs. Lawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Chapman of Ivoryton, were calling on relatives here Sunday.

A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Hayden in the West district.

Workmen have been painting the residence of Hon. Wm. I. Lewis near Grove Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stannard, of Centerbrook, were in town Sunday calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Chapman, who have been visiting in Worcester, Mass., have returned.

Jerome Hefflon has two tons of first-class English hay for sale, and also one ton of salt hay.

The Grange elected officers at their fortnightly meeting on Tuesday evening of last week.

W. H. Cone, of New London, visited his mother, Mrs. Sarah Cone, Seashore avenue, last week.

C. L. Clark has just received a car load of oats from the west which he is selling at bottom prices.

Mrs. Lyman of Palmer, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones in the North district.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dibble on Wednesday last. Mother and child are doing well.

Capt. George C. Spencer, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Towbridge in New York city, has returned.

Mrs. D. O. Card, who has been caring for her sister, Mrs. L. Miller, in Saybrook for some time, has returned home.

George McNamee has recently purchased a tract of timber of Harris Smith which he will convert into timber and ties at his saw mill during the winter.

Jasper Brooks of Haddam, and his sister, Mrs. Benjamin D. Bushnell, of Kirtland district, have sold the Brooks farm at Pond Meadow, to Henry W. A. Bohling.

W. H. Stafford, the Clinton stove dealer, is doing quite a business in town of late, he having sold stoves to W. F. Clark and Jerome Hefflon during the week.

Mrs. F. F. Wright and daughter Miss Frederica, who lately removed from the homestead, have gone to reside with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Crofut at the winter.

Ex-Door Keeper Carlos H. Chapman, who sustained a very bad sprain to the ankle by a fall from a cottage on which he was working some three weeks since, is once more able to be out of doors, although compelled to go on crutches.

The family of Hon. Wm. I. Lewis, have returned to Washington, D. C., after passing the summer and fall at the homestead. Mr. Lewis will remain in town during the winter and commences his duties as representative in the legislature from Westbrooke early in the year.

CLINTON.

R. W. Barnes passed Sunday at his home in Montowese.

Mrs. Hettie Johnson was a visitor at the Elm City yesterday.

John E. Bacon was in the Metropolis for a number of days last week.

The schooner Marian, Capt. Lester R. Oakes, sailed to-day for New York.

Alvah Pierson is building a barn in the rear of his East Main Street residence.

Mrs. F. J. Wilcox of Ivoryton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellman.

John M. Milliken went to New Haven yesterday to consult a specialist regarding his eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tables, of New Haven, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bacon.

Dr. G. D. Kugler of Greenville, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Buell, High street.

Mrs. L. B. Bundy will, as usual, pass the winter in Florida, to which state she will shortly go.

Alexander Carter of West Haven, was in town yesterday calling on his sister, Mrs. Wm. Kirtland.

Mrs. E. A. Lynde of Westbrooke, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Louis A. Merrill, on Monday.

C. L. Swain is excavating for a cellar on his premises and will shortly begin the erection of another house.

Miss Jennie Sherman, who is teaching at Spring Hill, has been enjoying a brief vacation at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wright of Prospect Hill, visited their daughter, Mrs. S. S. Brooks, in Chester Saturday.

John E. Andrews is recovering from an exceedingly painful wound on the hand, caused by the barb of a fish hook.

F. D. Meigs, the New Haven clothier, rode out on his wheel to his former home in Hammonasset early in the week.

Thomas H. Pratt has just completed a handsome ice house and is now impatiently awaiting the work of the Frost King.

Charles R. Pratt and a gentleman friend from New York, were in town the past week the guests of Thomas H. Pratt.

Captain T. F. Meigs and son, with A. W. Miller, are kept very busy these days preparing the porker for the barrel and skillet.

Wyckoff Bros., the Waterside boat builders, have recently added an extensive building to their plant, the same to be used for storage purposes.

Our young society people are arranging for a dance to be held at Morgan Hall on the evening of December 18. It will be a subscription affair.

Editor Kirtland of the Deep River Era, and publisher of the RECORDER, with Wm. Le Vaughn and George Bole called on A. W. Jones, Sunday.

The Misses Charlotte and Edna Smith returned to their school duties in Durham, the past week, after spending a short vacation at their home in town.

