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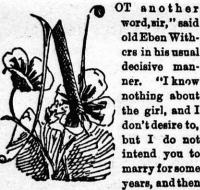
All hail the glorious Christmastide! With good will fraught, from envy free, Stilled be the throb of worldly pride; May gloom disperse and shadows flee! May Peace, with wide extended arms, O'er Nations spread her soothing charms. And, hushing brazen war's alarms. Her greetings send from sea to sea-

All hail the gladsome Christmastide! Loud ring the joyful chimes again; May universal love abide, "Peace, peace on earth—good will to men!"

Ring clear and sweetly toned as when They ushered in the Saviour's birth, Proclaiming to the darkened earth Eternal light, salvation's worth-Amen, amen! ...

TWO CHRISTMAS EVES

BY DAVID A. CURTIS.



word, sir," said old Eben Withers in his usual decisive manner. "I know nothing about the girl, and I don't desire to. but I do not intend you to marry for some years, and then

you are not to choose a penniless bride. You are to build up the family fortune, sir, not scatter it. No; I will not listen." And he turned to his morning paper again.

le i the room. He was as plucky a proud of yourself. Now that you are to me, dear?" lad as there was in seven counties a man I want to start you with this. around, but he had always been obedient, partly from a sense of duty and partly because of the genuine love and a general line of kitchen that existed between father and son. But even young Eben, after he met

Miss Mildred, saw things a little differently and would perhaps have used another word than love in speaking of his father. Certainly it did not seem as if his filial love was very strong your kindness to me all my life," he father had said.

Miss Mildred did not take it well. Young Eben was dissatisfied with the promptness with which she said that she would never forgive herself if she should be the cause of a quarrel between him and his father.

man. You couldn't fully appreciate know-" the beauty of her brown hair with its odd gleans of red and of gold before you would be admiring her broad low forehead, full in the temples, rounded and symmetrical as it was. Then a flash from her deep, large, hazel eyes would fasten your gaze for a moment till the perfect complexion and chiseled, classic features would coax it away, and the sweet glory of her face would perplex you so with its multiplicity of charms that you would Sall to considering which of them was most to be desired.

All this beauty, which his father had undertaken to deny to him, without even seeing it made young Eben desperate. "Then you want me to marry some other woman." he said.

"No, no! Never!" she exclaimed almost wildly as she threw her arms around his neck and began to sob at the thought. Her quick emotions were not the least of her charms.

And that is why she did not take i well. She would, and she wouldn't listen to either side of the question. Young Eben must obey his father, and he must never cease to love her, por ever marry any one elsa. And



"LET US PART IN KINDNESS."

nothing was ever to induce her to waver in any respect. It was delightful-and somewhat perplexing.

"If you won't settle the matter." he said finally, "I will." This, by the way, was what he had intended from the first.

"Settle it, how?" she asked in some alarm.

"By marrying you," he said, firmly, "but not just now. I will do nothing

It must be said that the next few months were pretty hard ones for the boy. He had set himself to wait till he should be of age, the next December, not with the thought of defying his father even then, bre bocause he would render his service levally to the One evening late in the year young last day. So time went or. His duty Eben had come home from his work was done at his deak in the counting and settled himself, as his habit was, room so well that his father could not to study, when he was suddenly intercomplain, rigid taskmaster though he rupted.



morning old Eben met him with something like emotion.

"I have looked forward to this day," It is yours to do with as you like."

"This" was a check for a small fortune. He took it from his pocket as he spoke and handed it to the young

"It would be idle, sir, to try to thank you in words for this, or for all very small after that." seems small compared to that. I just what I am afraid of." want you, sir, to reconsider what you said about my marrying. Let me in- you afraid of?" asked young Eben. troduce you to the woman --"

was a thing calculated to bewilder a a father. I have no legal claim, I

"Don't talk of a legal claim, father," said the son, interrupting in his turn. marriage. Do you understand?"

young Eben. "And you must underchange, sir, any more than you. I that."

"Then we may as well part now," said Eben, stung beyond endurance by the first defiant words he had ever listened to. "You can have no claim on me henseforth."

"If we part," said the lad, his voice breaking, "let us part in kindness at she spoke in reply: least. I ask for nothing more." And he stepped forward with his hand outstretched. But the other drew back. "I said you had no claim on me. My kindness was for my son, not for an you are doing a cruel injustice to your ingrate. Obey me and everything son." shall be as it was. If not, go now."

With a despairing gesture the young man turned away, but his father spoke again. "Stop a moment," he said. "You have forgotten your check." And he pointed to where young Eben had dropped it on the table. "I gave you that, sir, before you had defied me. It is still yours.' "I cannot take it, father," said young Eben, with some spirit, though not defiantly. "You would not give it to me, now, and I cannot receive what does not come from your hearty good will."

"As you choose," said his father. 'I certainly would not give it to you

And after the young man left the room he picked up the slip of paper and tore it in bits before throwing it into the fire. Then, seating himself at the table, he rang for his breakfast. When it was brought, however, he sat for an hour looking straight before him and finally, leaving it untouched, he rose and went to his office.

"God help your poor father," said Mildred as she nestled in young Eben's arms in the shelter of their new home the night before Christmas. "Amen," said young Eben. He is

poor indeed in his loneliness, but I never can cease loving him." never relented, and there was a shadow over the little home, happy as it was.

"It was a bright, happy year for the youngsters, contrary to laws of fiction, for they had love and hope and hard work to fill the time and good common sense to guide them, but old Eben had

"I want to talk a little while," said strength he had not felt for months. Of course, the birthday came in Mildred, pulling his book away and His cry startled her and with a quick due time. Birthdeys do. In the seating herself on his knee.

"but you must pay for my time."

But after she had done that very he said. "as anxiously as you. You satisfactorily with a kiss he sat for a Young Eben said more than his pray- have been a good son and I believe long time with her head on his flames had been caught in the roaring ers sometimes, and it would not do to you always will be. I am proud of shoulder, saying nothing till at length draft of the old fashioned chimnes set down all he said to himself as he you, and I believe you will live to be he said, "I thought you wanted to talk and had been carried by the spirit of

> it were hard to begin. Then she said, "What would you like best for a Christmas present?"

man, who flushed with surprise and to Christmas yet," he said. "I hadn't perfectly natural pleasure as he looked thought. Besides, you gave me the Christmas. Anything else would seem

when he came to tell her what his said. "But I have something else to claimed, kissing him again. "And to ask. Even this princely gift of money say it as if you meant it. But that is

The dark face grew rigid. "Let us angels are going to bring you-about understand this now," said the father Christmas time -a blessed gift, straight Young Eben looked at her atten- interrupting. "I insist upon your from heaven, and I'm afraid you'll vely before speaking again, and that obedience so long as I play the part of love it more than you do me." Then

> Old Eben might have softened a bit "Very well. It is not a claim, but if he had known about this, but, of I am still your father, and so long as course, he didn't. He kept himself you continue in my home you are my well informed about the lad he loved, son. Let me hear no more of this but proud as he was to see that his folly. I will never consent to this son could make his way in the world without help, he was sensitive enough "I do. God help me!" exclaimed to feel it an injury to his own importance and unreasonable enough to feel stand me also. I shall certainly his anger increasing week by week. marry the girl I love, and I do not One day when he was more incensed than usual he made a will leaving all will obey you in all else, but not in his fortune to a distant cousin, Alice for bim.

When he told her about it that night, s gleam of triumph came into her narrow eyes. It was what she had hoped and schemed for, but her face was grave, and her voice steady, as

done nothing to deserve such kindness, and, pardon me for saying it,

and eating his heart.

Nothing moved him till that strange magic of Christmastide came. Here. there and everywhere it worked, pene trating even old Eben's mansion, despite the barred doors and reaching his stony heart as he sat thinking of bis well beloved son, and of the wife of his youth so long dead.

mas once more."

Smiling tenderly he fell asleep in his armchair in front of the great open fireplace, where the flames were roaring up the chimney. After a time he awoke with a start.

Alice, reading the will he had just made. She was furious with rage as he saw at a glance and just as he started she was about to tear the document in two. With an angry cry he leaped forward, his indignation giving him a

Still she was silent a moment, as if Young Eben laugh. "It's some time

most precious gift in the world last "How lovely to say that!" she ex-

This was bewildering. "What are

"I think"-she faltered, "that the came a flood of tears—happy ones that young Eben was too wise to try to

Withers, who had come to keep house

"You are doing too much for me, Cousin Eben," she said. "I have

It was a crafty speech, for she knew that the old man would resent the charge of injustice, and her eve flashed again when he said harshly: "I have no son. I had one, but he left me. Never mention him again." And so the breach seemed hopeless, but Christmas was coming again, and strange magic is working everywhere in the Christmas season, softening men's hearts and quickening all impulses to peace and good will. As the year drew to a close old Eben grew weaker and more infirm. Day after day he sat alone. Careless of his business. thinking always of his ruined hopes

It was another stormy Christmas Eve. Suddenly he rangfor a servant, and sent for his lawyer in haste and within an hour he sat alone again. looking with a happy smile at the new will he had made. "I will go to my son in the morning," he said to himself, "and we will have a happy Christ-

Between him and the fire stood

movement she cast the paper into the hair.

fismes before he could reach her. Then with a mocking laugh she turned toward him.

"Fool!" she began. "Do you And then she stopped. The shock

had been too much for the old man, and he fell on the floor before her in-That night in young Eben's sottage

there came a feeble wail, telling that a new born soul had flown in through the storm to the warm shelter of a happy mother's arms. All was well, the nurse said as she brought the lusty man child out, for Eben to see, and the young father's heart was moved with a great yearning. It must not be, he thought, that there should be any anger or hatred any more in the world. Whatever lay in his power he would do to bring peace. So, when the first excitement was

over and he was told that Mildred was asleep and must not be disturbed. he buttoned himself in his great coat and set out in the storm to seek his father's house and ask once more for his love.

The wind buffeted him, and he laughed. The driving snow beat upon him, and he shook it off lightly. Suddenly a paper fluttered along or the gale and struck him in the face, and he instinctively reached up and caught it. Then, stepping under a "Good," said young Eben, smiling light, he looked to see what it might

> Here was magic, if you please. The will that Alice had thrown into the Christmas straight to the hands of the heir. It was scorched a little but not injured.

Young Eben glanced through it and then noted the date, and with a glad



TE LOOKED TO SEE WHAT IT MIGHT BE.

shout sprang forward again. At his father's door Alice met and would have stopped him, but he pushed her aside with a laugh and went straight to the old men's room

There lay old Eben, weak from his fainting fit, but little the worse for it. "My son! My son!" he cried out eagerly. "Now I can die in peace." "Die nothing!" exclaimed young Eben, with a cheery laugh. "God has sent you a grandson and a son tonight. You'll have a merry Christmas vet with me and mine." And so it was.

