TOCAL HREEFTIES

Varren Howe is home from Albion

George A. White and family have gone to Flint for the holidays.

Mr. Schutt is spending the vacation with his parents in Iowa.

The Stimpson differn are spending the Christmas vacation in Grand

Hoger Cole of Alma college is ding his vacation at Al Wau-

Frances Huff, Have and Chifford Bingham are home from Ann Arbor for Christmas.

Will Langer has just returned from an engagement at the Medinah Temple, Chicago. Bud Keller and wife are spending

the holidays with their daughter and family at Elgin. Il. Mrs. McElheny and Louise and

Cenil Reynolds and family are home from Flordia for the winter.

Harold Wilcox of Ferndale, Whyle of Albion and Paul of Kalamazoo college are home for the holidays.

Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Mable Churchilt were called to Mendon last week by the death of their aunt, Mrs. Driggs.

Earl and Walter Hopkins, with their wives were up from Kalama-200 Sunday to spend the day with Mrs. Hopkins.

Messrs, Campbell, Wheeler, Zelie and Frank Sackett drove over from Mattawan to attend the Masonic meeting last Thursday even-

ne Baptist Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. Holmes next Tuesday. Everyone bring comething to make over for children from two to eleven years old.

Walter Rendel Albert Wesler and Frank Everess are bome from Normal, Mildred Lies from Parsons College and Lyle Mason from Berrien Springs for the vacation.

Charles Stakenes, solved a picture puzzle for the United Publishing Co. of Kansas City Mo. and work hundred dollar cash prize. Not so bad for a young fellow, just before Christmas too.

Most of our stores will open this evening and Christmiss forencon to accommodate late shappers. The postoffice will be opin until nine Chastras morales. No rural del-

Mare lese for the bounces, Christmas Day article, form poultry dairy facts, mother's cook book and othc. good services, school day picture and cross word passie on inside -all good. Don't miss the inside pages this week

Dr. Riley has installed a new Alpine sun lamp for treatment of various diseases. The fact that Mrs. Kate Howland went to Lawonly n few of these inschines are ton Saturday to visit friends over
available in even the larger cities Sunday, leaving there early Monparts Gobles up another noteh in day morning for Chicago on her the world of progress

A ruling of the state department daughter, Mrs. Jennie McLaren of conservation probabits fishing Appleton, Wis.

through the ice with snything but a hook and line in Manigan south bad accident Monday as he swung of the north line of Misson sounty and problints all littling in inland inker pour April 1 to June 15.

Mrs. E. V. Beck was valled to South Bund Setuphy to attend the famous of her assets, John Hively, The was littled by a steel car Friday eversage Mrs. Hively bad visited Mrs. Besk here sevcial times and the Wiends they made while here will be sorry to heer is big untimely death.

We neclected to report the re We necessited to report the re-election of E. L. Story as secretary and A. I. Footier, as treasurer. These with the oblight elected and Charles floward and Rivard Eldridge as a stoward and Rivard Eldridge as chaplant were shift installed Thurs-day system followed by a banquet and soons hour rather all present

Frances Connery is home from Ann Arbor this week.

MERR

Dr. Riley has a new Snowmobile purchased of Harrelson.

Ernest Taylor orders his News sent to Larkin, Fla. again.

George Pinckard and family have gone to Chicago for the winter.

Frank Austin is able to be out again after a two week's illness. Lillian Ray went to Kalamazoo

Tuesday to have her tonsils remov-Mabel Miller is home from Frank-

fort and Gladys from Kalamazoo for the holidays.

H. W. Taylor and R. H. Bush vere in Grand Rapids Sunday, returning Monday.

Plenty of the beautiful and the venther is such as to preserve it for white Christmas.

Roy Randall orders The News sent to Corpus Christi, Texas, where his and the Robinson family are lo-

Deputy Velay advises us that the parking ordinance in the village must be observed as violators will be arrested.

KENDALL

Mrs. Belle Porter is visiting Mrs. John Ransler for a few days.

Mrs. Carrie Waite is a little better, though still confined to her

Hosea Scott of Cleveland, Ohio came Sunday afternoon to be the over Christmas guest of his mother, Mrs. Warren Scott.

Mrs. Wm. Richards spentWednesday in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Odell of Long Beach, Calif. are here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Odell and other relatives and friends.

George Miller will leave Wednesday for Detroit to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Cecil Cook. Mrs. Miller will not be able to go on account of the enfeebled condition of her mother,

Joseph Champion still continues grow weaker.

Mary Elcone Sweet came Sunday to stay with her grandpa Sweet till after Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Chamberlin is preparing a Christmas program to be given at the M. E. church Thursday night, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

Henry Waber and family came Saturday eve to spend Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mabel K. Waber.

Mrs. Maggie Leversee had a dinner party Friday and invited inMrs. Nellie Wilder, Mrs. Celestia Lewis, Mrs. Carrie Kingsley and Mrs. M. K. Waber. The excellent dinner was much enjoyed by all present.

day morning for Chicago on her way to spend the winter with her

bad aceident Monday as he swung around a corner the auto door that was partly latched swung open and his little son, Robert was thrown out on the frozen ground, only bruising him slightly. Lucky boy.

Harry Root leaves Tuesday for Detroit to spend the Christmas holiday with his brother, Carl Root.

Lillian Ray left Tuesday for Kalamazoo, where she underwent a tonsil operation. She is accompanied by her father, Willard Ray.

Anna Ray came home from Normal Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents. She visited Gobles high school Thursday.

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Gobles Split a Pair

Lawrence girls and boys came over last Friday evening and in hisual the Gobles girls went by the score of 14 to 3, while the local blavs lost by the score of 16 to 6, in the as lively contests as were ever plan ed. Both games were better than the scores indicate. Our girls or ed the better team but the visiters

contended all the way. The Lawrence boys were a Span an bunch in appearance fanding from six feet up and with speed match and no small skill proved to much for our boys, but the latter put up the game of their life a made Lawrence do their best.

were surely a scrappy bunch and

The high school boys went k Hopkins Saturday evening brought home the bacon in form of a score of 25 to 7 in the favor. This too was a better gat than the score would indicate Hopkins boys are some hist the selves, but could not recover fr the effects of our boys making basket in the first 10 seconds play, until the score was too big overcome. Manager Schutt us his substitutes in the last half.

Order for Publication

At a section of said Court, held at the bate office in the Village of Pay Paw, in County so the 1998 day of December, A. fi Present Ron, War, Killeter Judge of Pre In the matter of the estate of flattle I

Cook, decased.

L. O. Graham. Administrator of said conhains fised in said court his finely slighted to and court his finely slighted to account and fire position program for allowance thereof and for the assignment of distribution of the residue of said manage.

It is Ordered, that the 18th day of his.

A. D. 18 6 at the o'chock in the foregoed, a reduce office, be and is hereby apparent examining and allowing said petition; It is Further Ordered; That published desired by published with this order for fixed successive weight to said die of the confidence of th

WM. KILLERIER. Judge of Probate.
A true copy. Mamie L. Shafar, Register of Probate.

