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GONE WRONG. An Ada Man Schemes to Rob the County. EX-TOWN CLERK MCNAUCHTON IN IT TOO Clate Fallas Lets His Right Hand Loose RICHARD MURPHY'S NEW BARM BURNED Weddings, and Local Happenings Galore.

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AN ADA MAN'S TROUBLE.

Au extremely sad downfall of a young man of good name and good family, came to light in County Clerk Eddy's office last Saturday afternoon. Fred Crampton of Ada, married, went to the office with an order on county treasurer for \$48 for 1600 sparrows supposed to have been killed by him. The order was signed by Township Clerk A. S. Clark of Ada, and it was necessary for the county clerk to sign it before it could be 'cashed by the county treasurer. Mr. Eddy "smelled a' mice" immediately, and asking Crampton to wait a few moments, he went into the treasurer's office and put the paper under a glass. It was evident at once that the paper had been tampered with. Then the files were searched and two other orders were found for unusual amounts, which had been paid to Crampton. A. S. Clark was called up 'phone and he said he had issued an order to Crampton for 48 cents for 16 sparrows. The case against Crampton was complete and Mr. Eddy got Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott and a deputy sheriff and went back to his office to confront Crampton with his forgeries. Crampton was just going out but turned back and went into Mr-Eddy's private office with them. Mr. Eddy asked him a question or two. when he turned to one or two other gentlemen present and asked them to retire. Then he said: "Gentlemen, you know just as well as I do I am guilty," and he broke down and cried

\$39. The second order was issued Dec. 8 and was raised from 48 cents to \$48. He has had two other sparone for \$24, but they are questioned. When first questioned last Satur-

carbolic acid over wheat and so cap--[Monday's Dispatch.

Saturday for forging orders for spar- still, or swear if any one asked him pired he went to California, and then Crampton, ltaving learned how easy orders, continued the practice by raisauthorities thought something at first of sending after McNaughton, who is ible. Crampton's father is raising money to pay back to the county his son's speculations, with a view of having as light a sentence as possible imposed upon him for his forgeries .-[Tuesday's Democrat.

HE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE. Crampton went back to Grand Rapids Monday accompanied by his father, and the two tried to settle the matter by paying up the various amounts the boy had swindled the county out of The officials took the cash, which amounted to \$111, and in

15 and was raised from 39 cents to the township clerk's word in the matter. Of ccurse if the thing were done June 30, paid July 3 and was raised on too large a scale, an investigation from 16 cents to \$16. The order he by the sheriff's force would have been." presented last Saturday was issued in order, but if it had been carried on within reasonable limits, the frand might have continued for years and row orders cashed, one for \$21.09 and the county been robbed of large sums.

The prime necessity in the deal to was to have the township clerk on the day, Crampton said he had sprinkled inside, and that is where Crampton made his mistake. McNaughton probtured sparrows in wholesale numbers. ably discovered the scheme and workedin young Crampton as a cat's paw, Fred Crampton of Ada, arrested giving him half the profits to keep" row heads bounty, is out on bail of that he had killed the number of \$500 furnished by his father. Cramp- sparrows the orders called for, ton confesses to having secured \$156 Mc Naughton knew he could not work from the county on similarly forged the fraud without great danger of deorders at various times. Monday tection unless he had a partner, but Crampton said U. D. McNaughton, Crampton was foolish enough to try who became township clerk when and work it alone. McNaughton is Clark Washborne died, conspired now in California. He was a candiwith him to defraud the county on date for re-election last April, but was crooked sparrow orders and that they defeated, he immediately packed his divided the money procured in this grip and went West. It was learned way. When McNaughton's term ex- vesterday that as soon as he learned he was defeated he drew up another sparrow order for \$45, dated it two or it was to get money on sparrow three days before election and had it cashed. The authorities have teleing orders given by Mr. Clark. The graphed to California to have Mc-Naughton held until requisition papers can be sent forward, and, if now in California for his health, but possible he will be brought back to Sheriff Lamoreaux stated last evening face a thorough investigation of his that it would probably not be dore. alleged crookedness. He was consid-If it is shown upon investigation that ered above reproach until this affair McNaughton mulcted the county, his came up and it has stirred up a veriformer bondsmen can be held respons- table sensation in Ada .- [Tuesday's Dispatch.

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KNOCKED OUT.