Origin of Yule Tide.

Once upon a time, when Christmas was yet unknown, the Northern Nations of the world held a yearly festival which they called Yule. They wreathed with greens the temples of their heathen gods, as we wreathe our churches to-day; they burned great vule logs in honor of the sun, that he might make the earth blossom into spring; and they gave their children vule gifts from fir trees leaded down with pretty things, just as we give to our children upon Christmas Eve.

It was not until 180 years after Jesus Christ, in the reign of the Roman Emperor Commodus, that Yule became Christmas, and it was in the fourth century, at the time of Constantine the Great and of Diocletian, that there lived Saint Nicholas, whom boys and girls know everywhere as Santa Claus. The legend of the jolly old fellow traveling with his reindeer to fill the stockings, or, in some countries, the shoes, which children placed ready for him, grew from the fact that Saint Nicholas was regarded as the patron saint of young people the world over. We English-speaking Nations have the story from the Dutch.

A Christmas Trick.



Slyly placing the mistletoe in her

CHRISTMAS FUN AND PHILOSOPHY. A holey Christmas stocking catches

no gifts. A winter opening-The Christmas stocking.

The great Christmas presence-Santa Claus. A white Christmas makes a grave

undertaker. A Christmas tree-Stocking, Santa Claus and presents.

Christmas "lippers"-Those who kiss beneath the mistletoe. As the Christmas tree is bent, so are

the presents inclined. Christmas is present time that should always prove pastime. It isn't the longest stocking that

Christmas is coming, but the sweet 'buy and buy" is already with us. The mantle of Christmas charity is nore comfortable than a fur-lined cir-

catches the most Christmas gifts.

cular. A cheap Christmas present-Offering your heart to the girl whose money you love.

Christmas Eve proverb-One stocking on the mantelpiece is worth two on the feet.

The cheapest kind of a Christmas gift-'I present you with the compliments of the season." A cast-iron turkey may be a sub-

stantial Christmes gift to a poor rela-

tion, but it is ruinous to digestion. The charity that covers a multitude of sins ought to be ample enough to fill the Christmas stocking of a needy neighbor.

Yule Log Customs.

The burning of the Yule log is transmitted to us from cur ancient Scandinavian ancestors, who, at their feast of Juul, at the winter solstice, kindled huge bonfires in honor of Thor. When this became a Christmas Eve custom in England, the bringing in of the Yule log was attended with much pomp and circumstance. Every wayfarer raised his hat as he passed it, for it was thought to be full of good promises.

It was the custom, also, to lay aside the part of the log which was not consumed after it had served its purpose on Christmas Eve. It was carefully preserved in the cellar until the next Christmastime, when it was used to light the new log. It was a sign of bad luck if a squinting person entered A barefooted person and a flatfooted woman were equally bad omens.

As an accompaniment to the Yule log, a candle of "monstrous size." called the Yule candle, or Christmas candle, shed its light on the festive board during the evening. This was kept burning every one of the twelve nights of the festival. In Devonshire the Yule log takes the form of a great agot made of ash sticks and bound with bands of the same tree.

The Festival of "Yule Peace," The German, the Scandinavian and other Northern races used to keep, at the time of the winter solstice, a great festival known as "Yule peace," or the Twelve Nights. At this season the forces of nature—personified by all pagan people-were believed to be engaged in a grand conflict. Gods. goddesses, giants and ogres were struggling together with desperate enmity, which ended only when Thor demolished the castle of the King, and Freija, Godness of Spring, foreshadowed coming life, light and warmth. Old mythology is filled with striking and beautiful legends of this turning point in nature.

A Christmas Couple.

And a Christmas gander-One is named Phyllis The other Philander. -Pearl Rivers.

A Christmas Custom in Devonshire. A Devonshire custom is for the farmer, with his family and friends, to partake of hot cakes and cider, the cake being dipped into the cider before being eaten, and then to proceed to the orchard, one of the party bearing hot cakes and cider as an offering to the principal apple tree. The cake is placed in the fork of the tree and the cider thrown over it. while the men fire guns and pistols, and the womer shout:

Bear blue, apples and pears enow, Barn fulls, bag fulls, sack fulls. Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah! Compensation.

Tommy-"How many presents did ver get?" Jackie-"Twenty-one. How many

ver I can make more noise with mine than ver can make with yours."-A Sign. Collector-"I guess the Jones fam-

Tommy-"Nineteen. But I'll bet

d'yer get?"

Landlord- "Did they tell you so?" Collector -- "No: but they gave the man who lives upstairs a finte for Christmas."

ily are going to move."

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

Some Hints for Making the Home Look Attractive in Holiday Time. Nothing gives quite such a holiday. festive appearance to the home and rooms as a small quantity of holly and

evergreen. The latter can often be procured near home from the woods. For people with limited means Miss Parloa suggests some methods of decorating a room at small expense:

At least a week before Christmas get at the florist's about fifty cents' worth of the green stuff called "Wandering Jew." Probably many of our readers have this already in their window gardens. This will fill several bowls and vases. Arrange it gracefully in the various dishes and fill with water. After wiping the outside of the receptacles periectly dry, place on the corners of mantels, bookcases, etc. Change the water every other day. To do this do not disturb the plants; simply hold the vase under the faucet and let the fresh water run until all the old is displaced. In a week's time the vines will have grown into a graceful, luxuriant mass, and with care they

months. Smilax, asparagus, fern and other delicate vines can be used for pictures and statuary; but the expense puts them out of the reach of the majority of people. There is a hardy wild fern which all florists keep now and sell for about ten cents a dozen sprays. Buy a few dozen of these and place them on the cellar floor. Sprinkle well and they will keep for weeks. A large bowl filled with these and a few flowers will make an effective piece for the centre of the dinner table; or the bowl can be placed on a low table in any of the rooms.

can be kept in this condition for

Branches of holly, with their dark green foliage and scarlet berries, are emblems of Christmas. A modern custom in many families is to attach a prig of bolly which has berries on, to every gift sent away; also to fill a pretty basket with small bunches of holly, each tied with a knot of ribbon, to present to each one who calls during the holidays, a sprig of holly with the season's greeting.

Very effective decorations can be made by 'crystallizing' wheat, oats and rye. This is done by dissolving alum in soft water until the solution is so full of it that a drop shows a tendency to crystallize readily when allowed to cool. Then dip the bunches in thoroughly and hang them up head down until they are dry.

Christmas Long Ago. Robert J. Burdette in the Ladies'

Home Journal tells in his humerous way how he remembers the Christmas of long ago: "Most of the Christmas presents of those days were designed by the manufacturer for the hanging stocking. Anything too big to go into a stocking had to go over to somebody's birthday. In any family where there was more than one child the old reliable 'Noah's ark' was always looked for. We hailed with acclamations of astonished recognition Noah and Mrs. Noah, Messrs. and Mmes. Shem, Ham and Japhet. There was no way of telling the men and women apart, they looked exactly alike, but the elephant and giraffe you could distinguish at aglance, on account of the spots on the giraffe. So also the dog and the cow, because the cow was always white and blue, while the dog was invariably plain blue. Within twenty-four hours after the landing on Ararat the baby would have all the paint sucked off Shem. Ham and the hired man, and the doctor would be sent for.

"The red monkey climbing a red stick was another regular Christmas visitor. He was highly esteemed as s light luncheon by the baby. It never seemed to affect the infant unpleasantly-to himself, that is-although the cloudy symphony in red and blue about his innocent mouth was apt to make the beholder shiver. But it made the monkey look sick. Then there was a man on a box, with a major-general's uniform, beating a drum. You turned a crank, the general lifted his sticks high in the air, and something in the box made noise as much like a drum as a peal of thunder is like a piccolo. These things as toys were of no great value, but as practical and useful object lessons they were beyond all price, on the minus side.

She Gave It Away. "I suppose you will have a goose for Christmas dinner," said the butcher.

"Yes," replied the blushing young girl, who was doing the marketing because her mother was so busy she actually couldn't. "Mr. Sissy is coming down to the house-that is-erer-mamma says one about the usual size, Mr. Cleaver."

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution of England has now 308 boats under its management. Since its inception the institution has been instrumental in saving the lives of 38,329 shipwrecked mariners and passengers,

> A Christmas Coincidence, My Prue's a maid of seventeen, But still has childish ways; She always hangs her stocking up As in her infant days. I love her well at Christmas time.

And yet, one fact I rue-

Whene'er she hangs her stocking,

My watch gets hung up to.

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I doff my hat to the robin. And I fling a king to the wren The thrush's song sets my heart throbbing.

For it makes me a child again: But when you wing your airy flight. My soul springs up to follow; would be one with you, and I might. For I love you, love you, swallow

hear the many-voiced chatter Under the barn's broad eaves. As clear as the rain's blithe patter. Or lisp of crisp poplar leaves; I seem to learn the way to be glad, Earth's joys no more seem he'low: He who would flee from musings sad

Should learn to love you, swallow. Your flight is a song that lifts me A moment to upper air; That with strangest power gifts me To buoyantly match you there, How high so'er your course may run,

My eager thought doth follow;

Pogether we might reach the sun. For I love you, love you, swallow! -Arlo Bates, in Boston Budget.

FUN OF THE DAY,

The men who ridiculed Noah's ark were not in it. -Boston Transcript. The ignorance that is bliss is the ig-

norance of the man who thinks he

knows it all .- Puck. Mr. Dooley-"She is always running people down." Mr. Gurley-"A gossip, eh?" "No; a scorcher."—

tre you familiar with Brooklyn' Mr. Yorker?" "Well, I know where our family burying lot is located."-

Truth. "Harry, do you love your little baby brother?" "What's the use? He wouldn't know it if I did."-New York Journal.

band worth?" "I hear that her father gave \$300,000 for him." Chicago Times-Herald. "Jones has struck a congenial occupation." "What is he doing?" "He's

"By the way, what is Maud's hus-

the silent partner in a deaf mute school."-Judge. When the price of coal carouses, How we all might scorn its larks, Could we only heat our houses By the warmth of our remarks.

you have!" He-"They're necessary for a half back." She-"My! how broad the full backs must be."-Miss Wellalong (making a call)-"Katie, you are getting to be quite .