Tax Notice

Will be at the First State bank in Gobles on Tuesdays and at the People's State Bank, Bloomingdale. Saturdays to collect Bloomingdale and hay, all of which were markettownship taxes.

Einest Sniffin, Treas.

Tax Notice

Commencing Dec. 10 will be at Kendall on Thursdays and Gobles on Tuesdays to collect Pine Grove township taxes,

Vernon Chamberlin, Treas.

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If you have business in the probate court, request Judge Killifer to have the printing done at The News. He will be glad to commidate vou and you will

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STATE OF MIGHIGAN—The Probate Cour for the Courty of van Buren.
At a session of said Court, held at the Pro-hate O ce in the Village of Paw Paw in said County on the 14th day of D cember. A. D., 192 Present Hon. Wm. Killeter, Judge of Pro-bate. In the matter of the estate of Amelia D Wing Mentally Incompetent.

Fred M. Wing, having filed in said court his pericion alleging that said Amelia D. Wing is a mentally incompetent person, and praying that

Charles E, Anderson or some other autable person be appointed a guardian of her person and estate,
It is Ordered. That the 11th day of January A. D.,
126 at the o'clock in the forencon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing and petition.

ing and pention;
It is Further Ordered, That notice thereof b
given by personal service of a capy of this orde
upon said Amelia D. Wing and upon such o
her nearest relatives and presum tive heige-atlaws as reside within said county, at least four
teen days previous to said day of hearing:

And it is Further Grdered; That notice there of he given to all others of her near at relatives and presumptive heirs-at-law by a publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Gobles News, a newspaper printed and circulat

Wx. KILLEFER, Judge of Probate. A rue copy. Mamie L. Shache, Register of

Water Tax Notice

Village water tax is due and should be paid at once to Frank Cooley, Village Marshal

Michigan, Our Michigan

HRISTMAS

In these articles up to the present we have tried to show in a small way Michigan's natural advantages and what its people have accomplished with these advantages.

For a time we will dwell on the possibilities of these and other advantages upon the future, particularly of this section of Michigan.

We have learned of our mining and mineral wealth, of our industries, our fisheries, our educational facilities, our agricultural and horticultural products, our resorts and recreational advantages. With the constant and untiring efforts of the mercial fishing, and being isolated air with joyous song. from the mining and mineral deleave these fields of endeavor to others. This leaves to us the other fields with nature backing us to the limit with climate, soil, scenery, inand lakes, location, rough and brains, a brace of advantages invincible, which if used collectively cannot fail to make this the garden spot of the state, the playground of the nation, the source of food supplies for the continent and the educational center of the world. With hese possibilities we can but realise that with all the great accomplishments of the past and present, Michigan has but started in the world of achievement, a position most favorable for the future welfare of its people.

On Auction Sales

Personally, we had never given he question of the advantages and ndvantages of auction sales much thought, but recently a stranger came in to arrange with us for a date in the absence of Auctioneer an Voorhees and the conditions aused us to take notice.

This man's sale would figure about \$400 and the expense at the lowest figure possible was \$30. He had two cows, some corn, onions il them at private sale and save the expense. He said several had looked at his stuff but he could not get offered near what the same were worth and some of the things he had no offers for, so we advertised an afternoon sale. Mr. VanVoorhees went and cried it and Mr. Graham clerked it, everything was sold in the afternoon, and by getting what things were worth, the difference in what he had been offered and the selling price more than paid the expense twice over. So much for small sale.

Soon after this came the big Ampey sale; which, owing to the quantity and variety of the things for sale, was practically a necessity, and we were interested in the comparison.

This sale aggregated about \$4000. A real crowd was necessary to dispose of everything and more advertising was necessary, lunches had to be provided and added expenses were necessary to dispose of everything quickly. But the results were in ratio to the expense and with the same auctioneer and clerk great satsfaction prevailed.

The returns on these two extremes convince us that auction sales are advisable and profitable to both buyer and seller in that it brings them together to their mutual advantage and the expense is consistent for the results obtained.

Notice of Meeting

The annual meeting and election of the Gobleville Milling Company will be held at the Gobles bank Tuesday, January 12, 1926. Polls open from one to three o'clock pa m. to be followed by the transaction of such business as may be desired.

Wm. J. Davis, Sec.

The Methodist Church

We wish to thank the teachers and pupils of the Gobles public school for the hearty cooperation and the fine program for the community gathering. It was all good.

We are glad to welcome our college students and those teaching tiome for the Christmas time.

Sunday morning, 10:30, sermon address, "My Personal Responsibility for 1926."

Church school 11:30. Interest and members increasing.

Evening hour 6 to 7. Clifford Bingham leader.

The young people will be out cities to increase their growth and with their Christmas Carols Thurswealth, being too far inland for com- day night. Listen to them \$11 the

Following the evening hour Sunposits: it seems advisable to us to day is a social hour to which you are invited.

May this be to you all a happy uletide is our most earnest wish. Yours for the Christmas KING.

A. S. Williams. BASE LINE

Otho Walker and wife entertained a nephew and family from Battle reck Thursday and Friday of last

Olen Woodruff and family were week end visitors of his parents.

Levi Camfield and family were Sunday evening visitors at Lester Woodruff.

Max Dannenberg and family are hog for service, \$1.50. John Abitot from Battle Creek and Grand farmers phone.

Shirks Banks and mother visited Kathanasoo. Wednesday of last get them. O. J. Rhoades.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Connery Mr. 188 vice, \$1.50. Elmer Simene ended the funeral of Mes. Si Paw Paw last Friday:

Will Pullin and family spent sturday eve with Arch Holmes and

Will Pullin and family visited at the home of Bert James and family Plainwell Sunday.

BELL SCHOOL

and Mrs. Glenn Markillie able and it seemed that he might and mother were Sunday visitors in Paw Paw.

Mr.and Mrs. Robt. Walters spent Sunday in Bangor.

Margaret Daniels is a visitor in the Daniels home.

Mrs. Eliza Allen spent part of last week with Rose Irwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen visit ed in Kalamazoo Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harrison.

The W. W. Society met with Mrs Geo. Allen last Thursday. A fine dinner and 28 present, all the members but three. A nice Christmas program in which all took part was enjoyed and as usual each member received just the present she asked for. Mrs. Ed Carter won the prize for being present the greatest number of meetings during the year.

BROWN DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gilbert spent unday at Passage's near Kendall. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pike spent Sunday at WillSteinman's atAlamo, Chas. King and son of Battle Creek visited at Geo. Pike's two days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gilbert called at J. Gilbert's Sunday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sackett and Mrs. Iva Shepherd of Kalamazoo spent and week end at Andy Sack-

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Pike visited at Geo. Pike's Thursday.

Andy Sackett and daugqter, Greta were in Kalamazoo Friday,

Mrs. Hazle and Mr. Johnson of Kalamazoo spent Sunday at John

Ralph Champion and Mr. Pike of Mattawan called at Andy Sack ett's Friday. Mrs. Arthur Healy was in Kala-

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Business Local

Fruit and ornamental tree vines for fall setting for sale Hosner.