On Wednesday of last week so we are informed, Dr. Bennett formerly of Belding and Ionia, engaged a livery rig of J. E. Fallas for the purpose of riding to Grattan Center. He got the rig, made the trip, and then acknowledged that he had not the wherewith to pay, but offered his overcoat as security. This Mr. Fallas accepted and when the doctor who was a little muddled with fire water hung up the coat at Train's hotel while he went in to dinner, Mr. Fallas took the coat away. Dinner over, the doctor wanted his coat and denied his previous agreement. Mr. Fallas came in and talked with him, and went away, his son, Clayton, remaining behind. As soon as Mr. Fallas had gone the doctor began to abuse him-so the story goeswhich was too much for alial Clate who sailed in and gave the doctor a trouncing. Beef steak was applied to the doctor's eye and he went to bed and up to this writing-Tuesday morning-has refused to get up. Landlord Train has Dr. Bennett's watch as security for board; Mr. Fallas has the over coat; Dr. Bennett has a black eye and a lame back; the LEDGER has an item, and our readers have the facts.



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The young man's good appearance and evident contrition won the sincere sympathy of everyone present, but it was impossible to do otherwise than make out a complaint and deliver up

ke a child.

to the authorities. He said his wife was at the Boston store and a deputy sheriff went with him there to get her. She wept bitterly, too, when she knew what had happened. They came back to the prosecutor's office where Crampton made a detailed confession of the whole affair. He said he didn't know how he ever came to do it. He had never done anything dishonest beiline, but he needed money and some devil must have put it into his head to get it in this way. Once having done it successfully he repeated it again and then again, and was caught. He was given a chance to procure an attorney but declined to do so saying that he wanted to plead guilty and take whatever sentence might be given him. The justice had no authority to receive the plea and he was bound over to the Circuit in \$500 bail. His father, Charles Crampton, came in from Ada on the evening train and signed his bond. Crampton is only about 24 years

old, and A. S. Clark says he is highly thought of in Ada, where no breath of suspicion of any wrong doing has ever been turned on him before. The first order Crampton forged was issued on May 13, paid on May officer has any authority to question writing.

view of that and the boy's age, previous good character and sincere contrition, he will be strongly recommended to the mercy of the court when he appears for sentence.

Another feature of the case developed yesterday, which if proven true, will have a strong influence in lightening young Crampton's sentence. He told the prosecuting attorney that U. D. McNaughton, Clark's predecessor as clerk of Ada township, had first inveighled him into the scheme, and the two together had then defrauded the county out of \$137.49 So long as McNaughton remained clerk there was bardly a possibility of detection, as the clerk does not have to preserve the sparrow heads for any one's inspection or audition. Crampton could bring in six heads, or no heads at all for that matter, and McNaughton could make an order for 600 or 1,600 or any other number he chose to within reasonable limits, and

if the scheme were cleverly worked the only way the fraud could be detected would be by one peaching on the other. If McNaughton had still been clerk Saturday when County Clerk Eddy called up Ada and asked about their recovery. Cause of the if that order for \$48 was correct, he fire is unknown. Mr. Murphy had would have said yes and that would been at the barn just before the fire, to have been the end of it, for under the feed his stock and was in to breakfast present arrangement neither the when the fire was discovered. Loss

FIRE.

The nice new barn of Richard Murphy of South Lowell, burned to the ground Thursday morning, Dec. 21, about daylight. Mr. Murphy lost his summer's crop of wool, hay and grain, but saved the most of his farm implements, wagons and sleighs. He saved his stock, but two horses were badly burned and it is questionable county clerk nor any other county and insurance is unknown at time of

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ANOTHER PROCLAMATION.
The woolen mills at Sturgis have started up again.
Sarah C. French, aged 85, Branch county pioneer, is dead.
The Lapeer county association Pattrons of Industry has disbanded.
Retiring Judge N. P. Loveridge was banqueted by the Coldwater bar.
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ANOTHER PROCLAMATION. HAWAII IS DEFIANT.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.