She-"What fine, broad shoulder-

girl. How old are you?" You're getting to be quite a girl, too, How old are you?"-Chicago Tribune. "Have you been busy lately, Mrs. Plodgett?" "Yes; I've just worn my. self out trying to think what all those things were that Mr. Plodgett prom-

ised to buy me after the election."-

Rev. Dogood-"My poor, unfor-

Chicago Record.

tunate man, read this tract when you get time." Bill the Burglar (somplacently)-"I don't expect to git no time dis trip, mister. Me lawyers hes fixed up a corkin' alleyby fer me."-Puck. Teacher-"Tommy, what do you mean, you naughty boy?" Tommy-"I ain't doin' nothin'." Teacher-

"Why, Tommy, you whistled; I heard

vou." Tommy-"My mother says

you shouldn't believe all you hear."-

Boston Transcript.

An Arab's Answer. A Frenchman who had won a high rank among men of science, and who ret denied the existence of God, the author of all science, was crossing the Desert of Sahara in company with an Arab guide. This socalled philosopher noticed with a sneer that at certain times his guide, whatever obstacles might arise, put them all aside, and kneeling on the burning sands, called

Day after day passed, and the Arab never neglected his devotions. At last one evening, as he rose from his knees, the Frenchman asked him with a sneer: "How do you know there is a God?"

on his God.

scoffer in wonder, and then said, solemnly: "How do I know there is a God? How did I know that a man, and not a camel, passed my hut last night in the darkness? Was it not by the print of his foot on the sand? Even so"and he pointed to the sun, whose last

The guide fixed his eyes upon the

of a man." A Wise Decision.

rays were flashing over the lonely

desert-"that footprint was not that

The celebrated Rev. Dr. Beecher (father of Henry Ward) being once asked why he did not reply to a man who had being telling lies about him in the newspapers, answered that when he was a young man, crossing a field with an armful of books one evening. he came across a small animal and burled several volumes at him but got the worst of it; since which time he had thought it better to let all such animals alone.

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if to oats, eighty-eight; potatoes, Indian corn and rice, 176; and if to the plantain on bread tree, over 6000

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James Riddle was in Hartford one day Eugène and Henry Munroe killed 10

black ducks Saturday afternoon. Charles G. Bartlett Jr., of Yale, is

spending his vacation at his home.

Quite a number of the townspeople enjoyed the day in New London, Satur-Mrs. Maggie Kennedy of New York

was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harris Applebey, Saturday. Captain James A. Bill purchased a fine flock of sheep from Chester Haynes

last Thursday morning. Captain James A. Bill shipped a car load of sheep to Sperry & Barnes at

New Haven last Thursday. The doors of the graded school were town. closed Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation which lasts for two weeks.

Judge W. C. Noyes shipped a large quantity of baled hay from his farm urday. here to parties in New London last Fri-Frank Riddle and wife of Norwood.

Mass., are spending a short part of his mother. their wedding trip with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard Mr. Henry Pierson purchased some

fine turkeys from parties in Groton, Saturday, which he expects to use for breeding purposes. William B. Tooker has in the course

of erection a large poultry house, when Mrs. Foster for some weeks. finished it is his intention to raise early broilers for the spring trade.

for New London last Saturday where will for the present reside. they will spend the Christmas holidays Joseph G. Hurlbut and family, who with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Armstrong.

selves by skating the rest of the week. liard.

Griswold Perkins of Union College, J. G. Perkins.

Mrs. Salsbury has exchanged her farm horses with Oliver Raymond of Fred Hurd spent last Saturday, in day evening.

Wm. N. Austin took his naphtha of North Madison. Several squirrels and launch out of commission Wednesday, and it is now quartered in the boat house which is in the course of erection day, the 11th. instant, shot a woodcock,

adjoining his barn. held in the town hall Friday evening for the purchase of books for the library The oyster supper and birthday party was a very successful affair by which spring.

\$108 was realized. A spark from a passing tug boat set fire to the uncut grass on Calves Island issue of the RECORDER had gone to one evening last week, which made a housekeeping in Mrs. D. O. Card's tenefine illumination. Until the cause was ment, have taken up their residence in discovered it was thought that some residence on the neck road was in

Mrs. W. G. Lane lost another valuable cow last week from presumably the assett duck shooter, is beginning the same cause as the one which died a week fall and winter harvest among the wild ago, which puzzles the veterenary sur- fowl. Mr. Parker is an unnsually sucgeons quite a good deal, as in each case cessful sportsman and bags from two to the cows being alright the night before five hundred ducks, mostly of the black and in the morning being found dead in or dusky variety, every season.

Last Tuesday evening we were treated to a young blizzard, which raged quite Saturday afternoon. A celebrated solofiercely until Thursday morning. When ist from Boston was present and assisit quieted down there was about two ted in the programme. Refreshments feet of snow on the level and it gave a were served after the entertainment. number of townspeople a chance for sleighing which they took advantage of thinking of building a handsome resias long as it lasted.

troup gave their last entertainment at ated. The more gentlemen like Mr. the town hall Saturday evening and Pratt who can be induced to locate here, left for Niantic Monday morning. It the better for the wellfare and best inwas their original intention to stay two terests of the town. or three weeks, but as the townspeople are in a very healthy state and did not which occurred in Florida last week, need any of their medicine they decided creates a feeling of sorrow and sympato cut their visit short.

### WESTBROOK.

the churches for Christmas. boarding with Mrs. E. A. Hill.

Mrs. John Lancaster of Ivoryton, is Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harvey of Cen-

Special music is being rehearsed

terbrook. were in town, Sunday. E. Tibbals has left the employ Comstock, Cheney & Co., Ivoryton. John A. Walker has gone to Hartford, where he has found employment.

Austin Post is making improvements about his property in the Pond Meadow

Dr. and Mrs. F. Cowles attended the wedding of a friend in New Haven, the past week.

The directors of the Public Library duets with her pupils and there were aid a meeting at G C. Moore's Mon- also plane soles by some of the more

The Choral society met as usual last ments were served, and the remainder of the lecture room at the of the time was devoted to musical

CLINTON.

Mrs. S. R. Parker is visiting in New Capt. George C. Spencer of Westrook, was in town, Friday.

wound. H. C. Hull was the guest of his At W. C. Slate's: Mr. and Mrs. James prother, in New Haven, Saturday. Collins, Mystic, Ct., Chas. Slate, of New Rochelle, N. Y., Willie Slate, New The Hammonassett Yacht club have

London.

At Supt. and Mrs. F. C. Paynes are

Will Collins, Norwich; Frank Lord

Ivoryton; Mrs. Jane Douglas, New

Haven, and John Collins of New Lon-

The writer of this article would say

if anyone finds a pair of rubber boots

lost in the various mud holes in this

Bied on the 13th, Mrs. Jane M. Little-

field, aged 83 years. She has been an

invalid for a number of years and suf-

her in our hamlet. But as our aged

mons was expected and she was pre-

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tenth anniversary of her elevation to the

dignity of an university. During this

been greatly added to until to-day the

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gone into hibernation for the winter. Rev. Father Degnan, of Guilford, was calling on parishioners in town Friday. Mrs. C. Bennet and daughter, New Haven; Mrs. John Hopson, New Haven; Walter Wilcox is working for W. H. Stafford, the Star Department Store man. Sarah Comstock, Mrs. Curtis Jones George Champlin of New London. passed the Sabbath with his family in

E. A. Miller of Ivoryton, was in town Friday, the guest of his brother, J. H.

L. H. Hurtt, president of the Pond's town, please bring them this way. We Extract Co., has been spending the past are speaking about the place known as week in town.

compelled to walk the railroad en route Harry Spencer left Saturday, for a for school. Buy plank if nothing else week's sojourn in Meriden, New Haven, can be done for their benefit. and New York.

Rev. Father Degnan, of Guilford, will conduct a Catholic service at the town hall next Sabbath.

fered greatly. The funeral was con-Mrs. L. E. Wood and daughter, Miss ducted by Elder Smith of the Niantic Eugenia, were guests of New Haven Congregational church. Funeral from friends the past week. her home, The Rocky Neck House. John S. Pelton, who has been absent Three sons survive her and will miss

in Springfield, Mass., for the past three mother, and a host of friends will miss months, has returned. Jared Buell and son, the timber dealones say "we are ready when called

ers, have received glarge order for rail- home. Death has no sting for them a road ties from abroad. James Turner, who has been enjoying

a week's vacation in New Haven, and George R. Slate, aged 82 years, at the other places, has returned. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott Hull of New

York, were recent visitors at Miss sufferer for a long period, and the sum-Emily Hull's, West Main Street. Prof. Arthur Wheeler of Yale University, was in town Saturday, passing

the day at his Grove Beach cottage. made a host of friends. 60 years ago Joseph Garvey, representing a well she and Mrs. E. R. Bump were near known New York manufacturer of gas machines, was in town the past week. ing my illness, . kind acts I received at Henry Smith is engaged in making her hands and we will all miss her and improvements for John Chatfield at the extend our sympathy to her many latters home in the eastern part of the sorrowing children.

Representative-elect H. C. Hull received a copy of the enrollment of members of the next General Assembly Sat-

Henry Proctor leaves this week for period the number of students has inhis old home in Buriington, Vt., where creased from 1,245 to over twice that he will pass a two weeks vacation with

Mrs. E. F. Pratt and son, Thomas H. university fund amounts to \$1,750,000 Pratt leave Friday for New York, Bos- During the ten years sixteen new buildton and Rochester, N. H. They will be Mrs. Frank Redfield and daughter

O., where they have been the guests of able to the students from 95 to 253. Frank Redfield and family have rented the A. R. Pratt tenement in the

Dorothy have returned from Hudson,

Judge W. C. Noyes and family left western part of the town, where they to son as a legacy. If you have Kidney New London last Saturday where will for the present reside.

Hing for the Nerves passes from sire to son as a legacy. If you have Kidney New London last Saturday where will for the present reside. have been residing for the past few this remedy at once. If you have Independent of the past few gestion, Constipation, Headache, Rheu-Owing to storm which raged all day years in Essex, have removed back to matism, etc., this grand specific will ere they formerly resided.

postpone their supper which they were Miss Bessie Thomas, a niece of Mr. L. to hold in the town hall in the evening. H. Hurtt, who has been living with his The cold snap that followed the snow family and attending the Morgan school, storm froze the ponds over quite thick will continue her studies there, boarding and the young people enjoyed them- during the winter with Mrs. Ella Hil-

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145 State Street, New London, Conn. Kenilworth Council, No. 57, O. U. A. Schenectady, N. Y., arrived home last M., held their regular meeting Friday Thursday to spend the Christmas vaca- evening, Dec. 11th. A banquet followed tion with his parents, Gen. and Mrs. the regular business. The council, founded only a little over a year ago, is in a

flourishing condition. Hartford. She now has a fine pair of hunting, in company with his friend. dark bays which arrived by boat Tues- Arhtur Watrous of East River, in the neighborhood of Podunk, a suburb of o some birds were secured.