Ralph C. Meigs, who has been working in Sag Harbor, L. I., for some weeks, has returned and is at present assisting his father in the butchering business.

Mrs. J. F. Skewes received an unfortunate fall on Sunday morning while descending a flight of stairs at her home which resulted in a badly sprained wrist.

Mrs. H. W. Hubbard, who has been confined to her room for many weeks with a badly burned arm, the result of an accident, is once more able to go out of doors.

At the convention of delegates of the agricultural societies and granges of this county held in Chester last Saturday, Edwin H. Wright of this town was chosen a member of the State Board of Agriculture for Middlesex county.

L. H. Hurlt has rented "Rose Meade Villa," his fine West Main Street residence, to Thomas H. Pratt. Mr. Pratt and his mother will reside there until the completion of the new "Bohemian," which it is expected will be ready for occupancy by May 1st, next. Mr. and Mrs. Hurlt will reside during the winter at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.

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Have you tried Dr. Richards' Headache Wafers? They take the lead. Many a sufferer can vouch for their efficiency. 15c a package at your Druggist's, or mailed to any address on receipt of price.

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For pure Grape Wine, go to A. LEVERONE'S; 25 cents per bottle; \$1.00 per gallon.

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We are carrying many pretty things for the Christmas Trade this year, with the prices so adjusted that any one can afford to buy.

Handsome Presents from 25c to \$10.00. Look at our line of Atomizers, Fancy Bottles, Perfumes, Manicure Sets, Toilet Cases and other handsome gifts before purchasing elsewhere. You will be convinced that they cannot be equalled for the price anywhere.

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Holiday News at Hislop's.

The Great Store has done its Holiday attire and bids you kindly welcome. You have just reason to feel proud of your home store. Never before has your Christmas buying been made so attractive to you. We have nearly doubled our selling space, and every available foot of it has been used to display to the very best advantage the truly wonderful collection of merchandise which we have gathered together for your approval and selection. The Christmas trade this year is, in our opinion, the largest in volume. A small army of clerks are posted in the various sections, and we will do our level best to serve you with promptness and satisfaction.

- Books Dolls Toys Games China Glass Bric-a-Brac Japanese Ware Handkerchiefs Umbrellas Gloves Neckwear Furs Leather Goods Perfumery Fancy Novelties Etc., Etc.

Be Sure to Visit that Wonderful Holiday Basement.

The Book Sale. This old town has never seen such book selling before. Wonder and surprise are expressed on every hand at the extraordinarily low prices. How can they do it? We don't know; we only know that they are doing it. You should not fail to look through the big book stock.

Handsome cloth bound 12 mos., two hundred titles, best authors, regularly worth 40c., our price 19c. 150 select titles in rich, buckram and silver bound handy classics, these also at 19c., listed at 50c. 300 cloth back, marble-side 12 mos., world's best authors, 50c books for 25c. Half Russia 12 mos., marbled sides, all standard works, 100 titles, 75c book for 35c. 50 titles boys' cloth bound books, 50 cent list 25c.

The famous Sophia May Books. 24 titles, singly or in sets, 50c a volume, \$3.19 a set. 5 little pepper series, 3 volumes in set, \$3.39 a set. Complete Mother Goose, board covers, 49c., cloth 69c. Gulliver's Travels, Robinson Crusoe, A. O. P. Fables, Swiss Family Robinson; board covers, 39c., cloth, large size, gold embossed, 69c.

Limp leather covers, from \$1.29 to \$4.29—all good prints. Great stock of juvenile books in bright board covers, 5c. to 49c. Hundreds of dainty gift books, art publications, booklets and calendars. (Books rear east)

Doll Section. A complete department in itself. Nearly every worthy doll idea may be found in it. Here's a few: Bisque head, cloth body doll, 13 in., 22c. Fine Bisque, jointed dolls, 14 inch, 23c. 17 inch Kid body doll, shoes and stockings, bisque head, 49c. Indestructible dolls, with cap, 15 inch 39c. Daintily dressed dolls, bisque head, 15 inch, 69c. Big 21 inch Kid body, bisque doll, opens and closes its eyes, shoes and stockings. (Dolls rear east aisle.)