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His thought shall reach even to heart and me!

deep down under earth, there lived in

Gubich, king of dwarfs, who spoiled the crops last year. I know his pranks, graceful firs. curse him," said the oldest of the miners. "Who in summer steals all the raspberries and strawberries? He never eats aught else, and has lived like a prince, in his rocky cavern up there among the holy firs, ever since the old giant threw these nountains out of his shoe because the bit of sand hurt him. I tell you, the Gubich can make us sick with a glance, touch or breath. Save me from going near his home! Yet they say the cones off his trees are good to

woman, what ail'st thon? among the tall, snow-laden pine trees

dren starve; my husband never again will be well. I cannot see them ask each day for bread and give them none. De let me neas

found? Follow this path a hundred and when he had returned to the pros-

Not a sound but the dropping of cones regain his property and defend it at the new under the so broke the stillness of the forest. Faster risk of his life if necessary. and thicker they seemed to fall at each The tunnel was soon reached, and the Surely the sun will shine throughout the land; Surely her miracles will work the spring; They dropped upon her head; they filled her shoulders; Surely her miracles will work the spring; Surely her miracles will work the spring will work the spring will be a spring will work the spring will be a spring will b Life stands revealed where all seemed poor woman turned and fied, glancing exactly midnight. neither to the right or left. Heavier Reaching down, he fiercely wrenched

think what has happened: On the his locatio: notice on it—rechristening the claim the "Bright Hopes"—and planted the stake firmly in the ground. Thinking he would go into the tunto find them, but the farther I went nel and "see how she looked," he took Has found that her little ones are improved Why Santa Glaus' Beard is White. A LEGEND: BY M. A BIRD. URING THE babyhood of Santa URING THE babyhood of Santa

the muzzle of his pi caves, and dwarfs The morrow's sun had tipped the "Hends my" he or

 The morrow's sun had tipped the earth, there lived in the mother stood at the edge of the fermany, on one of the lesser mountains or the Harz, a miner with glates and seven children. Deep down in the boson of the mountains was the mother to a the the code of the forest. The mother straggled to speek. "Keep thy thanks, i wish them only faithful to thy husband's words and each cold December give to mother the miner fell sick. Sadly his with each or do all become gries to an any degrit, mother the little children starve? What do not it? "It tell you, it's the down from the mountain tors where a mouthful to spare. The birds that can be read show white a show where a mouthful to spare. The birds that can be swert? Must the little children starve? What do not it? "It tell you, it's the down from the mountain tors where a mouthful to spare. The birds that can can be anothful the spare. The birds that can be mouthful to spare. The birds that can be aread and wret mere?" Must the little children starve? What do done it? "It tell you, it's the down in the trees lived and wret mere? The mater's home that as ther white as and on the miner's home that as the children starve? What do the strate data shards the conter starts data can be add shown white as an outhful to spare. The birds that can be odd the conter starts data the draw or white as anow!
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A Christmas Card.

I have no purse of gold, my dear, With which to buy you dainty things; The purse is empty, and the gold Has flown away as if on wings; to, sweetest wife in all the world, Tho' you possess the greater part, I'll give to you on Christmas day

Another fraction of my beart. Jumping a Glaim.

were thought to respect, and then died away among the pines in a soft, sad very day at midnight. But Pete was away among the pines in a soft, sad music, that brought tears to the mother's eves. It was like the moan the bairns made for bread. The tears broke into a sob; half-blinded, with a bent head, she reached the edge of the holy forest. Pityingly, out from his bed of clouds, the setting sup clanced warm and tea

hy so sad?" broke upon her startled near the "Lone Star," and, loosening k the thongs which fastened a pick to "Oh, sir, I mean no harm. My chil- his horse's saddle, and transferring a dren starve; my husband never again couple of sticks of dynamite and Chibbane, Piles, &c. C. G. Clark Co., New Haven C

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"Hands up!" he cried, "Tve got the