> George Green while hunting last Fri- New London, - - Conn. a very rare occurrance so late in the season. Woodcock are a warm weather

> Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Norton, who, it 31: MAIN: STREET was erroneously stated in a recent

Prank Parker, the veteran Hammon- Portsmouth Ales and Porter

A number from this place attended a musicale at "Boxwood," Miss Griswold's school for young ladies at Lyme, last

Charles R. Pratt, of New York, is dence in town the coming spring, for The New England Medicine Co's. which fact the town is to be congratul-

The death of Dr. Wm. R. Babcock, thy here, where the deceased possessed many friends. Dr. Babcock was educated at the Morgan school, and consequently passed many of his early days

n town. The funeral occurred on

afternoon Mrs. Meigs reads most inter-

estingly from "Anecdotes of Great

Musicians." She also played several

advanced scholars. Light refresh-

Friday last.

games.

The following, taken from Loomis Musical Journal for November will doubtless interest our readers: The Doesn't Cost Much if You Buy members of the Allegretto Club, comit at the Right Place. prising about 40 of the piano pupils of Mrs. F. D. Meigs, were the guests of honor at a delightful musicale given WHEN YOU ARE IN TOWN recently in the banquet hall of the COME AND SEE THE DIS-Hotel Majestic, by Mrs. Meigs. This club meets every two weeks for special PLAY AT THE RIGHT instruction, with an occasional meet PLACE, THE CANDY like that at the Majestic. During the

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Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets eve Wednesday evening in Union Hall. Bay View Lodge, No. 120, F. & A. M., me every first and third Saturday in each month Union Hall.

Warren Council, No. 53, O. U. A. M. meets irst, third and fifth Thursday in Temperance

Star of the Realm. No. 7093, Manchester Unity I. O. O. F., meets second and fourth Monday venings each month at Temperance chapel.

Niantic Lodge, No. 241, N. E. O. P., meet scoold and fourth Thursday evening eac nonth, in Temperance chapel.

### TALK OF THE TOWN.

Merry Christmas. Miss Nannie Davis is quite ill at her

Hang up your stockings on Thursday night.

Clear out your chimney. Santa Claus is coming See Latham Bros' window display this week.

Jacob Gates is the guest of Charles Gates and wife Charles P. Leonard of Yale, is hom

for the holidays. The local freight yard is full of tier ready for shipment.

a two weeks' vacation.

his Christmas vacation. Mrs. George Rogers of East Lyme,

died at her home last week. Principal Clapp is spending his vacation at his home in Brockton, Mass.

John Corolev has been making some improvements about the National house. Captain James Henry Manwarring of Cornfield lightship is home for a few

Miss Edna E. Wheeler will spend Christmas in Norwich with her grandparents.

Good skating would be appreciated during the Christmas vacation and it would be rather dull without it.

Mrs. George L. Adamson and Mrs. Laura M. Farrell bave been in New York lately, the guests of Mrs. James

Thursday evening, and plugged each

other in Corbett style. Ernest C. Spencer, who has been in New York city for a few days, has mittee. The booths erected for the badly used up. The outcome of the Estimates given and designs furnished returned to Niantic and is the guest of

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who have a store full of goods, especi- it-Nit.

ally for the little ones. C. S. Davis, proprietor of the Niantic Monumental works, has been kept hustting tately interviewing would-be pur-Mr. Davis has acquired a

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Gates Bros. will close their store on Christmas day at 10 o'clock in the morning. No order team will be sent out. Order your goods early.

Congregational church, voted at their the-less there is one in the town. The last meeting, to abolish the custom of gossips have found a nut which they selling the seats and hereafter they will be free.

Latham Bros. wish to call the people's attention to their advertisement this is on the tapis, but what it is they are week. They are running a fine line of not able to discover. The following Christmas candy this year and the article appeared in a recent issue of the prices are right. Be sure and see their window display advertisement.

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The M. E. church will give a Christ- this time kept a secret. mas concert on Thursday evening at That their affairs are perfectly legiti-

church, Sunday evening was so well at- boat traffic in the bay. tended that the church was almost It is also said that soundings in the excellent one, and the young people water. deserve much praise for their well rendered selections. Miss Rogers and Miss weather hereabouts said it was quite Wright sang very sweetly and deserve different than in Florida, whence he nonorable mention.

### The Whip Hand.

pane. See advertisement.

### Putnam's Christmas Gifts.

According to their usual custom, the Putnam Furniture Mfg. Co. will give this year. Numbered tickets are given like the old biblical story of Adam and for every \$5 worth purchased, entitling Eve, it was all caused by an apple. Of The public schools closed Friday for the holder to one chance for each course like all affairs there is a woman article. The gifts this year will be one in the case and she is the pivot of the JEREMIAH TWOMEY Claude C. Russell is in town enjoying elegant easel, one substantial rocker, whole affair. The trouble arose last one beautiful parlor table, and one use- winter in February in the following ful piano stool.

the best society, and a more appropriate present than a copy of some of the famous art paintings can not be found. gave him courage and he approached We will send to any one for \$1.00, 18 ful rival of Rouce, came to the door and beautiful pictures 16x11 gotten up by the Paris Art Co., in shape for framing other gallants who are trying to win the Paris Art Co., in snape for framing or table. Among these beautiful pictures are: "Lida," by Lejeune "At the River's Edge;" "The Golden Age," of his business. While Mr. Blynn of his business. While Mr. Blynn of his business. While Mr. Blynn Manufactured by Mrs. Henry Arnold returned home "Bacchante's Awakening" and numerous other famous works. We will send sample picture to any address for 20c.

Hartford.

River's Edge; "The Golden Age of his business. While Mr. Light argued, Rouce approached very near the door, whereupon Rockwell appeared on the doorstep and ordered Rouce to leave. in silver. Remember we have but a This led Rouce to use strong language The L. C. Art Co., Box 118, Niantic, Ct. The Congregational Church Fair.

The fair held by the Ladies Society but Rockwell was to quick for him and f the Congregational church in the seizing a clothes pole he laid it on Rouce Two young bucks quarreled in the church vestry on Friday evening, was in such a vigorous manner that the pole was broken. This led to general envicinity of the saw mill at East Lyme, a decided success and drew out a large was broken. This led to general encrowd of people. .The decorations of gagement and the three men were mixed the sale rooms were tasteful and dis- up in a fearful row. They were separatplayed the skill of the decoration com- ed at last, however, but Rouce was sa'e of fancy articles were prettily affair was that Rouce spent several days arranged and young laties stationed at in the cooler, but upon coming out he GRANITE AND MARBLE WORK them were kept busy all the evening swore a terrible revenge. He would put a gentlemen than a box of fine cigars. for the sale of the fancy articles was Blynn in the same place. He has tried needs of a hungry crowd. The ladies Gorton, Saturday. Blynn was fined \$3 are congratulating themselves for so and costs, which he paid. Rouce was successful a venture and they have reason to do so. The proceeds were quite him by Blynn. The case will be tried me a card for de igns and estimates. successful a venture and they have rea- arrested upon a charge brought against well-known on the Sound line, have large, and will be used for the benefit Wednesday and in all probabilities of the church.

### John's Mishap.

John Coates, foreman of one of the local section gargs, met with a mishap them. If not better go into the city on the day of the storm. Although not and chillblains under the other descend-The mysteries have gone and the which he passed through, he has occa- storm was on such as the natives had tongues of the over-anxious people are sion to rejoice at his escape. While not seen for a few years. The snow wagging no more. It is very strange wending his homeward way in the storm began to fall early in the evening, light-that no one can come into our town he lost his bearings on account of the ly at first, but soon increasing until it thickly falling snow, which prevented became impossible to see a rod ahead in A number of Niantic's fine singers him from seeing any great distance the storm. Heavily and more heavily it held sway in the barber shop Friday ahead. Hs was quickly brought to his fell and in a few hours lay several morning and rendered a number of very senses, however, in a very abrupt luches deep on the ground, with no See selections. Niantic rivals many manner. Slam, bang, crash, away prospect of ceasing. The storm had all large towns in the number of fine sing- beneath into that excavation which the ear marks of a genuine blizzard. On rocker for Christmas. R. S. Smith & delightful sensation you can imagine. port in the face of the gale. Upon absolutely no fault with the goods, ex-Son, New London, have a very complete with chattering teeth he managed to stock of them. Call and look them resurrect himself out of that "cussed" where, nothing but snow. Huge drifts will guarantee them free from leaks and This week people will be buying the adventures. But, then we will stop ing them impossible for traffic until them. bulk of their Christmas goods for gifts. here. John is an original fellow and Niantic people should not forget W. B. if you wish to hear the story from his morning the storm was still raging and Large 12 quart Preserving Kettles, Smith & Son, State street, New London, own lips ask him about it. He will tell a high wind would send clouds of snow 60c., in gray or blue and white, worth

CHRISTMAS IN NIANTIC.

What our Local Advertisers are Saying.

Peabody Bros., the meatmen, will turkeys, also fine cuts of the best beef obtainable. A good Christmas dinner is as important as hanging up your stocking, and here is where you will find it. J. E. Hilliar has a number of air tight stoves which he is selling almost at cost. Call around and look at them.

S. O. Harrington announces that he is carrying the largest stock of toys, parge assortment of handkerchiefs, caps, sizes 50c and 25c.