Wonderland in the Basement. GAMES. Big assortment of games at 10c. 20 styles of games and sliced animals, maps, pictures and puzzles, 25c. Choice of 25 titles, popular games 45c. and 69c. A very large line of big, new games at 99c. You should see them.

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Of a relative or friend in Crayon, Water Colors, French Pastel or Oil Painting. Every style finished up in the highest Grade, and a Perfect Likeness Guaranteed, even from the oldest, faded or sunniest picture. Any style of Portrait has to stand the length of time as Free Hand Drawing Only is used, while others in general are printed and touched up with charcoal, etc., and in a short time your investment and faded portrait is gone. Call at the Studio, 85 State Street, NEW LONDON, CONN. Before going elsewhere, and compare my work with others, and you will be convinced. Special Prices until December 25th, 1896.

Fancy Baskets in Basement. Standard work baskets, hanging, baskets, scrap baskets, fruit baskets, baskets of every style and shape; and the prices are from 5c. to 85c. Wish we could say more about them, but space forbids.

Toys in the Basement. Horses, carts, blocks, dolls, furniture, tool chests, and dozens of other articles to make the little ones happy.

Decorated China in the Basement. Dainty after-dinner cups and saucers, one long table full of fancy plates (all sizes and styles), innumerable pretty decorations in full size coffee and tea cups, bread and milk sets, salad dishes, sauce dishes, ice cream sets, pitchers, etc.

Glassware in Basement. Tumblers, goblets, berry bowls, sugar and cream sets, and dozens of other articles for use or ornament.

Foot of Grand Stair Case. A grand showing of bric-a-brac, fine Dresden china and cut glass. These are all samples from a prominent importer, among them are: fine Bohemian glass, gold embossed vases, fine cut glass flower holders, delicately decorated cracker jars, fine Dresden clocks, (unique shapes), fine plate, handsome plates, handsome delft plaques, large vases, and numerous ornamental novelties.

Great Handkerchief Stock Hundreds of dozens of them. All selected for the merry gift giving time. Wonders of daintiness and price cheapness. Just three or four special items here. 25 dozens fine embossed swiss handkerchiefs, the 12c. quality for 10c. Fine white hemstitched handkerchiefs warranted pure linen, 20c. grade, 12c. Child's all-linen handkerchiefs, three in a box, 25c. the box. Men's fine all-linen tape border white handkerchiefs, 17c. some 13c. (East aisle)

Holiday Umbrellas. The range is from 49c. to \$8.00 and full equipment of the prices and sizes that fit in between. We have prepared for the biggest umbrella trade in our history. Here's a special or two: Ladies' or gentlemen's gloria silk umbrellas, steel rods, natural sticks, \$2.00 kind for \$1.50. Handsome lots of gentlemen's gloria silk umbrellas, steel rods, sterling silver trimmed sticks, \$2.75 grade at \$2.00. A very fine umbrella for ladies use 26 inch Arabian vine handles, Ivory, tipped, also horn and sterling silver tipped d, these are \$3.00.

Aprons at Hislop's. We've got a stock of aprons for gift givers that you can ill afford to pass. Prices from 25c. to \$1.75. We can't go into particulars but would say if its aprons, remember this store.

The Christmas Demonstration. IN SILKS, IN DRESS GOODS, IN CLOAKS, IN FURS, will be most pronounced. Every department at its best.

Our Bulk Perfumes. We shall sell our best bulk perfumes, 12 popular odors at 25c. an ounce and furnish the bottle. This is a 40c. perfume. Other fine perfumes done up in fancy bottles and boxes, at very moderate prices for good goods.

Down Pillows, Japanese Silk Coverings. Made a big purchase of these pillows for the Xmas trade; 154 in the lots, sizes 18x20 inches; some handsomely figured, some embroidery; the price range is \$1.39 to \$4.50. (On Sale at Luce Counter, West Aisle.)

Men's Furnishings. Great stacks of new neckwear (tecks and 4-in hand), fine suspenders, fine shirts, half hose, collars, cuffs, etc.

Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 1896.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE. Trains leave Niantic Station, going East, at 7:30 and 12:30 a. m., 4:31, 6:34 p. m., and 10:34 p. m. Going West, 7:49 and 10:39 a. m., 1:17, 3:14 and 6:17 p. m. Station closes at 7:15 p. m.