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Babbitt. With saw or buy your that at and place early spring. See or place. Lester Clark for particulars, Nation.

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By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

OR nineteen centuries the painter's brush, the graver's tool and the sculptor's chisel have been busy with the representations of Jesus Christ. But in all the world is there\a likeness of Him with any credible claim to authenticity? To one who is not satisfied with the efforts of

the artists and sculptors of all ages is recommended the word picture which is attributed to Publius Lentulus, who is said to have been a Roman centurion in Palestine during His lifetime. The centurion-captain of one of the sixty companies into which the Roman legion was dividedhad his virtues as well as his vices. He was as efficient and as "hard-boiled" as a modern sergeant of the United States marines. His passion was service to Rome. And in statement of fact to his superiors he was of necessity and by tradition and training as literally exact as lay within him to be. And here is the statement of Publius Lentulus, the Roman centurion in Palestine, as it has come down to us through the ages:

There has appeared in this, our day, a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, who is yet living amongst us, and with the Gentiles is accepted as a prophet of truth, but His own disciples call Him the Son of God. He raiseth the dead and cureth all manner of diseases; a man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with a very reverent countenance; such as the beholder may both love and fear; His such as the beholder may both love and fear; His hair is of the color of a filbert, full ripe, and plain down to His ears, but from His ears downward somewhat curled, and more orient of color, waving about His shoulders. In the midst of His head goeth a seam or partition of hair, after the manner of the Nazarites; His forehead very smooth and plain; His face, nose and mouth so fromed on and plain; His face, nose and mouth so framed as nothing can be reprehended; His beard somewhat thick, agreeable to the hair of His head for color, not of any great length, but forked in the middle of an innocent and mature look; His eyes gray,

In reproving He is terrible; in admonishing courteous and fair spoken, pleasant in speech, amidst gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen Him laugh, but many have seen Him

weep.
In proportion of body, well shaped and straight;
In shands and arms most beauteous to behold; in
speaking very temperate, modest and wise; a man
of singular virtue, surpassing the children of men.

UP TO the Thirteenth century the pictures of Jesus Christ and of the Nativity were formal, impersonal and conventional. But in 1223 was held what may be regarded as the first Christmas celebration, inasmuch as it marked the linking of the church observance of the birth of Jesus with the popular midwinter festival that had come down from the Romans and the Barbarians of Britain and the Continent. It was staged by St. Francis of Assisi, of beloved memory, in a grotto near Greccio in the Abruzzi mountains of Italy. A pageant at midnight portrayed the Nativity-strawfilled manger, ox and ass; adoring shepherds and Wise Men and all. Thomas of Celano, who was among the worshipers, writes that they saw a smiling babe appear in the arms of St. Francis as he bent over the manger. The report of this miracle spread over the land and a convent still extant was built to commemorate it. Giotto paint ed a picture of it in a human sort of way. And this celebration and this picture was the source from which sprang the countless masterpieces representing the Nativity and the Adoration by the great artists of all the world.

The "Madonna and Child" is a reproduction of the work of Luca della Robbia (Luca di Simone di Marco della Robbia of Florence, 1400-82). This famous Italian sculptor was the founder of a school which he and his family popularized for a century or more. He worked with terra cotta figures in white and with colored draperies.

ONE grave at least is sure of decorations at Christmas time. That one is the grave of Dr. Clement C. Moore, the author of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." His grave is in Trinity

cemetery, New York city. The photograph shows the Moore family plot, with Doctor Moore's grave at the left. The children of the Sunday school of the Chapel of the Intercession decorate his grave every year and on Christmas Day sing carols and place fresh decorations.

Doctor Moore's writing of the famous/poem and its publication are a story in themselves. Doctor Moore (1779-1863) was born in New York, the son of Bishop Benjamin Moore, once rector of Old Trinity, the second Protestant Episcopal bishop of the diocese of New York and the third president of Columbia university. Dr. Clement C. Moore was graduated from Columbia and studied for the ministry, but was not ordained. In 1821 he became professor of Biblical learning in the General Theological seminary, New York. There he served until his death. He was a noted scholar and compiled the first Hebrew-English lexicon published in

In 1822 he wrote the famous poem as a Christmas gift to his children. A visitor made a copy of it, with the result that the next Christmas it was published anonymously in the Troy (N. Y.) Sentinel. It went over the whole country in no time and then spread all over the world. Doctor Moore was vexed over its publication, but finally admitted authorship. Now his scholarly lexicon is forgotten. But his poem has made his name immortal.

INCREDIBLY prosperous are the American peo-ple these days. Their wealth is shown in many ways, but in no way more strikingly than by their expenditure for Christmas gifts. Experts estimate that their ante-Christmas shopping the country over will total between seven and eight billions of dollars this year. One reason why they are able to spend such a staggering sum is that untold thousands have been saving for it all the year through what has come to be known as the "Christmas Bank." In Chicago, for example, a canvass of the larger banks of the city shows that they distributed approximately \$25,000,000 in Christmas savings early this month. This was an increase of five millions over 1924 and of ten millions over 1923. This, however, merely indicates the growing popularity of the "Christmas Bank" plan. It gives no real idea of the amount involved. For the plan has been in operation in practically every large industrial establishment, without recourse to the banks.

So RICH are the American people and so fast and furious is the Christmas spending that they do not even take the pains to see that their gifts sent by mail are properly wrapped and addressed. Of course all are not careless about it, but Uncle Sam, postmaster, has a bad time during the holidays. Extra clerks cost him a million dollarsand no small part of this extra force is kept busy handling poorly wrapped and improperly addressed packages. Many thousands of Christmas gifts this year—as every year—will be sold by Uncle Sam instead of going into the Christmas stockings for which the givers intended them. The unaddressed department of the inquiry section of the post office in the large cities resembles a warehouse. And at that Uncle Sam's experts have a positive genius for solving mysteries and sending lost packages on their way. In about 300 cases out of 1,000 letters or cards inside serve as the saving clue. Some gifts cannot be held longalligators from Florida, for example, fruit, mushrooms, live chickens and turkeys. These are quickly sold and the sale price held in a fundwhich is ultimately turned into the treasury. When all efforts have been exhausted the unidentified and unclaimed packages are sold at auction by an auctioneer who has little Christmas sentimenthe gets rid of about 100 lots an hour.

HRISTMAS Day has many important aspects CHRISTMAS Day has man, important viewpoints—but don't let us overlook the turkey. Doesn't Picture No. 3

make your mouth water? It does, of course; otherwise you are not normal and should be put in solitary confinement for about 48 hours beginning Christmas Eve. Nature apparently created the turkey especially for the family feasts of Christmas and Thanksgiving.

And here's an odd thing: It was America that gave the world the turkey, yet this delicious piece de resistance of the Christmas feast is getting scarcer year by year. Not only is the production of turkeys not keeping up with the increase in population, but is actually decreasing year by We are raising not more than something like 4,000,000 turkeys a year nowadays, which is not enough to go around among a population of more than 100,000,000. Chicago, for example, probably paid \$250,000 more this year than last for its Thanksgiving turkeys.