Louis and Mertimer Stetson of New underwear, and everything you want. Haven and Norwich, were the guests of, Gates Bros. are on deck too. Here is Mr. and Mrs. (harles Leonard, Sunday. | where you can obtain the "flxings" for Postmaster Walter while eating an the Christmas pudding. They keep a oyster breakfast several mornings since, stock of fresh, seasonable goods on

### The Mystery.

The mystery which was aluded to in our last issue is gaining a little renown for Niantic. That Niantic shall have a The Eccleastical society of the mystery is something strange, never cannot crack, even with a patent nut cracker, strive as they may. Even the kids are aware that something unusual New London Globe, which serves as an illustration of the celebrity which Niantic

has recently acquired: "Niantic people have been greatly mystified by the actions of a couple of E. CLIFFORD CHIPMAN, M. D. strangers that arrived in the town some two weeks ago and who are evidently on stock of native and imported wines is the lookout or search for matters perunsurpassed in this section. Goods taining to themselves and to their par- Office Hours: 1 to 4 and 7 to 8 P.M. ticular business, which they have up to

half past six. A Christmas tree laden mate cannot be questioned, as they have with presents will gladden the hearts of paid their own way since arrival. They the children, and a special feature of have proved themselves to be up in pedthe evening will be the offering of estrianism, as a regular daily patrol has fruits, vegetables and other useful been organized from Niantic, Black thirgs, by the people. These will be Point and Millstone, along the shore distributed among the sick and needy, front and at various points along shore and thus there will result a double lookout stations have been made, where, with a third stranger that arrived Sat-The concert at the Congregational urday, they have closely watched all

inadequate to hold the large audience. harbor about the docks have been made The programme for the evening was an with a view of ascertaining depth of One of them in commenting on the

came three weeks ago. That they may be connected with the secret service department many are inclined to believe, as they are continually R. J. Sisk, corner Bank and Pearl on the search for something in unlooked

streets, New London, Conn., is driving and out of the way places in woods and his stock of window glass with low fields. That they may be on the lookprices this week. All shapes and sizes out for filibustering expeditions is not are in the procession, and he guarantees to be questioned as Niantic is admirably the quality to keep up with the price. situated for a cargo of supplies to be He gives you enough putty with each sent out through The Race on the way to Cuba."

### In More Trouble.

Messrs. Rouce, Blynn and Rockwell manner: Rouse wishing to present Mrs. apple, stopped near the Rockwell mansion and waved his hand to attract the asked him what he wished, but like all tone of voice. Rouce's temper was up by this time and he rushed towards 1876. Rockwell to strike him with his cane, Rouce will spent the winter out of

Niantic.

Almost a Blizzard. Winter with pneumonia under one arm injured or harmed by the adventure ed on us in earnest Tuesday night. A hole. He got home without any more piled on the sidewalks and roads, render- will make good any not as we represent flying in every direction, the sight of 95c. which would cause cold shivers to run down the back of the watchers under 6 quart Preserving Kettles, 45c., in gray, worth 65c.

5 quart Preserving Kettles, 38c., in shelter. The storm, or more properly gray, worth 50c. the blizzard abated at noon and work blue and white, worth 48c. was at once begun towards breaking the have a lot of extra fine chickens and roads and clearing the sidewalks. It 40c. was three days before the sidewalks 2 quart Tea and Coffee Pots, 35c., were in good condition for pedestrians. The storm hindered the railroad traffic considerable and the trains were quite late Thursday. Although this storm

One Way to be Happy

was not as severe as the blizzard of '88

still it was bad enough, and more of

such a character are by no means wel-

Is at all times to attend to the comforts of your family. Should any one of them catch a slight cold or cough, Come to the Racket, 24 Bank street, and prepare yourself and call at once on take a look at the above goods. You Latham Bros, sole agent, and geta trial don't have to buy if you think they are bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German not as we represent them.

### FIX YOUR WATCH!

CLEAN THEM for \$1.00. Repair or supply A any injured or missing parts as good as at watch factory, and have them leady on time.

JOHN H. STARBUCK,

145 State Street, New London, Conn.

CHARLES J. DUCY.

## Liquors, Wines, Ales, &c

New London, Conn. Agent for John R. Alley & Sons ale and por-ter; Beadleston & Woers' ale, porter and lager; Wm. Miles & Co.'s ale, also Springfield Brew-ing Co.'s Extra and Tivola Beer.

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The New York Millinery Store, 218 Bank St., New London, All the latest Hats and Bonnets and Novelties sold at New York prices. Infants wear a spec-ia ty. Mourning goods to order.

113 Main St., Niantic, Conn.

Physician and Surgeon. No office hours in the morning. Gynecology a Specialty. Telephone connections.

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Cold weather is with us to stay for a while. So look and see what glass needs replacing. Then give us a call and we guarantee to save you money in heating the house this winter. Painting and Papering in all its

R. J. SISK, 195 Bank St., New London.



### Fine Canada Ale, Malt AND LAGER.

their customers four Christmas presents are envolved once more in litigation and Also, Fine Vincent Sherwood Rye Whisky.

58 Bank Street.

Rockwell, an old flame of his with an NEW LONDON, - - - - CONN.



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# White Ware.

Large 14 quart Preserving Kettles,

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White enameled Bowls 10c., worth

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15c.
And many other goods at equally Do not confine yourself to what other dealers say; come and look for yourself. Now is the time to buy a good, large

Yours for Cash. WOISARD BROTHERS. New London, Conn.

Owing to extensive changes I contemplate making in my Store in order to enlarge my Optical Department, I shall offer

CLEARANCE SALE

Goods at Cut Prices at a time when you want the goods. Instead of advancing the price for the Holidays, and putting on an extra profit, I shall cut the prices in halve.

customers the advantage of a store full of bargains during the month of December.

All Goods will be Marked in Plain Figures, and you will only have to look at them to see how much you can save.

The Waltham, filled case, Ladies' Watch for \$10 is a beauty and will wear a life time. \$15 was regular price

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# GRAIN AND LUMBER. Fine Photographs!

Clean Heavy Old Oats.

Fresh Car Provender.

More of those Fine Middlings at 75c per 100 lbs. Best Meal the same. Spot Cash. Special Prices for Quantities.

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Prices tell at E. V. DABOLL'S, No. 5 Main Street, New London, Conn. 100 pair Ladies' Rubber Boots at 75 cts | 100 pair Child's Rubber Boots at 75 cts 100 pair Men's Short Boots at \$1.95 | 100 pair Boy's 1 and 2 Short Boots \$1.25 D. S. SPENCER, -Lots of other Rubber Goods.

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NEW LONDON, CONN.

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was very large, it being near Christmas. It and failed. He is a broken hearted In the dining rooms it was bustle and hustle for the walters supplying the hustle for the walters supplying the blynn, the case was tried before Justice it and failed. He is a broken hearted man. He brought complaint against Blynn, the case was tried before Justice it and failed. He is a broken hearted man. He brought complaint against bustle for the walters supplying the blynn, the case was tried before Justice it and failed. He is a broken hearted man. He brought complaint against bustle for the walters supplying the blynn, the case was tried before Justice in Davis Silver Grey Granite, which will last a life time.

## THE BIG BLUE STORE.

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Putnam Furniture Mfg. Co., New London, Conn

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Hand and Steam Laundry Christmas 460 BANK ST., NEW LONDON, CONN.

Goods Called for and Delivered.

Woolen Goods Washed Without Shrinking.

# Nothing will please a man's wife more than to receive a nice sideboard, desk or receive a nice sideboard and recei

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1897.

Ahead of Time, at

## 5 quart Preserving Kettles, 38c., in THE · BEE · HIVE. Work Done.....

January Sale prices will be made on Jackets, Capes and Reefers from this day on. We need extra space for Hollday Goods, and Garments must suffer, a sharp knife cut. This is an opportunity that will save you enough money on a coat for a good boliday present.

We offer 25c Books at 12½c, 250 titles.

We offer 50c Books at 25c, 300 titles of best authors known, gilt edge books.

Our Holiday display is in progress. We show exceptional varieties of tasty articles including sterling silver articles that will be appreciated for the special ow prices marked thereon.

Great reduction sale of Underwear for Ladies, Men and Children. Special Mitten sale at 10c, 12dc, 15c, 25c up, being extra value.

Our Great Holiday Glove Sale is in full bloom.

New London, Conn.

THE BEE HIVE.

furnish, and that is what we are in the business for. (at the Studio, and look over samples and styles of wor.

E. A. SCOFIELD, 125 State St., New London, Con

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I am enabled to sell high grade Bicycles at greatly reduced prices

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Unquestionably the BEST Cooking Apparatus ever

Produced. The following unsolicited testimonial from Mrs. Emma P. Ewing, superin-

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## "Old Yellow Store."



For a few weeks only we will make a great .e. duction in the prices of our entire stock of Pair ... Varnishes, Brushes, Window Glass, etc. Rea.y Mixed House Paints, equal to any \$1.50 paint c the market, we offer at \$1.00 per gallon. Silica

and Oxide of Iron Paints, only 75c a gallon. If you think that we do not mean business, call at the "Old Yellow Store and find out for yourself. We have the largest assortment in the city from with you can make your selection. Also, Contracts taken for House Painting at the

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For Hotels, Railroads, Steamboats, Boarding Houses, Cafe, Shops and Family work. Shirts, Collars, Cuffe and Ladies Specialty.

Solid Silver Thimbles, heavy, for 25c, with name engraved. A set of Rogers Knives and Forks

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## JOHN H. STARBUCK,

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. That is what w

# THE MAGEE GRAND RANGE

tendent of the Chautauqua Cooking School, Chautauqua, N. Y., is one of many

MAGEE FURNACE Co., Boston, Mass.: Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of the Magee Grand, which came carry town, and has given excellent satisfaction. The dock-sah grate works beautifully, and the Magee Grand is a great success in every way. During the two mostle the cooking school was in operation, the fire did not go out, and the grate was not once dumped or emptied. A stove, I think, needs no better record than this, and for an all-round family range in my judgment the Magee has no count.

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Will be in Stock, Dec. 10th.

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### Special Pains taken With Orders...

TRY US.

There is in Brussels a clock which is wound up by the wind.

A single pound of the finest spider webs would reach around the world. America has 1,000,000 miles of telegraph wires-enough to reach forty

The biggest bug on earth is the elephant beetle of Venezuela, which is strong enough to lift a rat.

times around the globe.

Mr. Livengood, a Missouri man, has patented a device for whipping horses, to be attached to the horse

A South Dakota man has been granted a patent on a sleigh. It differs from ordinary ones only in being made entirely of sheet metal. A Bartlett's Island (Me.) man has

a horse that makes nothing of swimming half a mile to Mt. Desert whenever his owner wishes to go over. Only one marble statue of the hu-

man figure with eyelashes is known. It is one of the gems of the vatican, the sleeping Ariadne, and was found Twelve letters of our alphabet were

borrowed from the Phonicians, and are still pronounced in exactly the same way that they were over 4000 years ago. The contents of the stowach of an

ostrich that recently died in a French mensgerie, included the iron tip of an umbrella, a comb, two pieces of coal, and a silk handkershief. At Harrison, Neb., sympathetic

neighbors of a woman whose husband abused her ordered the brute to leave town, which he did, and then she sued the good folk for alienating his affections.

In Whitneyville, Me., is a hen who catches and kills mice as readily as a cat does. She stands near the grain barrels in the barns and with one downward peck strikes the rodents to such good purpose that she is soon able to finish them.

The famous brigand Tiburzel, of Italy, who was recently killed by the police, had been a brigand for forty years. For a long time he was the real ruler of a large district. He imposed taxes upon the population and in return guaranteed public order.