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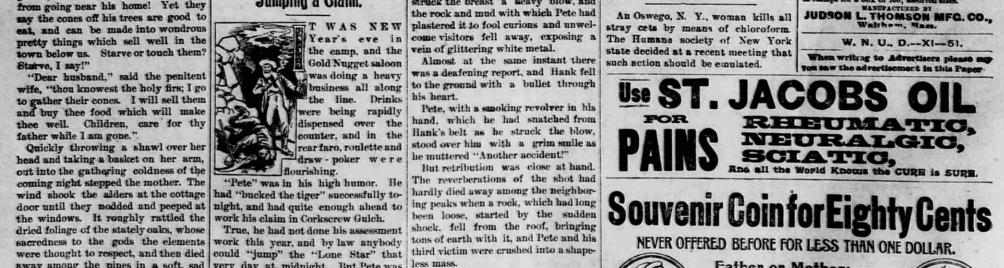
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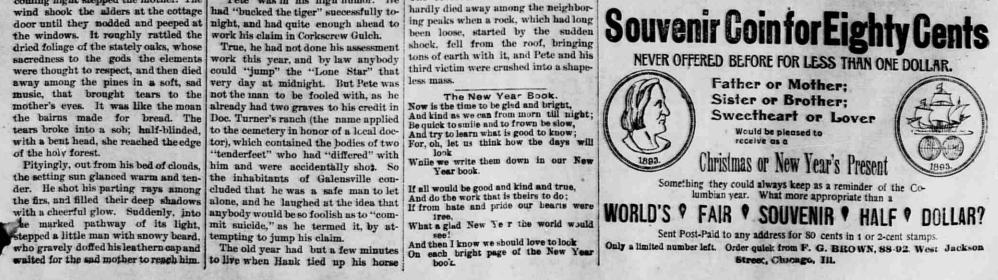
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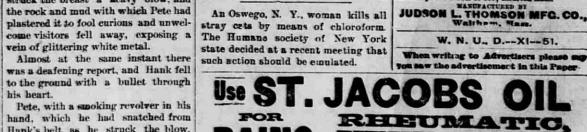
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did I tell yer? It's nuthin' but dead rock." Hank took his eandle and carefully examined the breast, roof and sides, but not a trace of mineral could be seen. "You're welcome to her," said Pete; "Tyou're welcome to her," said Pete; "Tyou can have a blast at her now, if you want to." Hank did not reply, but appeared to be lost in thought. Finally he said: "Hold my candle a minute, Pete," and, taking up his pick in both hands, he struck the breast a keavy blow, and the rock and mud with which Pete had

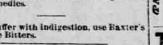




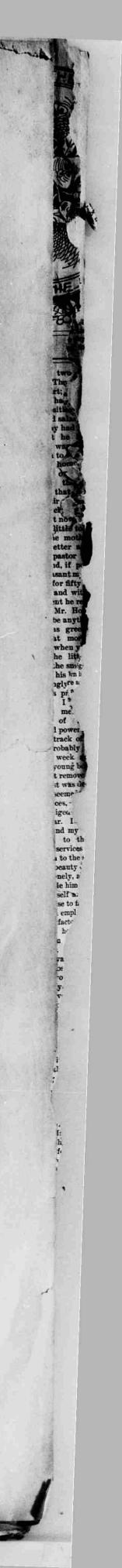
babyhood of Santa Claus – long, long ago – while still many good and worthy folk be-lieved wood-sprites lieved in the holes of tre-s, witches in glow of the sun. "Hist, wife! Look, look thou! They are pure silver. It's the Gabich thou hast met." Down the basket droppel. Around lieved wood-sprites lieved wood-sprites lieved in the holes of tre-s, witches in tre.s, witches in tre.s, witches in tre.s, witches in tre.s, witches in "Hist, wife! Look, look thou! They are pure silver. It's the Gabich thou hast met." Down the basket droppel. Around the mother and children. True, there lay the cones, silver every one, gleaming in the fire-light as had the beard of the little man in the gold-en glow of the sun. "Hist, wife! Look, look thou! They are pure silver. It's the Gabich thou hast met." A few minutes later Pete stepped in view, with a week's supplies in a sack slung over his shoulder. Before he could put his burden down Hank suddenly rose up before him with ing the other's face.



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THE Maccabees at Grand Rapids have opened an employment bureau for the benefit of the fraternity. Commendable act.

UTAH should be combined with the decaying state of Nevada. The idea of 45,000 miners electing two United States senators is as absurd as it is

beast, was the center of an admiring crowd in Grand Rapids Sunday. A

jackass by any other name would know as much. **

Year" for each and every one.

dered the country one of the greatest he no more postponements. services possible by refusing to consent to the appexation of Hawaii. The more the subject is studied, the more Rapids Democrat.

selves, and play base ball with dyna-half of whom are natives, 18,000 mite bombs. This solves the problem. The anarchists are too dirty for them take a barrel of dynamite go start a little hell of their own.

THE principal obstacle in the way of carrying the President's policy toward Hawaii into effect has been the deposed queen. That female was not willing to grant amnesty to the officials of the provisional government. and she wanted the United States 25 Save that by getting Cabiids Democrat.