A good guess is that the near future will see us raising wild turkeys on a large scale. The experiment has been tried in several places and gives evidence of proving successful. The domesticated turkey is a hard bird to raise. The wild turkey, on the other hand, seems to be able to take care of himself and to multiply-with and natural conditions. History shows that the North American continent was just alive with wild turkeys once upon a time.

MISTLETOE as a time-honored part of the festivities of Christmas may be doomed-so the rising generation should make hay while the sun shines-or words to that effect. Mistletoe is supposed to have been a sacred plant, much affected by the Druids in their mystic ceremonies in old Gaul and Britain. For this reason it was under the frown of the church. As late as the Nineteenth century it was forbidden in English churches-and still may be! Now it is rapidly disappearing because of Christmas demands. And on top of this the United States Department of Agriculture has declared war on the mistletoe in the national forests and expresses the hope that within ten years it may be eradicated. You see, the mistletoe is a parasitic plant, which flourishes on the life sap of the tree on which it grows. So the Agricultural department has declared it a forest pest. However, the main supply comes from the South, where the national forests are inconsiderable. And Oklahoma remains a final refuge for the mistletoe devotee—for there it is the state flower.

CHRISTMAS time again emphasizes the fact that all the world—except Young America is increasingly reading the Bible. The printing presses are busy day and night and yet cannot supply the demand. More than 30,000,000-volumes have been printed and distributed this year. Evary day brings word of new editions, of new forms, of new translations. There are something like 1,000 languages and dialects in the world. The whole Bible has been published in 159; the New Testament in 138 more; portions consisting of at least one book in 428 more. From Albanian, Arabic and Bulu to Yiddish, Zapotec and Zulu almost every tongue has its Bible. Yesterday the American Bible society gave an order for 3,000,000 copies of six separate books of the Scriptures-Mark, Luke, John, Acts and Proverbs-each tiny book to be sold in America and South America for one cent! Today a French publisher announces an edition of thirty volumes, with Hebrew and Greek texts opposite the French. Tomorrow there will appear a translation of some new tongue or dialect. China, torn by civil strife, increasingly demands the Bible. Russia is the only forbidden ground; the Soviet authorities will not permit it to cross the frontier.

This increasing world-wide demand for the Bible emphasizes anew that Christianity is still the driving force of civilization; that the central fact of Christianity is Jesus Christ-His life and person, and that the Holy Scriptures are the fount and inspiration of Christmas Day.

Peculiar Reason

for Loving Wife At a social gathering the other night the host proposed to his guests, mostly middle-aged married folk, a more or less new game. The key was: "I love my love because she is-." the idea being that the first player should name some quality beginning with the letter "a" which described

ning with "b," and so on. "My love" was loved because she was "charming," "demure," and so on until the eighth player was reached. The letter "h" was his.

his love, the second a quality begin-

He happened to be at the party alone, his wife having remained at home, and there had been current gossip that they did not get along any too well

There was, therefore, no little merriment when he responded:

"I love my love because she is

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Palace Turned Into Bank The Bank of Brussels is probably the only bank in the world actually doing business in a genuine palace. After the World war the bank bought the royal palace of the count of Flanders one of the notable mansions of all Europe. The bank's president is a connoisseur of Eighteenth century art and has retained many fine pieces in the building, proving that a modern business can be conducted in a place of regal splendor.

Bill Sikes, Humorist

An argument in favor of inexpensive possessions, is sent by a correspondent, says London Tit-Bits. A few nights ago a burglar got into his house and left a parting note on the dining-room table, "This is a real disappointment," the note ran. "After all my trouble, I can't find a thing worth taking. Please buy a few valuables, or you won't see me again!' Even a burglar has a sense of hu-

Suez Canal Traffic

Great Britain takes first place in Suez canal trade with 60 per cent of the total traffic this year. The Netherlands is second, Germany third, Italy fourth, France fifth, Japan sixth and the United States seventh.

A word may be recalled, a life never.-Schiller.

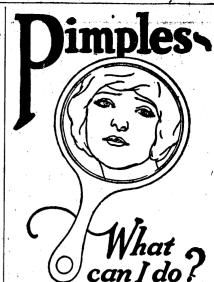




your car and always keep it in the house. 30c and 90c at all druggists.



LEAR YOUR SKIN of disfiguring blotches and



OH, why can't I have a skin like other girls? Why do I have to have these ugly pimples, blotches and blackheads?

'If I could only find something that would clear up my skin and give me back my soft, rosy complexion, I know I would be the happiest girl in the

world! What can I do?"

Is that you talking? If it is, you don't have to worry a minute! Just build up the rich, red blood in your body. Then your skin will be as clear and soft as anybody's.

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And then this rich, red, pure blood feeds and nourishes the tissues of the skin and keeps it looking healthy.

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Of the First Generation

By EDGAR T. MONTFORT

you'd be very unhappy. It simply seen through the telescope.

wouldn't work." Edith Montague clasped and unclasped her hands nervously.

it? Don't you know I'm right?"

a little farther away.

just say so and we'll drop the sub-"Oh, John, you hurt so, you don't understand. You must realize that your people and mine wouldn't mix. Words, too, are more than sounds;

You don't know any of the crowd 1 "You mean I don't play golf and

my parents aren't educated. That's of expression and meter suited to one what your mean. You mean you'd be language do violence to another. ashamed of them and you can't face the danger of introducing my mother tion, the rhythm which the poet to your friends and having her say brings, and respond to his touch.-'was' for 'were.' I know it all. I rea Lascelles Abercrombie. lize that I'm the first college man in my family and that your people have been educated for centuries. Sometimes I wish I'd never seen a university. Then I'd have married the little girl I ran around with when I went to high school at home. I thought she was my future wife until I got out in the world, then when I went back things were different. She had changed, or rather I had, and I found myself wondering how I'd ever loved her. She was narrow and tame. Her brain was almost stodgy, she couldn't talk about anything. Didn't know anything to talk about. Then you came along like a dazzling meteor in my sky and I thanked God I hadn't married Grace. I worshipped your culture and your knowledge of things. You play well, you are up on the latest books, you always say the right thing at the right time. Cultured, refined, educated. That's what you are, and I was proud of you. Lord, how proud! And now you've thrown me down, cast me off like an old dress-kept me dangling for six months, then this. . . .

He stopped from sheer exhaustion and Edith sat looking at him, her lips parted, her breath coming in little umbrellas were hoisted to catch it and gasps. After a moment she spoke.

"But John, you forget that you threw Grace down after a life-long friendship, because you did not think you could make her happy, or to put it more crudely because you did not think she could make you happy. You have just said it yourself, yet you blame

The truth of the situation came to him suddenly-for the first time.

"You are right, Edith," he said at last. light before, but I could have bet on tury. A. D. your saying the right thing in the right place every time. I accept your refusal. I am paying the price of the first generation."