### Not Up to the Requirements.

"I'm sorry, miss," said the leading director of the school in M- to the young woman who had applied for the position of teacher, "but your orthography ain't up to grade. You don't seem to know how to spell chimbly." -Chicago Tribnus.

Diphtheria Spread by Kissing. Diphtheria necessitated the closing of shools at Columbus, mu., just those field. A singhboring newspaper said that Columbus soknowledge kissing to have been the cause of the spread of the disease.

### "WORN OUT."

A COMMON EXPRESSION USED BY AMERICAN WOMEN.

Many do not Realize the Full Significa

When a woman is nervous and irritable, head and back ache, feels tired all the time, loses sleep and appetite, has pains in groins, bearing-down sensation, whites and irregularities, she is not "worn out."



trouble is imminent, and she cannot act too promptly if she values her

future comfort and happiness. The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America, go to prove beyond a question that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., as thousands of women do.

Here is a lady who says:-"Let me add my name to your list of testimonials. For years I suffered with such a weakness of the back I could not stand straight. I had terrible pains in my womb. The doctor said an operation must be performed, as there was no other way to be cured. I was afraid to have the operation per-

formed, and kept trying the medieines that I saw advertised. At last I tried yours. After taking three b felt like a

for it saved me from the surreon's knife."-MRS. MARK BUCH,

lgeville, N. Y.

REV. DR. TALMAGE. SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE

Subject; "The Mask of Deceit."

TEXT: "Why feignest thou thyself to be an-

In the palace of wicked Jeroboam there is a sick child—a very sick child. Medicines have failed; skill is exhausted. Young Abijan, the prince, has lived long enough to become very popular, and yet he must die un-less some supernatural nid be afforded. Death comes up the broadstairs of the palace and swings back the door of the sickre royalty and stands looking at the dying prince with the dart uplifted. Wicked Jeroboam knows that he has no right to ask any-thing of the Lord in the way of kindness. He knows that his prayers would not be an swered, and so he sends his wife on the deli cate and tender mission to the prophet of the Lord in Shiloh. Putting aside her royal attire, she puts on the garb of a peasant wo-man and starts on the road. Instead of carrying gold and gems as she might have carried from the palace she carries only those gifts which seem to indicate that she belongs to the peasantry-a few loaves of bread and a few cracknels and a cruse of honey. You a lew crackness and a cruse of honey. Yon-der she goes, hooded and velled, the greatest lady in all the kingdom, yet passing unob-served. No one that meets her on the high-way has any idea that she is the first lady in all the land. She is a queen in disguise. The fact is that Peter the Great working nd the shipwright's ax gave him no more thorough disguise than the garb of the peas

the prophet of the Lord saw the deceit. Although his physical eyesight had failed, he was divinely illumined, and at one glance looked through the imposition, and he cried out: "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam! Why feignest thou thyself to be another? I have evil tidings for thee. Get thee back to thy house, and when thy feet touch the gate of the city the child shall die." She had a right to ask for the recovery of her son; she had no right to practice an imposition. Broken hearted now, she started on the way, the tears falling on the dust of the road all the hearted now, she is not careful any more to

hide her queenly gait and manner. True to the prophecy, the moment her feet touch the gate of the city the child dies. As she goes of a nation, and as they carry good Abijah to his grave the air is filled with the voice of logy for the departed youth and the groan

of an afflicted kingdom.

It is for no insignificant purpose that I present you the thrilling story of the text. In the first place I learn that wickedness involves others, trying to make them its dupes its allies and its scapegoats. Jeroboam proposed to hoodwink the Lord's prophet. How did he do it? Did he go and do the work mself? No. Ho sent his wife to do it. Hers the peril of exposure, hers the fatigue of the way, hers the execution of the plot, his, nothing. Iniquity is a brag, but it is a great coward. It lays the plan and gets some one else to execute it; puts down the gunpowder train and gets some one else to touch it off; contrives mischief and gets some one else to work it; starts a lie and gets some one else to circulate it. In nearly all the great crime of the world it is found out that those who planned the arson, the murder, the theft, the fraud go free, while those who were decoyed and cheated and hoodwinked into the conspiracy clank the chain and mount the gal-

Aaron Burr, with heart filled with impurity and ambition, plots for the overthrow of the United States Government and gets off the sweet tempered Blennerhassett, is de-coyed by him from the orchards and the laboratories and the gardens and the home on the banks of the Ohio River, and his fortunes are scattered, and he is thrown into prison, and his family, brought up in luxury, is turned out to die. Abominable Aaron Bur has it comparatively easy. Sweet tempered Blennerhassett has it hard. Benedict Arnold proposed to sell out the forts of the United States; to surrender the Revolutionary army and to destroy the United States to. rnment. He gets off with his pockets full of pounds sterling, while Major Andre, the brave and the brilliant, is decoved into the conspiracy and suffers on the gibbet on the banks of the Hudson; so that even the literature—the marble tablature that comorated that event—has been blasted by it easy. Major Andre has it hard. I have great villains. Ignominious fraud is a juggler which by sleight of hand and leger-In somebody else's pocket. Jeroboam plots the lie, contrives the imposition, and gets his wife to execute it. Stand off from all imposition and chicanery. Do not consent

imposition and chicanery. Do not consent to be anybody's dupe, anybody's ally in wickedness, anybody's scapegoat. The story of the text also impresses me with the fact that royalty sometimes passes in disguise. The frock, the veil, the hood of the peasant woman hid the queenly char acter of this woman of Tirzah. Nobody sus pected that she was a queen or a princess as she passed by, but she was just as much a queen as though she stood in the palace, her robes incrusted with diamonds. And so all around about us there are princesses and queens whom the world does not recognize. They sit on no throne of royalty, they ride in no charict, they elicit no huzza, the in no charict, they elicit no huzza, they make no pretense, but by the grace of God they are princesses and they are queens; sometimes in their poverty, sometimes in their hard struggles of Christian service—God knows they are queens. The world does not recognize them.

the crown, conquerors without the palm, empresses without the jewel. You saw her yesterday on the street. You saw nothing mportant in her appearance, but she is goodness—a realm vaster than Jeroboam ever looked at. You went down into the ouse of destitution and want and suffering wasted hand of the mother, on the pal cheeks of the children, on the empty bread tray, on the fireless hearth, on the broken chair. You would not have given a dollar for all the furniture in the house. But by the grace of God she is a princess. The overseers of the poor come there and discuss the cause and say, "It's a pauper." They do not realize that God has burnished for er a crown, and that after she has got there will be a throne of royalty on which she shall rest forever, Glory veiled. Af-fluence hidden. Eternal raptures hushed up.

Theresa of Germany, or Mary, queen of Boots. When you think of a queen, you think of a plain woman who sat opposite your father at the table or walked with him down the path of life arm in arm, sometimes to the Thanksgiving banquet, sometimes to he grave, but always side by side, soothing your little sorrows and adjusting your little quarrels, fistening to your evening prayer, tolling with the needle or at the spinning wheel, and on cold nights tucking you up wheel, and on cold highs tucking you up song and warm. And then on that dark day when she lay a-dying, putting those thin hands that had toiled for you so long, put-ting them together in a dying prayer com-mending you to that God in whom she had tought you to trust. Oh, she was the queen, your soul stirred, and you feel as if you 23.7, against 26.6 last year; leaf toba o speak your name with the tenderness with her grave, crying. 'Mother, mother!" Ah, she was the queen! Your father knew it. You knew it. She was the queen, but the queen in disguise. The world did not re-

gnize it. But there was a grander disguising. The favorite of a great house looked out of the window of His palace, and He saw that the people were carrying heavy burdens, and that some of them were hobbling on crutches, and He saw some lying at the gate exhibiting their sores, and then He heard their lamentations, and He said: "I will just put on the clothes of those poor people, and I will go down and see what their sorrows are, and I will sympathize with them, and I will be one of them, and I will help them."

Well, the day came for Him to start. The lords of the land came to see Him off. All who could sing intend in the parting song who could sing joined in the parting song, which shook the hills and woke up the shep-herds. The first few nights He has been leeping with the hostlers and the camel drivers, for no one knew there was a King in town. He went among the doctors of the law, astounding thein, for without any doctor's gown He knew more law than any doctors. He fished with the fishermen. He smote with His own the banks of Gennesaret. He was howled at by crazy people in the tombs. He was splashed of the surf of the sea. A pilgrum without any pillow. A sick man without

when He freed the flackled de-moniac of Gadara, as when He turned a whole school of fish into the net of the discouraged boatman, as when He throbbed life into the shriveled arm of the paralytic, but for the most part He was in paralytic, but for the most part He was in disguise. No one saw the King's jewels in His sandal. No one saw the royal robe in His plain coat. No one knew that that shelterless Christ owned all the mansions in which the hierarchs of heaven had their habitation. None knew that that hungered Christ owned all the olive groves and all the harvests which shook their gold on the hills of Palestine. No one knew that He who said "I thirst!" poured the Euphrates out of His 'I thirst!" poured the Euphrates out of His wn chalice. No one knew that the ocean own chalice. No one knew that the ocean my in the palm of His hand like a dewdrop in the vase of a lily. No one knew that the stars and moons and suns and galaxies and constellations that marched on age after age were, as compared with His lifetime, the sparkle of a firefly on a summer night. No one knew that the sun in midheaven was only the shadow of His throne. No one knew that His crown of universal dominion was covered up with a bunch of thorns. Omniptence sheath in a human body. Omnis cience hidden in a human eye. Infinite love beating in a human heart. Everlasting harmonies subdued into a human voice. Roy alty en masque, Grandeurs of heaven

My subject also impresses me with how beople put on masks and how the Lordtears hem off. It was a terrible moment in the nistory of this woman, of Tirzah when the prophet accosted her, practically saying: "I know who you are. You cannot cheat me. You cannot impose upon me. Why feignest thou thyself to be another?" She had a right to ask for the restoration of her son; she had no right to practice that falsehood. It is never right to do wrong. Sometimes you may be able to conceal an affair. It is ssary to tell everything. There is natural pressure to the lips which seems to indicate that silence sometimes is right, but for double dealing, for moral shuffling, for counterfeit and for sham God has nothing out anathems and exposure. He will team people who are just ready to be duped. They seem to be waiting to be deceived. They believe in ghosts. They saw one themselves once. They heard something strange in an uninhabited house. Going along the road one night, something ap-proached them in white and crossed the or count the number of carriages at a uneral. They heard in a neighbor's house something that portended death in the family. They say it is a sure sign of evil it a bat fly into the room on a summer night or they see the moon over the left shoulder. They would not for the world undertake any enterprise on Friday, forgetful of the fact that if they look over the calendar of the world they will see that Friday has been the most fortunate day in all the history of As near as I can tell, looking over the cal-

endar of the world's history, more grand, bright beautiful things have happened on Friday than any other day of the week. They would not begin anything on Friday. They would not for the world go back to the house for anything after they had once started. Such people are ready to be duped, Ignorance comes along, perhaps in the disguise of medical science, and carries them captive, for there are always some men who have found some strange and mysterious weed in some strange place and plucked it in the mconshine, and then they cover the board fences with the advertisements of "elixir" and "panaceas" and "Indian mixtures" and "ineffable cataplasms" and "unfailing dis-infectants" and "lightning salves" and "instantaneous ointments," enough to stun and scarify and poultice and kill half the race. They are all ready to be wrought upon by such impositions. Ah, my friends, do not be among such dupes! Do not act the part of such persons as I have been describing. Stand back from all chicanery, from all im-Stand back from all enleanery, from all im-position. They who practice such imposition shall be exposed in the day of God's indig-nation. They may rear great fortunes, but their dapple grays will be arrested on the road some day, as was the ass by the angel of God with drawn sword. The light of the last day will shine through all such subtertuges and with a voice louder than that which accessed this imposition of the text: "Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam. Why feignest thou thyself to be another?" With down into midnight darkness and doom and death all two faced men, and all charlatans, and all knaves, and all jockeys, and all swindlers. Behold how the people put on the masks, and behold how the Lord tears them off!