NIANTIC POST OFFICE. Mails close, going East, at 9:15 a. m., 12:35, 2:30 p. m., going West, at 7:34 a. m., 1:30, 5:45 p. m. Mails open from the East at 9:30 a. m., 1:30, 5:15 p. m., from the West at 9:40 a. m., 1:30, 7:30 p. m. M. C. WALTER, P. M.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Joseph McKee, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Deacons' meeting 3rd Thursday of each month. Covenant meeting 3rd Friday of each month. The members' meeting 3rd Sunday of each month. Prayer and Bible study meeting every Friday evening. 7:15 p. m. meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:30, and Sunday evening at 6:30. The public cordially invited to all services. Strangers and newcomers welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Dyson, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Sunday School at 12 m. Evening service at 7:30. Class meeting Tuesday evening; regular prayer meeting Friday evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. Stephen Smith, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 11:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Friday evening at 7:30 p. m.

THE FRATERNITIES. Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall. Bay View Lodge, No. 190, F. & A. M., meets every first and third Saturday in each month in Union Hall.

TALK OF THE TOWN. Mrs. Hausen is quite ill at her home. Capt. D. C. Quinley is home for a few days. Miss Mabel Rogers is in Willimantic for a few days. Arthur Beebe has secured a position on Cornfield Lightship.

Mrs. Gertrude V. Beckwith has gone to Hartford for the winter. Dr. R. Young has purchased the baker route, formerly run by Curtis. Dr. Wronker, optician, will be at Dr. Chipman's to-morrow, the 16th. The local churches are very busy making preparations for Christmas. James Wheeler and wife are rejoicing over an increase in their family. It is a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gardner of Black Point, left for New Britain, last week, where they will reside this winter. \$40 per month and expenses paid good men for taking orders. Steady work. Apply Protective Nurseries, Geneva, N. Y. Union Lodge, A. O. U. W., nominated officers, Monday night. Niantic Lodge, N. E. O. P., made nominations Thursday evening.

The old Latham House on the west road, has been completely demolished and the debris is now being taken away for firewood. S. O. Harrington made a business trip to New Haven, Saturday, preparatory to taking in a stock of toys and novelties. The Ladies' society of the Congregational church, will hold a fair in the church vestry on Wednesday. Fancy articles will be for sale.

Two concerts will be given at the Congregational church, during Christmas tide. One on Sunday evening Dec. 21, and the other on Christmas eve. John S. Tretaway and family, who have resided in Niantic for the past eight years, left for England, yesterday, where they will reside in the future. Gates Bros. are selling cranberries, 3 quarts for 25 cents, also broken candles, mixed candies, new dates, new figs, etc., all first class goods and at low prices.

The "News" is in receipt of the Columbia calendar for 1897; a very useful memorandum book, with leaf for each day, filled with bright thoughts and graceful figures. The oyster supper given at the "Old Stone House" on Wednesday evening, was attended by a large gathering of both old and young. A musical program was rendered during the evening, which was very much enjoyed. The local correspondent of the Valley Advertiser, still persists that there is a "black ghost" in town. No one connected with the "News" has yet met this lady of the grave, but if an acquaintance is made, a notice of her death will grace our columns. In making up your list of holiday purchases, don't leave the store of John H. Starbuck, New London, out of your calculations. He has a very complete stock of everything one can want in the line of jewelry, and has made special prices for the holidays. It was the intention in selecting Christmas goods for Downey's pharmacy this year, to secure a stock from which everyone could select something that would satisfy both in price and attractiveness. Fancy bottled perfumery, massage sets, toilet cases, stoneware, etc. presents for everyone at prices from 25 cents to \$10. With every purchase you receive a coupon for the \$35 to be awarded on Christmas Eve.

Two thousand railroad ties and about fifty telegraph poles have been loaded on cars on the siding in the old ice lot during the past two weeks. These have been consigned to various sections on the "consolidated" where most needed. There is one paying industry in Niantic anyhow. The poem "How we painted the church," an original poem recited by the composer, Mrs. Stephen Smith, received much praiseworthy comment. The net receipts amounted to quite a sum, which will be used in paying the expense incurred in painting the Congregational church.