Without another word he rose and moved toward the door.

impulsively, following him. "Some day upon the forest products laboratory you'll meet the right girl, the one who will just fit your heart and station and when you do I want you to let me know, because I'm very unhappy that this should have happened."

"Don't worry about it. It's my suffering, not yours," he answered, his face averted. "I'll go now."

With a mumbled word he slipped out the front door and down the imposing front steps leaving Edith staring in bewilderment at the place where he had stood a second before.

The weeks that followed were dreary ones for John. He had had enoughtoo much. This falling in love business was a trick of nature to make you

The only girl he couldn't shake was a little neighbor from back home who had come to the city to study music. He had promised her parents that he would go and see her each week to keep her from getting homesick, and it was on one of these Sunday visits that he really saw Carolyn Gray for the first time. They were taking a walk in the country just outside the city when she looked up at him suddenly and spoke.

"John, you know what I'm going to do when I go to get married? I'm going to marry a man who is educating himself, but whose parents have had no advantages-just like mine. I won't have anybody ashamed of my father and mother, thank you. They're too fine, and it would almost kill them. There's a girl down at school now who is ashamed for her mother to meet her fiance because he comes of cultivated people. She's a That's what she is, and I'm ashamed of her-not of her mother."

He looked at the slim little figure walking beside him—at the healthy aid glow in her cheeks, at the earnest blue

"You've made me see myself in the proper light," he said slowly at last, and you've shown me a way to hap-

"Oh, what is it?" she asked, catching his eagerness.

"I won't tell you now-you'll have to wait a few weeks." And all the way home as he walked beside her he was conscious of the thrill of her nearness, and he said to himself over and over in bewilderment:

"And I thought I'd never love

Meteors Travel Fast

Meteors flying through space in the vicinity of the moon attain a speed of 40 miles a second because there is no appreciable atmospheric resistance around the moon. A. G. Gifford of the Hector observatory at Wellington, New Zealand, believes that meteors hit the moon and explode with great violence, and are responsible for the hit the moon and explode with great I haven't the courage. Besides, craters on the moon which can be

Malaria for Insanity

Thirty patients in a New York hos-"Can't you see it? Can't you feel pital, once believed hopelessly insane. are back at work leading normal lives, John Williams instinctively moved cured by having been infected with malaria germs. The astonishing meth-"Im at a disadvantage, Edith, I can't od of curing a mental disease by inpress my suit and if you don't love flicting a patient with another disease me. . . . If you feel that you would is meeting with marked success, acbe making a sacrifice by marrying me, cording to reports issued recently from the Long Island College hospital .-Popular Science Monthly.

Words

they are garners stored with history and the experience of generations of their users. Languages, also, have bridge all day and half the night and their distinctive characters, and forms Even words seem to welcome the emo-

The Modern Child

"Do you love daddy?" asked Susan. Her mother looked up from the book she was reading and replied: "Why, of course, child. Whatever made you ask such a question?" Susan affected a yawn, walked to the window and glanced out. "No particular reason," she replied at length. "I just wanted to find out if we are both eld-fash-

Walrus Tusks Prized

Ivory carving is becoming a lost art among the Eskimos of Alaska, and the ornately carved walrus tusks are much prized by collectors. A generation or so back the artisans who did this work were quite numerous, but they have gradually passed away, and the young men have not learned to

Fuel-Saving Scheme

century ago the British parliament sanctioned the construction of Monkland railway, in Scotland. Its motive power was the wind, and send the trains along. The wind was not always in the right direction, and in these circumstances the train was

Sugar as Medicine

During the last century of the Roman republic, the famous General Pompey, who conquered Asia Minor. came upon a people who used the juice of the sugar cane as a common beverage. Sugar was prescribed as a "I had never seen it in that medicine by Galen in the Second cen-

Idea Worth Money

A saving of \$300 a day to a manufacturer of a wooden part for automobiles is said to have resulted from three days' attendance by one of the "Oh, John, let's be friends," she said company's technical representatives course in gluing wood at the University of Wisconsin.

Began Great Poem at Twenty Alexander Pope, the famous English poet, was only twenty years old when he began his famous "Essay on Criticiem," which was published when he was twenty-three. His first poem, "Solitude," was written at twelve,

Hot Weather in Arctic

The Arctic summer provides a temperature sometimes as high as 95 degrees, with accompaniment of mosquitoes and bumble ees. In winter the thermometer drops to 75 degrees be-

Light Bulb Shoe Drier A novel and very good way of drying wet shoes is to turn on an electric bulb and place it inside the shoe. The steady, dry heat from the bulb will evaporate the moisture without warping the shoes in any way.

Generous Man!

Chemistry Instructor-If anything goes wrong with this experiment, we and the laboratory would be blown sky high. Come closer, students, so that you may be able to follow me!

Palace Put to Use

Constantinople's old imperial palace, which dates back to the Eighth century, now is used as a museum and storehouse for national treasures.

The Universal Provider The only man who really needs to know a little about everything is a

buyer for a drug store.-Duluth Her-New Mexico's Timber

Nearly one-third of New Mexico is

with forests, with a gross stand of 15,000,000,000 board feet. Unfortunately

There are no game laws governing

the sport of killing time.—Boston

Twining Vines A given species of twining vine turns in the same direction,-Science Service.

To Each His Fear

By MARY W. OVINGTON

(C. 1925, Western Newspaper Union. 66 TOU shouldn't treat your little

I sister so. Carl." A child of three was clasping his mother's skirts and screaming with

"I didn't do anything," the child's brother grumbled. "I just said 'Boo' to her. She's a "fraid cat,"

"It's wrong to frighten a little child. Molly may never get over it," and the mother picked up the child in her Sunday, Dec. 27--

Her small son stifled a hoot and ran off. The little girl continued to utter shriek after shriek. Terror gripped her heart and convulsively shook her small

It would have been well if Frederick Blake had seen this incident before lie married Molly Carter. However, he would have been a small boy at the time and doubtiess would have joined her brother in jumping out at her, When he met Molly he was attracted not only by her good looks but her high spirits and her fine record at sports. She never lost her nerve at tennis, even at the most exciting tournament. He was therefore utterly astonished when his wife went into hysteries because he came upon her suddenly when she was sitting alone in the library looking into the She clutched his arm and screamed, and he laughed and called her what her brother had called her before, a "'fraid cat."