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AND still many of the Republican organs keep up the cry that the existing industrial depression is attributable to the election of Cleveland and the prospect of tariff reduction. Will these same papers pleace state what C . caused the panic and depression of 1873-4? Then the Republican party was in full sway, and its high protective system had been in operation for

PEOPLE who have denounced the lynchers of the South for their treatlady was assaulted one night recently by a negro on the streets of Grand Rapids, and her friends say they will save the county all expense in connection with the criminal-if they catch him-excepting for a box and a grave in potters' field. Human nature is pretty much the same the country over, and the less we condemn people NOW'S THE TIME ! of other sections, the less of our own medicine will we need to take-

people will no longer have to bear the ica? burden of sustaining enormous stand- ANNUAL CHEAP CANADIAN EXCURSION

and until very recently a republican, has been appointed by President will be valid to return up to January 9, t- nas been appointed by President of Cleveland Ambassador to Italy. It a long visit to friends and relatives in Canlooks as if new converts had the call. ada at extremely low rates. Inquire of all What's the matter with the old Demo- ada at extremely low rates, etc., etc.,

JOHN L. SULLIVAN, the ignorant troit charged with embezzlement. A troit charged with embezzlement. A curse upon this money and political the most durable and by far the cheapest i chicanery in our courts! A poor man without influence or friends gets many times superior. Made from soft steel jerked through hell by the hair, while the high-born criminal or suspect is and pounds. Why buy half a dozen sleds WE present to each of our subscrib-babied, petted and given every possi-for one boy when you can get one sled for half a dozen boys? Given with five subers with this number a large Holiday ble chance of escape. All honor to supplement, accompanied with our the courts that are exceptions to the fervent wish that there may be a rule; and we'll take comfort in the "Merry Christmas and a Happy New thought that when God's great court sits in final judgment, He won't ask "Jacob, the Patriarch," will be the thrme about friends, influence or money, but at next Sunday morning services. will do justice to all, high and low, Is view of all the circumstances, rich and poor; from His decisions the present administration has ren-

In a lecture on Hawaii last Sunday apparent is it that annexation would evening, Rev. H. Digby Johnston of have been a great mistake.-[Grand Grand Rapids Unity church, gave an Remaining in the Post Office at Lowell interesting description of the Sandwich Micn., week ending Dec. 16, 1893. Islanders. Mr. Johnston has visited the islands on two occasions, and may be credited with knowing something B. Linn, Henry Powell. David Shear, Will SPAIN proposes to banish her anar- be credited with knowing something chists to a desert island where the about his subject. The entire popu- Persons claiming the above will plea wretches can fix things to suit them- lation of the islands is about 80.000, say "advertised" and give date of list.

THE time will come when interna- Chinese and 17,000 whites; the small tional difficulties will be settled by ar- balance being of various nationalities. bitration or other peaceable methods. There are only about 2,000 Americans The United States and Great Britain there. The natives are a low race are pioneers in this movement, by vir- whose men and women live together tue of the agreement to that effect indiscriminately like beasts, and in between the two nations. We read, whose language there is no word rephowever, that England will invest resenting female virtue, an attribute \$40,000,000 in new warships. When wholly unknown to them. Wouldn't the nations of Europe become more this conglomeration make a NICE ad-civilized or more Christianized, their dition to the United States of Amer-

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MacVeagh will fill the bill all right, round trip to all points in Michigan and no question about that; but this is Canada also to Chicago, Suspension Bridge uary 1, 1894; all good to return up to and MORE of this detestable "postpone- including January 2, 1894 on all trains.

Baptist Netes.

Old Testament character series No. Bible school at 12 o'clock, noon. Young Peoples meeting at 6:30. The theme for the Sunday evening

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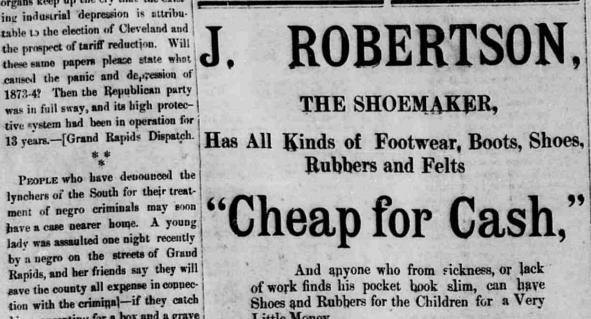
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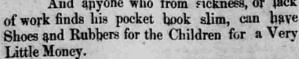