The clever devices of man are many and none are more attractive than those in jewelry or timepieces. Perry & Stone, 131 State street, have lately imported a quantity of loose diamonds and will sell diamond studs or rings worth \$15 to \$125 for \$10 to \$100. There are 1,600 stone rings from which to select. Filled cases, twenty year, 14 k. filled gold watch cases with Waltham movements will be offered at only \$10 each. Charity begins first at home. There are one or two cases in our own town, where people are in needy circumstances. A little charity is able to make them comfortable and happy. Christmas cheer should not be allowed to be wanting in any home. The church societies have already been notified of these cases, and it is sincerely hoped that everyone will respond to the call for aid, so that when the Christmas chimes peal out their sweet sounds, they will be heard in every home.

The holiday announcement of James Hislop and company, found in the advertising columns, tells an interesting story of the good things for the Christmas holidays. The immense store is overflowing with the attractive things and there can be found any variety of appropriate gifts for persons in any walk in life. It would take a page to enumerate them all. There are books, dolls, toys, games, china, glassware, bric-a-brac, Japanese ware, leather goods, perfumery, fancy novelties and every conceivable thing in wearing apparel at prices the lowest.

Col. Henry C. Morgan of Colchester, was officially notified of his appointment by the incoming Quartermaster General, Louis N. Van Kueran of Bridgeport, as assistant Quartermaster General. Col. Morgan has twice before held the position under Quartermaster General Harbison and Sloat in the Bigelow administration, and under General Rudd during Buckley's term of office. Col. Morgan is very well known in this town, and the news of his appointment was received with pleasure. Col. Morgan is a retired officer of the regular army, and lost a leg in the service. He is fifty-four years of age and holds the brevet rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the army.

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A certain class of people known all over the world as gossips, and a class by no means not indigenous to our town, have been busily engaged trying to solve a secret. One that would make an author of the dime novel class, smile with pleasure and rub his hands with glee. For the past two weeks, several over-anxious people have been very curious to learn the business of two men who have come to town and are acting in a strange, but unobtrusive manner. That they were liquor spotters was first suspected, but being approached on the subject, the gentlemen made a firm denial and that appellation was speedily dismissed. What business they are engaged in no one knows, and as far as that goes, it is plainly no ones business. Let them try as hard as they may, they will certainly not meet with success.

Edward Beckwith and Penfield Bacon took a sail up Niantic river, Saturday, in a small centerboard sailing boat, and when they arrived home, they were not only wet, but they had a story of adventure to relate to their friends. They got up the river all right and were having an enjoyable time, but when they began to return home, trouble arose. The wind was against them, but Penfield understands how to manage a boat and they beat their way down stream quite a distance, but in some manner got on the flats and were not able to get off or to use the centerboard. To make matters worse, the rudder which they were using, snapped in twain, while trying to push the craft off the flats. Here they were a half mile from anywhere, on the flats and no rudder. There was only one thing left to do, get out and push the boat. This could be easily done, for the water on the flats was very shallow. The only trouble was that they had no shoes, but those they must go and home they went, pushing the boat before them. Doubtless they were wet when they did arrive home, and we would like to wager that they won't go sailing right away.

HAMBURGH. Mrs. J. B. Anderson of Old Lyme, is the guest of her parents. Miss Emma Peck is home from Centertown to recruit her health, which has failed from caring for an old lady. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson and son have gone to New Jersey to spend the holidays. Mr. Anderson was bitten by a cat a week ago, and the wound had become so painful that he went earlier than he expected to stop in New York for treatment. George Tiffany has six horses to keep through the winter for New York and Brooklyn parties. Mr. White is also brooding at Mr. Tiffany's and caring for the horses. Several of them are fast trotters, and the citizens can look at them while they are being exercised.