Molly's nerves certainly were on edge those first months of married life. Her best friends had to admit it. But it all began, she declared, with the awful shock of Fred's entrance into the library that afternoon, He hard flung his hand on her shoulder and called in that great voice of his before sie knew he was within a mile of the

It was a slippery, sloppy, harsh winter. There was no chance for outdoor husband retaliated by teasing her. His laugh, that his wife had once loved, grew hateful. At length, one evening. when as she firmly believed he delibérately jumped at her from behind a door, her terror knew no bounds. This time she hurried into her hat and coat and went to her mother's, and declared she intended never to live with him again,

"She can't mean it," he declared to Mrs. Carter, looking at her with fear in his eyes. "Molly wouldn't treat me

When the trunks went out of the house, Carl was standing with his friend in the hall, "Looks like business," he remarked and then, seeing Fred's face, vent quietly away. He could not forget those sorrowful eyes. like a dog's. Fred began to dissipate. The maid

left and his house took on a desolate look under the chance ministrations of scrub women: He lived a good deal at the country club. Everybody who saw Molly to'd her that she was doing

Now if she could only see Fred in a blue funk. 'To each his fear.' Did Kipling say that? Now I wonder.' Three days after this, at midnight,

Molly was awakened suddenly by her brother's pounding at her door. "Wake up," he cried. "Fred's horribly sick. Afraid he can't live, I've been with him two bours and have just rushed up for you. Get on your things, won't

He need not have said the last words for she was already jumping into her

"You mustn't be too shocked," Carl explained as they entered the house, "Fred's terribly scared. You remember that newspaper story two weeks ago? Fred knew one of the men who died." Her husband's face was perfectly

white and he looked scared and helpless. She leaned over and kissed him until she brought the color to his cheeks. Then she looked about.

"And now," she said, when the patient looked like himself, "the nurse the other with a satisfied smile, "that a Detroit dance hall frequented by the weight 8 pounds. I've seen through your little hoax."

Her husband, excited, incoherent, sat up in bed and declared that she was mistaken, utterly mistaken; but her brother gave an old well-remembered boy's hoot. "You caught on, kid, and no mistake, Only don't forget, Fred wasn't on the inside. He's innocent. I gave him the stuff, but I suggested poison and he did the rest. He's get powerful imagination.

He stuck out his tongue at his brother-in-law as though he were eight sued him. In a second Molly heard the outer door slam. When her husband came slowly back she was shaking with laughter.

"I believe, dear," she declared, "that I'm cured, cured of being frightened. I can see the funny side of it."

cured of teasing. For I can see the fashioned orchestra. tragedy." Horse Radish

your oysters. Second Ditto-Howja guess it? First Ditto-You're eating them with

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Two New wrong But she would not give in. "She has been humiliated," Carl thought. "That's the chief trouble. Now if she good only see Final in a **I ypewriters**

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Just Received

The Old Fashioned Dance the sheik and his sheba were not missing Will the old fashioned dances ever come

This question which is echoed from every part of the country ever since Henry Ford started to popularize the music and dances of yesterday, finds an answer in the Detroit News in the review of an old realize," and she glanced from one to fashioned dance held as an experiment in and Mrs. McKeever a son, Paul,

> so_called younger set. Officials of the dance hall had staged the dance for the express benefit of those of another generation who had been literally at Ed Markillie's Sunday. crowded from the dance floor by mo lern jazz music. But, they scarcely anticipated "five thous and men and women howl. ing for the right to dance," the weltz, schottische, polka and form dances. And, included in those who participated in this ers at Fay White's of Gobles Sundemonstration were all ages from sixteen

"The spirit of the quadrille, that began years old, and then dushed out of the in a lowly way must have blinked its eyes amazoo spent the week end at room. Fred leaped from bed and pur in wonderment," says the Detroit News. home. "It was born to the swish of hoop skirts and the times when the society reporter 'the brave and the fair were in attendance' Her husband did not smile. "I'm tures and a super orchestra, sided and cured, too," he said solemnly, "I'm abetted by Henry Ford's four-piece old

were called and the big front doors locked First Diner-I see you're enjoying in the faces of hundreds who tried in vain to jam into the seething crowds Henry Ford was not there, but a party of Ford executives and their friends were. It was relish.-New Yor Central Magazine, a different crowd from that which usually appears at public dance halls, although

Hundrads of old man and women and thous ads of middle-az d coupl is crowded the floor from the first note and stayed until the last.

WAVERLY

Born, Tuesday, Dec. 15, to Rev.

A. B. Frisbie of Kalamazoo called on his mother, Mrs. Frances Frisbie Mrs. Henry Bishop spent the lat-

ter part of last week with their son, George and wife of Kalamazoo. J. A. White and Fern were call-

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Herron of Ka!-George D. Root, a respected citi-

zen and resident of this vicinity for It was born in an era of kerosene lamps, many years passed away at his tin-types and fiddlers. Tuesday night, it home last Saturday evening after a faced high power flood lights, moving pic- lingering illness. He leaves to mourn his passing: a wife, three sons and two daughters, Glen and Fred of "It faced an audience that literally Kalamazoo and Paul of this violative jammed the vast hall, jammed until police and Mrs. Roy Messner and Mrs. Forest McIntyre of Detroit one brother and three sisters and man other relatives and friends.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT By F. A. WALKER

WASTE NOT AN HOUR

A THOUSAND things displeasing will haunt you later in life if in your feverish chase of fooling amusements, which steal from you charac ter, money and time, you fail to exer cise caution and common sense.

To become habitually addicted to empty, catch-penny diversions from which you cannot get some inspiring thought to make of you a better man or woman, or improve your fitness in the field of endeavor you have already accepted as your own, is a perilous departure from the right course.

After the habit of wasting time is once acquired, it is difficult to turn from it and bid it good-by.

You have wilfully accepted as a companion a subtle thief who, at every opportunity, will rob you of your pocketbook, conscience and peaceful nights of sleep.

Although the "old folks," as you disparagingly style your father and mother, may tearfully call your attention to what is likely to result from such folly,

WHO SAID

"He travels safest on a dark night who travels lightest."

THE resolute character of Hernando Cortez, the author of the words quoted above, was never better demonstrated than during his conquest of Mexico. That expedition was, in reality, an offshoot of the expedition of Velasquez to the new world.

Cortez had accompanied Velasquez on his expedition to the island of Cuba. Following the conquest of the island he had sought permission to explore the mainland of Mexico, and it was granted. When he landed he persuaded his men to burn their ships in order that they might not be tempted to return before victory had been

In his march toward the kingdom of Montezuma, the most powerful in Mexico, Cortez was able to defeat the smaller Indian tribes opposing his advance. The success which he achieved alarmed Montezuma, who forthwith set about making peace with the Spaniards. With his court he received Cortez with the greatest courtesy and made him lavish presents. For days the Spaniards tarried in the country of the Aztecs and gave themselves over to enjoyment.

The wealth which was displayed before the envious eyes of Cortez and his men, however, was too much for them to withstand. The Aztecs were treacherously attacked and their city destroyed and their wealth was confiscated to enrich the coffers of Spain.

In 1528 Cortez returned to Spain to face those who had accused him of treason during his absence. He was coldly received. Once more he returned to America as a powerful noble, but without any position to command. In 1540 he again journeyed to Spain but the sovereign received him with the utmost neglect. Seven years later the great explorer died .-

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IS IT VERNON?

VERNON is best known to Americans because of its association with the home of Washington on the banks of the Potomac-Mount Vernon. Few persons realize that this home of Washington was named in honor of William Vernon, a staunch patriot with whom Washington corresponded. His home was in old Newport, where he was the host of many distinguished men during the Revolutionary period.