My subject also impresses me with how precise and accurate and parlicu'ar are God's providences. Just at the moment that woman entered the city the child died. Just despotism is overthrown at the appointed time. God drives the universe with a stiff r-in. Events do no just happen so. Things do not go slipshod. In all the book of God's providences there is not one "il." God's providences there is not one "if." God's providences are never caught in dishabille. To God there are no surprises, no disappointments and no accidents. The most insignificant event flung out in the ages is the connecting link between two great chains— the chain of eternity past and the chain of

eternity to come.

I am no fatalist, but I should be completefairs of my life are in God's hand and all that pertains to me and mine, just as cer-tainly as all the affairs of this woman of the text, as this child of the text, as this king of the text, were in God's hand. You may ask me a hundred questions I cannot answer, but I shall until the day of my death believe that I am under the unerring care of God, and the heavens may fall, and the world may burn, and the judgment may thunder, and eternal ages may roll, but not a hair shall full from my head, not a shadow shall drop on my path, not a sorrow shall transfix my heart myjpath, not a sorrow shall transix my neart without being divinely arranged—arranged by a living, sympathetic Father. He bottles our tears, He catches our sorrows, and to the orphan He will be a Father, and to the widow He will be a husband, and to the outcast He will be a home, and to the most misthe ditch of his abomination crying for mercy He will be an all pardoning God. The rocks shall turn gray with age, and the forests shall be unmoored in the last hurricane and the sun shall shut its flery eyelid, and the stars shall drop like blasted figs, and the and the sun shall shut its nery cyclid, and the stars shall drop like blasted figs, and the continents shall go down like auchors in the deep, and the ocean shall heave its last groan and lash itself with expiring agony, and the world shall wrap itself in a winding sheet of flame and leap on the funeral pyre of the judgment day; but God's love shall not die. It will kindle its suns after all other lights have gone out. It will be a billowy sea after the last ocean has swept it self away. It will warm itself by the fire o consuming world. It will sing while the A queen in mask. A princes in disguise.

When you think of a queen you do not think of Catherine of Russia, or Maria
Theresa of Garmany of Maria

COVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Against 81 Last Year, The returns to the Statistician of the De partment of Agriculture, for December, re late chiefly to the average farm price of the various products of agriculture on the first

day of the month. day of the month.

The farm price of corn, as indicated, averages 21.4, against 25.3 cents last year. Average price wheat, 72.7, against 50.9 last year; of tye, 40.3, against 41 last year; of oats, 18.6, against 19.9 last year; of barley, 32.2, against 33.7 last year; of buckwheat, 39.1, against 45.2 last year; of frish patatoes, 23.7, against 66, flast year; leaf tobacco per pound, 6.0 cents against 6.9 cents last year

The condition of winter wheat on December 1, averaged for the country 95.5 per cent. against 81.4 in 1895, 89 in 1894 and 91.5 in 1893. In the principal winter wheat States the percentages are as follows: Ohio, 101 Michigan, 90; Indiana, 100; Illinois, 99. Missouri, 101; Kansas, 103; Nebraska, 93

The returns make the acreage of winter wheat just sown 105.2 per cent. of the area harvested in 1893. This estimate, which is preliminary to the completed estimate of June next, makes the area sown for the harvest of 1897, 23,986,470 acres.

Conditions for fall wheat seeding through

out Europe, except in France and Southern Russia, reported generally favorable. In-crease in acreage probably not great. There is a considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop as com-Threw Flowers at General Lafavette.

Mrs. Dr. James Bryan, of Elm street, Eliza birthday. She was one of the school children who threw flowers in the path of Gen. eral Lafayette when he visited the city

Potatoes Dear in Germany.

Pototoes are dearer in Germany than the

FARM ANDHOUSEHOLD

WINTER HATCHING Eggs are too valuable in winter to be used for hatching purposes unless one is confident of securing good hatches and of raising the chick, says the Mirror and Farmer. To use a dozen eggs from which only six chicks come, and then lose three of them, means an expenditure of four eggs for one chick, and no one can afford the cost in that respect. The heaviest loss of chicks is with hens-not with

incubators and brooders-and this fact should not be overlooked. It i admitted that in the spring and summer when the hen has everything in her favor she will be more serviceable than the brooder, but in the winter, when cold winds, ice, snow and rains prevail, the hen has a difficult undertaking to care for herself instead of attempting to raise a brood, and, as a rule, the hens are fortunate if they aise one-half of the chicks hatched.

When a hen becomes broody make her nest in a warm place, and when she brings off her brood, have a place prepared for her, under shelter, and where the sunlight can come. Be careful that the chicks are not exrosed or become chilled, and aim to raise every one of them. In that case the chicks will pay because the expense of the eggs used will be reduced by reason of the larger number of chicks marketed.

MAKING HOGS PAY.

At a meeting of the Kentucky Swine Breeders' Association, Mr. C. M. Powell, in an excellent paper, said:

"Careful and judicious breeding and handling of young hogs is to be more depended upon than all treatment. We all understand that prevention is better than cure. Every successful raiser does not trust to luck, but provides pens, sheds and feeding places that will enable him to keep his sows and pigs comfortable. Sunlight, fresh air and exercise are the safest tonics and appetizers for all dams and pigs. With such accommodations and judicious regular feeding of sound, unfermented feed, pens clean and dry, there is little danger of scours; but should this appear, change feed at once. Feed dry bran and wheat, adding a little charcoal and copperas occasionally.

"Every breeder should have a hog house easy of access, properly constructed feed troughs, and above all clean quarters and perfect sanitation, fresh water, shade in abundance, and lots large enough for plenty of exercise. By providing the above, kept clean with disinfectants, the fight is

"Regarding care and sanitation, the best preventives of disease, keep a quantity of lime, a preparation of crude carbolic acid, and use freely as a disinfectant. Do not permit hogs have foul wallows: fill them un using lime freely. Remove the bedding often, burning it. Disinfect pens and sleeping places. Care is the best preventive. Clean troughs, correct kind and amount of feeding, controlling the times of eating, with sanitary conditions of lot and pen, we can grow pigs less subject to disease.

"In closing I give the following preparation as a preventive of cholera, highly recommended and used by me with good results, and no doubt familiar to most of you, but worth to repeat for future use: One peck lime. one pound sulphur, one pound copperas, dissolved in five gallons of water; enough shelled corn added to absorb liquid. Give one pint shelled corn twice a week. Keep plenty of supplies of all sorts for the miners coal before them."

To the above we add the following recipe for hog cholera given by the United States Department of Agriculpart sulphur, two parts sodium chloride (salt), two parts sodium bicarbonate (soda), two parts sodium hyposulphite, one part sodium sulphate, one part antimony sulphide. Pulverize and mix thoroughly. Dose, one tablespoonful for each 200 pounds weight of hog once a day.

FARM AND GARDEN NOTES.

It is not proper to trim the hair that grows in the ear of a horse. Na ture intended it to protect the orifice from dust,, insects, etc., and sudden atmospheric changes.

In oiling harness unbuckle every strap and wash off the dirt. Let dry five minutes, then oil with neatsfoot oil, giving an extra touch to the bellybands, breeching, buckle-holes and the laps which buckle into the rings.

Intensive farming may properly be termed a new industry, from the fact is an industry which commends itself tem of the old style.

ing clubs or institutes, say: "I have is a question of the first importance i no time for that." But why is time in such cases proper and timely atten so precious? Some of these men spend | tion would not rectore the apparen in the store or postoffice.

Boned Squab-Singe, draw and bone some tender squabs, filling them with chicken forcemeat. Truss into a round shape, arrange on a buttered baking-tin and cover with buttered paper. Cook fliteen minutes in a Mail and Express reporter found or good oven and garnish with Italian

about two heaping tablespoonfuls to a head of lettuce of medium size; carefully wash the lettuce, tear the leaves apart and lay them in a salad dish. Break the cheese in small bits and scatter it over the lettuce, pour over it a plain salad dressing.

our tablespoonsule of grated cheese, delphia Times.

one tablespoonful of butter, onefourth of a teaspoonful of baking powder, a pinch of salt and a dash of cayenne pepper. Rub the butter into the flour, add the salt, cayenne and cheese, mix with cold water to a soft dough. Roll very thin, cut into halfinch strips, bake in a moderate oven

until golden-brown. Mixed Catsup-Slice four dozen cucumbers, four greenpeppers, two dozen small onions, and four dozen green tomatoes. Sprinkle with one pint of salt, and let stand over night; then drain. Put in a kettle. Add sliced horseradish, an ounce each of mace, white pepper, tumeric, white mustard seed, cloves and celery seed, one and a half pounds of brown sugar, and a gallon of vinegar. Boil one hour, bottle and seal.