HOW WE DID THE PAINTING. "Illustrous acts high raptures do infuse. And every conqueror creates a muse." —Waller. "Once on a time"—as poets sing— In hamlet by the sea, Where time and tide together flowed With faithful consent, A thing of much importance came, As summer winds to fall. A great event, and one which seemed, Of interest to all; For years had passed since brush of paint Had graced the parson's home; And e'en the church across the way Looked shabby to its dome. Yes, paint we must the people cried, And let us do the work Ere winter comes with frost and snow, And let there be no shrink. A paper, sermon in size, Which stated clear their need, The parson wrote in letters bold, That he who runs might read. 'Twas circulated far and near, 'Twas none might feel a slighted; And as the money moved apace, All doubts were quickly blighted. The paint was brought an mixed and tried Upon the old church, And as it gleamed in spotless hue, Its beauty charmed them all. The man who took the oversight Of this important work, Was true and faithful, skillful too, Ah! he was sure no shrink. He had the ladders placed with care; He viewed the scene with pride; He gave his orders, royal like, And well his paint brush piled. But when he scanned the topmost point Of that old steeple high, His heart beat fast, his courage failed; Alas! who would dare try. Ascend that dizzy height, and paint, Poised, trembling, in mid-air? The very thought was sickening; Ah! surely, who would dare? True, they had done some dizzy work, But this was what they saw; And any man who did the task Immortalized his name. Eureka! yes, a man was found; A man with hand most steady; You distant height appalled him not; They found him more than ready. They lashed him as they lashed at sea When tempest torrents roar; They lashed him carefully and fast; All this they done and more; For a youth, like Casablanca, Stood in the belfry low, And patiently and firmly held That rope—it could not go. The hero—when his valliant deed Was done, twirled earth and sky— Descended safely, and his fame Must never, never die! And then the parson's home they scanned These faithful painter men; But Oh! the hair of what they did I have not time to pen. They scraped that house with sandpaper A score of men or less— And thoroughly they did their work, Though arduous you'll confess. Among those workers I might name One well-known to you all; He trains the young in wisdom's ways In yonder learning's hall. Some service, too, was gladly given; So faithful by his day, Given for the good of all mankind, And not for love of pay. But when the time for painting came, They wondered what the shade. At length the great decisive choice Was, as it proved well made. And every painter dipped his brush The pails of lemon hue; And day by day we saw the house Bloom forth in beauty new. And various work to various hands Was then assigned with care; For some worked on the window-sash, And some on trimmings fair. And some took blinds, until they shone In shades of emerald green, While fences, and the minor things, Were all worked in between. But let me say, right here my friend, That in that home of quietude, Some hours of peace were overturned With just a bit of riot. For often, when we little thought Within our peaceful home, A knock was heard, and entrance asked To the "north-east corner room." The parson's study, too, was found, And scenes painted there More like a fairytale, just as well As if he painted any where. And in our home we had a guest; Her room she guarded well; And watched, lest they might enter there; But this I wish to tell. That painter man—he cared no more, Because she charmed the throng With music's strains; as often she Had warbled forth her song— For work was work, important too, And so each room was sought, And we were thankful 'twas so, As the care to us brought. We little thought, and day by day, The rooms north-east and west, We let disorder have its sway, Till came a day of rest. Dear friends my poem reads so charmed, So like a fairytale, 'Twould be unfair to write and write, And after all to fail. Of giving you a record true, Of burnishing my story With all the bright and glowing things, With all the valliant glory, And leaving out the sombre parts— For trials there were few— And the painter-man, who took the charge, Saw times when life looked blue. He came within our kitchen warm; His face revealed his pain; He baffled with an aching tooth— At times it seemed in vain. But we applied our remedies, And sent him on his way Rejoicing in the camphor balm; His face like sunlight ray. But clouds, which float across our sky, With silver oft are lined, And though they seem so hard to face, They leave no taint behind. And thus perchance, it may have been With these brave painter men; For ladders must have oft looked high, And days looked long to them. But they worked on, as if for prize, Till one bright autumn morn' The house, a thing of beauty stood— No longer plain, forlorn. It's lemon dress became it well; It's casements closed in green; It's trimmings white; it's turrets gray, As fine as any seen. Each looker viewed the place with pride; The parson radiant stood! And every man and woman said 'Twas work well done, 'twas good. The ladders then were laid away; The painters sought their home; With laurels circling each fair bow, Of laurels truly won. But now my fancy weaves apace; My shrine is growing old, And I have spun from out its web, A tale which now is told. But, when around your fireside hearth, Brave deeds are oft related, Then tell with thankful lips and heart How the parson's house was painted. Mrs. STEPHEN SMITH.

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