Vernon is an old English surname usually said to have had its origin in Normandy. In fact the Vernons of England claim descent from one who went to England with William the Norman Conqueror. Seemingly there are several places in Normandy or other parts of France that might have given rise to this surname Vernon.

HOWITT-This, like Hewett and Howlett, is from Hugh, made popular as a first name in England and France by two or three saints of the name.

PICKFORD-This is a compound of Pick and ford. Pick here may be an old first name so that the name would have the significance of Pick's ford. Or it may be that it is derived from pick, a form of peak or pike, meaning hill. Then the name would have the significance of hill ford, and the first to bear it would have been so called because of their dwelling near a place of this description.

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Early Roman Laws

The Decemviri or Ten Men were those chosen by the Roman people in 751 B. C. with power to govern for a year and at the same time to draw up a code of laws which were written on ten metallic tables, to which a year later were added two tables, so that add one-half tablespoonful of finely the code became known as the Laws | minced parsley. of the Twelve Tables.

you continue to chase the bursting bubbles until their voices are hushed and you face the world alone.

Advice which they gave you sometimes returns on the silent wings of

night and keeps you awake. It bears a new meaning now, and if you have within you the proper

spirit, you will this time accept it. You are here on the mundane sphere for some wise purpose in which no other mortal can have greater concern than yourself.

What you do today will, in spite of all sophistical argument, have a bearing on your life tomorrow.

Your speech, thought, deportment, idleness or industry are molding you each year into a new being-a soul more beautiful and useful or more

ugly and worthless. The beautiful soul is nowhere on earth better developed than by seemly conduct and consideration of others.

A mere word or an act may prove the turning point in your career, and when once launched on its way, it cannot delay the inevitable tide which is carrying you with certainty to a rich life of honor and usefulness, or to a ragged existence without a single ray of faith or happiness—the latter, as the experienced will tell you, being the result of squandering time.

THE FUTURE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

TF THAT strange lady that we call The Future came to you and me Revealing to our vision all

The long, long years that are to be-Yes, robbed of all her mystery If she would let us read the days That are to dawn, reveal the ways

We yet must go, think not that man Would then be any happier than He is, who now the road must tread Not knowing what may lie ahead.

How poor the future joys would seem! No, joys must come as now they do: The joys worth having we must dream,

There must be much of waiting, too. If all were all revealed to you Then men would miss the greatest joy

Their busy fingers to employ To fashion something. Better wait For joy, although it come too late, Than have our joy, and have it done, And not a hope ahead of one.

How great the load of grief would be If all the grief we are to bear

Were hidden not in mystery. The present has enough of care-Oh, may the future always wear A garment like a clouded moon.

Seek not to know too much too soon, For who would care to face the years Who knew the sum of all their tears?-

If that strange lady that we call The Future should reveal them all.

SCHOOL DAYS 95



Mother's Cook Book

losing the fight,
When a lift just in time might
make everything right?
Do you know what it means, just
a clasp of the hand,
When a woman has stood just all she can stand? Were you a sister of hers when

the time came of need? d you offer to help her? Or didn't you heed?

TASTY SANDWICHES

FOR a hot supper dish the following will be sustaining and satisfy-

Hot Giblet Sandwiches.

Pour off the liquid in the pan in which a turkey or chicken has been roasted. From the liquid skim off onefourth of a cupful of fat, return the fat to the pan and in it brown five and one-half tablespoonfuls of flour, and cook well until blended, then add two cupfuls of stock from the cooked giblets. Cook until smooth, season with salt and pepper and add the chopped cooked giblets. Spread eight slices of bread that have been lightly toasted, pour over some of the giblet sauce on four slices, cover with the other four and add the rest of the giblet sauce, dividing it equally over the four sandwiches. Serve hot with a pepper relish.

Sardine-and-Olive Sandwiches.

Drain the sardines from a large box. Remove skins, bones, fins, tails and mince fine. Mix thoroughly with two tablespoonfuls of finely minced mustard pickles, add sardines and mix well; moisten with salad dressing. Use as a filling between thin slices of white bread that have been spread with pimento or horseradish butter. Place crisp leaves of lettuce between the slices, cut into strips or triangles and

Egg, Smoked Salmon Sandwiches. Cut white bread into strips four inches long and one and one-half inches wide. Toast, lightly on one side, spread the untoasted side with unsalted butter to which the mashed yolks of two hard-cooked eggs, salt and cayenne have been added, then

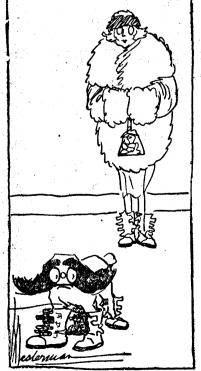
Spread an equal number of slices of

Do you know what it means to be | bread of the same size with anchovy salmon moistened with mayonnaise. Put together in pairs, press lightly and garnish each sandwich with a slice of gherkin. Serve with potato salad.



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THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says time certainly flies and hardly is the football season over before the baseball teams leave for the South to take up their spring activities on the grid

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FARM FOULTRY

PLAN TO PRODUCE STRONG CHICKS

The condition and health of the parent stock largely determine the condition and health of the offspring. No question is more important than that of constitutional vigor.

The actions of the fowl indicate to considerable extent its physical condition. A weak bird is usually inactive and droopy. It does not scratch or forage actively. The loudness and frequency of the crow of the male and the cackle of the female are indications of strength. The large, brightred comb and wattles indicate health. The eye is the mirror of the body and is a good indication of either health or disease, the healthy fowl having a good, bright, clear eye, while the diseased bird's eyelids droop and present a sleepy appearance.

The brightness and brilliancy of the plumage are indications of constitutional vigor. Feathers on a fowl of low vigor usually grow slowly and appear to be dull and ruffled, as compared with the close-fitting, smooth fully developed, bright plumage of the vigorous fowl. The strong bird also has a good appetite and a large crop. The causes of loss of vigor may be

summed up as follows: First-Inbreeding without knowledge of the principles of breeding. Poultry raisers sometimes have a bird with ex-

ceptionally fine plumage, and for that reason mate the bird in their breeding pens regardless of its vigor or its relation to other birds in the same pen. There is a distinction between linebreeding and inbreeding.

Second-Use of pullets and immature male birds. As a rule, pullets lay more eggs than hens, yet it has been proven by experiments that the chicks from hens are larger when hatched and that they mature more quickly and produce stronger and more vigorous specimens than those hatched from pullets. A half-grown cockerel should never be used for breeding pur-

Third—Increased egg production. Forcing fowls to lay by continuously feeding heavy, rich foods tells upon the health of the females and often injures their breeding qualities.

Fourth-Crowding. Poultry raisers make a mistake too often of crowding a great number of birds into small quarters and then expecting the best results from the flock.

Fifth-Lack of exercise. If strong, healthy, chicks are desired, the fowls in the breeding flock must be required to exercise by being forced to scratch for part of their food in a litter, or by being given plenty of range.