Of Pagan Origin,

There is a popular fallacy that Christmas is a Christian festival, intended to commemorate the birth of the founder of our faith. The idea is a pretty one, and well represents the tendency of the human mind to poetize everyday events and to build myths around every great historical personage. As a matter of fact our Lord was undoubtedly born in April or May, and not in the winter months, while Christmas, or Yule, is a festival that has come down from some forgotten pagan period. It is the birthday of Balder, the festival of the winter solstice, the day when the back of winter is broken, the day when the lengthening sun promises the buds and leaves of spring. Its celebration is as pagan as the day itself. The Yule log, the wassail bowl, the boar's head, the Christmas tree, the holly and mistletoe, the evergreeus and the banquet, the queer tales of Kriss Kringle and Santa Claus, were features of the day as observed by our Gothic and Scandinavian ancestors centuries before Joseph and Mary entered the stable of Bethlehem.

Antiquarians have found that nearly, if not all, the races living in the temperate zone celebrated the return of the sun with more or less enthusiasm. The old Norsemen made the most ado over the event, usually employing three days in feasting and rejoicing; the Goths and Germans came next in the extent to which they honored the day, while the Celt, Latin, Greek and Slav were not far behind their sister races in the observance of the occasion.

Rich Gold Belt is Found in Alaska.

Wonderful news is brought by geological survey expedition which has just returned to Washington from Alaska, under the leadership of J. E. Spurr. It is nothing less than the discovery in Uncle Sam's Arctic province of an immense gold belt, which promises to rival in productiveness the mines of South Africa. Unlimited quantities of ore are actually in sight. the auriferous area being not less than 500 miles long, with a width of from fifty to 100 miles.

The expedition was sent out last spring for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the source of the gold found in the placers of the Yukon Valley. During the last three years there has been a rush of miners to that region, where the yellow metal is obtained so abundantly as to yield excellent returns, notwithstanding the difficulties involved in getting it. The country has no resources worth mentioning, so that even the resident Indians are half starved, not being able to catch enough fish to supply their wants. Consequently, provisions and must be fetched from the State of Washington or from California, involving great cost. The expense of transporting machinery is proporture: One part wood charcoal, one tionate, and thus it comes about that the workers employ the most primitive means of securing the gold. -New York Advertiser.

Ammonia for Electric Shoes.

"In many cases of electric shock the patient could be resuscitated by the use of ammonia even after life seems to be extinct," said Dr. W. L. Taylor, of Cincinnati, at the Raleigh. "The first experiments were made upon birds and it was discovered that injections of dilute ammonia subcutaneous ly and the administration of the same by the mouth will restore the creatures to life after shocks of electricity which to all appearance have destroyed the vital spark. The restorative result is doubtless due to the action of the ammonia in the muscles of the heart, which organ is paralyzed by the shock Evidently, however, a quantity of the electric fluid entering the system sufficient to cause destructive burning of that there are so few engaged in it. It the nerves, muscles or blood cells, conveying the current would render to every practical farmer, and there all remedies ineffectual. On the other is more money in it than in any sys- hand, post-mortem examinations of many human victims to electrica) There are farmers who when you shocks or lightning bolts reveal no detalk to them about organizing read- structive changes in the tissues, and it many an hour whittling on some box loss of life. If the ammonia discovery is carried out thousands of lives may be saved."-Washington Star.

A Retired Laborer

Even hard, bare facts may be pu delicately. One does not look for agreeable circumlocutions in a city di rectory, but here is an entry that a the books of an Ohio town to describe tramp: "Albert Williams, retired Cheese Salad-Use any dry, rich laborer; residence, Ed Johnson's cheese, such as Edam, Rochefort, barn."-New York Mail and Express

A Good Comparison.

"Papa, you say Congress is in see sion when it is sitting, don't you?" Papa-"Certainly, my boy." "Well, then, would it be wrong to

say our old Plymouth Rock hen is Cheese Fingers-One cup of flour, now in session in the barn?"-Phila LADIES' COLUMN

A BLIND GIRL RIDES A BICYCLE. Helen Kellar, the deaf, dumb and blind girl student at Radcliffe College, Harvard's women annex, has added to her other accomplishments that of riding a bicycle. This remarkable girl was seen a few days ago seated on the hind seat of a tandem, riding with a friend on Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, near the college. The friend guides the machine, while Miss Keller does her share of the propelling. She rides gracefully and well, and evidently highly enjoys it.

ALL ABOUT STOCKINGS.

Golf colors have entered the realm of the black stockings, and with their bright hues have put in the shade the quiet, unobtrusive stockings which were considered essential to the ladylike gowning.

Stockings are now of every color that can be mentioned or dyed. First of all are lisle thread stockings plaided diagonally in the colors of the Campbells and the Camerons. Others are in vivid shades of pink and red, covered on the foot and lower leg with boots of black, the boots opening in front to reveal an open-work design in the main color; some are changeable, like the taffetas of which we are so fond. Blue stockings have bars of white across the front up the entire length, while a few, retaining the black of former days, have rows of jet beads sewed on the instep.

White silk stockings, while simple in color, are beautifully woven, with Vs of open-work inserted over the instep and above the ankles.

Surely, with such gay stockings, my lady will wear many slippers this winter. In fact, we may expect to see nothing but low shoes for indoor

MODERN GIRLHOOD.

The new woman may or may not be responsible for the fact that her girlhood is no longer considered at an end when she reaches the age of one score, but I heard one of her species claiming this honor in a very excited discussion the other day. "Every one knows," she asserted,

"that in times gone by, if a woman was not married and settled by the time she was twenty, she was no longer on the list of eligibles for the gayeties of the younger set, but was relegated to the row of married dames or passe maidens. The books of the day married off their heroines at a tender age. Bulwer especially giving butterfly brides of sixteen into the arms of misanthropic heroes, and girls came out of school with minds and bodies half fledged and undertook the burdens of life with so little understanding of their obligations that of necessity the hysterical, silly type of femininity prevailed.

"But we have changed all that she went on, triumphantly. "Nowadays, the girls don't come out till between eighteen and twenty, after a beautiful girlhood filled with healthy sports and instruction of the highest grades. She has assimilated with her lessons other things besides the necessity of sentimental and romantic early marriages, and when she makes her debut it is with the intention of being gay and of exercising the capabilities for natural happiness with which she has been endowed. As a consequence. girls are girls in the modern dictum as long as they choose to be so, and the dread term 'old maid' is never applied under thirty, and not then unless the victim wills it. Is not that a cause for thankfulness far above the suffrage privilege?"-Washington

FASHION NOTES.

Military scarlet and rich Danish red are undoubtedly very fashionable colors for children this winter, among these being scarlet cloth coats and Tam-o'-Shanter caps to match.

Silk waists of shot silk, fine velveteen, velvet and cordurov, with the broad, turnover linen collar, are as much a feature of morning dress at present as the cotton variety in sum-

All the latest frocks have medium sized, if not actually narrow sleeves, the arm being covered with a tightfitting smooth or wrinkled sleeve, with a very short puff or drapery arranged

Huge buckles of steel, jet, or imitation jewels, are a pronounced feature of large hats this season, and immense oval buckles appear on some of the French gowns directly in the back on a velvet belt. Some of the latest gowns made for

morning and afternoon wear are of plaid and black and white silk alpaca. trimmed lavishly with black velvet ribbon, which is one of the special features of dress decoration. Nearly all the street costumes are

made with a jacket, either real or simulated, for where a tight-fitting waist is preferred, basques are frequently sewed on to the bodice, the joining being covered with the belt. The deep, rich shades of red are again in vogue, not only for gowns.

but for hats as well. The latter are

usually trimmed with soft yellow roses

or with a wealth of violets, while the former are relieved by a trimming of "Grannie" muffs-as those of the large, round shape are called-are considered the smartest styles by English women; but the pretty made up muffs with the flaring ends, and finish

of tails in the centre, are much more

A Medici collar cut into squares and stiffened, so that they can be turned down at will, is a feature of the new cloth capes, and some of them are made more becoming and dressy by an inside frill of lace set in deep enough to cover the squares.

Proper Use for the Parlor.

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en the market, one trial will convince ; your grocer for it. Take no imitation.

elist, who spent a couple of weeks in this city recently, formed many pleasant impressions during his stay here and did not hesitate to express them to a personal friend. In speaking to one of his friends he said: "I have learned a lot of things during my visit to this country, and many of them are of the most pleasant character. I saw considerable of home life in New York and other cities, including Washington, and one thing struck me more forcibly than I can express. That is the doing away with the parlor or drawing room, as we call it on the other side. I find that the people of this country have less formal ideas of what a parlor should be. I do not mean of the mansion, for there the parlor is, as it is with us, a place where the children can never enter unless on an occasion where formalities have to be rigidly observed. In the ordinary home, by this, I suppose, I mean the home of the middle classes, I have observed that it is no great crime for children to enter or even play in the parlors. I was very glad to see this,

for I think it means much more pleas-

"The idea of having the largest and

ure for the little ones.

best furnished room in the house reserved for infrequent callers instead of allowing the children of the household to enjoy it was never a pleasant one to me. It was once told by a bright boy that he seldom was allowed to enter the parlor of his home, unless it was during a 'funeral ceremony or something like that.' This may have described the situation too strong, but it was much nearer to the truth than otherwise. What our grandfathers and grandmothers, and fathers and mothers, ever thought of when they allowed such a state of things to exist, for it does exist even to-day, in many homes, is more than I can imagine. In mylown home I have purposely left the parlor out. In its place we have a reception room, which, while it is good enough to receive even the Lord Mayor should he honor us with a visit, is not too good for the children, young or old, to play or romp in. Under these circumstances one can realize how glad I was to learn that there are many persons like myself in this respect."-Washington

A Mine on Fire for Twelve Years.

A question referred to Attorney-General Monnett, of Columbus, Ohio, by Mine Inspector Haseltine discloses a remarkable situation. Twelve years ago, during the great miners' strike. mine 139, at New Straitsville, owned by John Elliott, of Zanesville, and operated by the Great Vein Coal Company, was fired. It was afterward abandoned. Recently the discovery was made that the coal had been burning all these years, and threatens, unextinguished, not only to municate to other mines, but to let many houses drop through the roof. As real estate is already low enough in that vicinity, the land owners object to the threatened collapse. Elliott, the owner of the mine, will be asked to put out the fire, and in case of refusal will be prosecuted. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Climate and Comfort.

Either way, whether we are to have a proonged winter of extreme cold or a mild one through the dampness and chill neuralgia will find its victims, and a great many imprudent people will find neuralgia. In either case, when it does come, with its racking torture, let's look about us for the best that can be done. We need not go far. The ceputation of St. Jacobs Oll as a certain cure for neuralgia has gone before it, and it is an established fact that it cures surely, soothes and restores the troubled nerves. To enjoy, therefore, a comfortable winter, whether it is cold or mild, bear in mind that for this complaint one should have the great remed for pain ready for use. It is by putting that the allment grows worse, and the wor cases grow less as soon as it is used.

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