Sixth-Care of eggs for hatching. Eggs for hatching are often kept in places that are too hot or too cold. Clean nests should be provided, eggs gathered daily and kept in a tempera ture of from 50 to 60 degrees and not held more than ten days before being

Seventh-Improper incubation. An incubator which cannot be regulated with any degree of satisfaction, which lacks the proper provision for both ventilation and moisture, which is first too hot and then too cold, should not paste. Cover with finely minced smoked the used. The germ of the egg is weakened so that it cannot free itself from the shell, and the chicks which hatch are poor and sickly, either dying in less than two weeks after hatching or having very low vigor.

Eighth-Insanitary quarters. Where the poultry house is allowed to become filled with filth, lice and mites, which suck the life blood from the fowls, chickens cannot be strong and healthy.

Ninth-Inferior breeding stock. No one should attempt to raise chickens from drones, from birds that are not true to type, from birds that have been seriously sick with some disease, if he expects to be successful in the poultry business. All these things can and should be avoided.

Tenth-Breeding from a flock indiscriminately. Many flocks contain a great many birds which lay only during the spring season. Breeding should be done with birds which are known to be good winter layers.—T. W. Noland, Director, Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station, Mountain Grove.

POULTRY NOTES

A farm without poultry is a finan-

A turkey hen can cover from fifteen to twenty eggs during incubation.

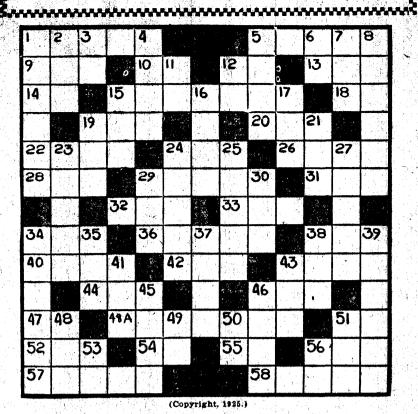
Raising geese, exclusively, would hardly be found profitable. The laying season is too short, lasting only about two months.

Without a good mash before them all the time your hens will fall short in egg production. The free use of kerosene or crude

oil on the roost and in the cracks in your poultry house will help to exterminate mites.

Watch for any bad habits among your layers. If you find any broken egg shells around on the floors, make an effort to locate the guilty one and try to break up the habit or dispose of the offender.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



17—The fluid contents of a plan Horizontal 19-An interrogative 1-Repairs 21—A vehicle 23—Stern; harsh 5—A certain geometric shape 9—A sphere 0—That man 12—You and I 18—Part of the foot

4-Either 15—Those whose business is mending 34—Leaped pots and pans 18—Doctor (abbr.)

19—Triumphed 20—A slight flap or appendage 22-A resounding sound 24—To fondle 26—A pellet of medicine 28—Not moist 29-Provided with prongs

31-Merry 32-To cut off 33—Brim or edge 84-To stitch 86—A vegetable (plural) 88—A color 56-Regarding (abbr.)

0-To prepare ground for sowing 42-To go to court to gain legal re dress 43—A flower 44—To consume 46—A kind of dessert 47-While 48A—Took hold of 51—A parent 52—An immature insect 4-Within 55—Upon 56—Went rapidly

57—A gathering 58—Incline; lean Vertical 1-Fastened to some form of anchor 2—To do wrong 3—Abbreviation of New Brunswick 4-Part of the leg

5—Saucy 6—That thing 7-Turf 8—Simply 11—A printer's measure 12—You and I 15—Also

16-Sharp

24—Smoking implements 25—Short and pointed 27—Bodies of water -Summit

37—Short-winged, web-footed diving birds

Burds
SS—Eggs of fish
S9—To request
41—A witty fellow
43—To free from
45—An excursion

46—Shut up
48—A title of respect
49—One
50—A river in Italy
51—A cooking vessel
53—A preposition

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

LYING IN BED

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK

wrist to catch my pulse. "It doesn't look very good," he said. "You've been working too hard. You are worn out and need rest; I'll have to put you to bed."

"For how long?" I asked. I have never taken kindly to lying in bed. "A month," he replied. "Nothing short of that time will rest your heart."

"I? a month?" I groaned. It was inconceivable. I had always argued against lying in bed. I have spent much of my time in stimulating the somnolent student to get up at the proper season. I've preached long sermons against the evils of oversleeping; I've called down many a loafer for staying in bed when there was work to do or engagements to be met. And now I was to make a business of lying in bed.

It was a cheerful quiet room into which the nurses showed me at the hospital—the first quiet room in fact which I had ever come upon in all my varied hospital experience.

"I have orders that you are to be left alone," the nurse said. "You will have no callers; you may ring if you want anything. I'll bring in your meals at the regular time." Then she left me to my devices.

The sun shone in softly at the south window, the warmth and quiet of the room stole over me as I stretched out lazily in the comfortable bed. I had not had such freedom from responsibility and duty since I was a boy. I dropped off to sleep almost before I knew it.

As the days passed, the experience grew on me. I came shortly to like it all. Sometimes I read, sometimes I dozed off into a gentle sleep, and more often through the day I lay thinking of the past or building air castles in the future. I recalled old friends and old acquaintances; I reared in my mind the books with which I had been familiar as a boy; I revisited old scenes and re-enjoyed old experiences.

I think I had not had the Byers boys and Taylor Curtis in mind for twenty years. I reread many of a half-forgotten book and repeated the poems that I had learned as a child or during my college days. I went over stories of them very trachy, I have no doubt, shut in.

which had thrilled me and stirred me long ago. I experienced again the shock of surprise that had made me THE doctor slipped the thermometer under my tongue and put his shout aloud when I first discovered who and what was behind that mysterious green baize door in "Jane Eyre," and wept once more over the death of Tom and Maggie Tulliver in

"Mill on the Floss." I visited again the scenes that had delighted me in former years. I took the walk from Ambleside to Grasmere, I crossed the Rothy on the stepping stones to Fox Howe. I sat in a flowerbordered garden in Ravello and looked out over the incomparable blue of the Bay of Salerno or walked from Tremezzo to Caddinabia under the plane trees that border Lake Como. When the month was ended and I was allowed to go back to my work I was glad, it is true, but there was also a kind of regret that I was to relinquish a pleasure that I had found very delightful.

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Breach of Discipline That Shocked Sergeant

Senator La Guardia, advocating a larger air force, said in New York the other day:

"We are meeting with great oppo-

sition. Pioneers always meet with opposition—they always get it in the neck "Look at the inventors of the cotton gin, the sewing machine, the steam-

boat, the air brake and so forth. The world laughed at them, and for the most part they died poor. "It's as if the world was like the drill sergeant. This chap, at a summer encampment, called out a fa-

tigue party and only one soldier appeared. "The drill sergeant was beside him-

self. "Blast you, what do you mean by turning out alone, he yelled, when I called for the whole squad? Take three days on bread and water in the guard house. That'll teach you a lesson, maybe."

Early Stoves.

The "Franklin" stove, which is entirely open in front, was invented by Benjamin Franklin. The older forms are portable open fireplaces, in which andirons are used; the modern ones often contain a grate and are sometimes fitted with sliding doors, by adventure and sentiment, some of which the fire may be entirely

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