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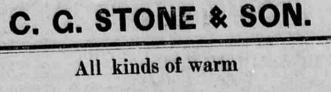
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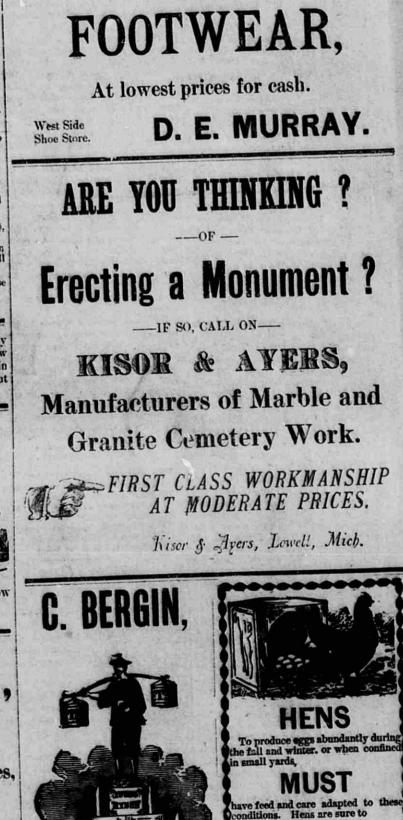
the storms of thirty years of defeat? And but for them where would the Democratic party be to-day? Mr. We have to day? Mr. CHEAP HOLIDAY RATES. The Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee and Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon Rys. will sell tickets at a fare and a third for the

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

for you're welcome to every penny of that all had moderate means, and cheer that happy home, and the fath-it; you're an honest fellow, Fred, and could live free, honest, pleasant lives, er's tender heart went out in love to all that the new bonnet had gone in ice and in a fai

a boy like me, and them as is I never countless mates of years gone by open brow, but the genial smile was clothes to begin the winter there;

it; you're an honest fellow, Fred, and I admire you for it; but now good-bye, for I must be off at once to keep an appointment." "Good-bye, Mister Horace, I don't hardly know how to thank you for such a fine present, but I do thank you for heaps,an', an' I shan't forget how kind you're been to me. You know—you know there ain't so many as is kind to a boy like me, and them as is I never

\$10 bill you gave me just now, Mister softly, and said to himself as he sung away to the new and growing west. Robert into a seat beside him talked to handed in 1. \$10 bill you gave me just now, Mister softly, and said to himself as he sung away to the new and growing west. How grade in a pretty little vil-Horace!" There he settled in a pretty little vil-him long and earnestly of all he would be to make it a and earnest ministration soon won for called into the council and it was at spirits, he pushing back the hand which held out the bill for his acceptance, said: "No, Freddy, boy, it was no mistake. I and needy and so fill their homes with his own church, but of all with whom his own church, but of all with whom his own church, but of all with whom his daily life. Freddy, boy, it was no mistake. I knew it was ten dollars, and meant that you should have it." "But, but it is so much. Mister "But, but it is so much. Mister "Not a bit of it, my boy, just you in- west your fortune as you think best, had no very rich nor very poor, but the and how erver rich more very poor, but the and medarate means and the and medarate means and the and medarate means and the tothe to

a boy like me, and them as is 1 never kin forget; good-bye. Mister Horace, and thank you once more." Freddy retraced his steps slowly, looking at his treasure now and then



hither and thither in boisterous play now into the face of some aged now under the feet of a toddling child and again whirling around a corne and down the street as if in mad pu suit of some phantom partner in their Great fires burnes riskly in cheery homes, and sent out ruddy beams upon the snow passed swiftly by, hurrying on in an ticipation of the Christmas dinner.

A little lad, thinly clad and shiver-ing, who shoveled the great piles of snow from before a large and hand-some residence, looked wistfully up and down the street, and now and then sighed heavily as some gay crowd of holiday revelers passed swiftly by. Tears rose to his eyes, but were wiped hastily away as the door opened and a tall, fine looking young man came bounding down the steps. At the boy's side he paused, and laying his hand kindly on his head said, "Merry Christmas, Freddy! you must not work too hard, this is a holi day, you know, and you can finish learing off the walks to-morrow They tell me you have been a good boy while I have been away, and have been very kind and thoughtful to my father I appreciate it highly, my boy, and hank you for him and myself. Here ing to himself, "Ten dollars!-that's a until that clarion trumpet call re-ents sometimes looked a trifle anxious "I don't like to see him give up. But affection prevailed in the en hope you may enjoy it." And pressing



"MERRY CHRISTMAS! FREDDY." tood still for a moment in silent

benumbed and dirty little hand he hurried off down the street. Freddy Nell a doll-oh, cricky! ain't it fun? An'we'll have a turkey, sure's fate, and fly to the rescue of their country was parched and scorched as by a blast if you must, stay if you can. If work An' we'll have a turkey, sure 's fate, and that precious baby shall have both drumsticks, bless her heart! I must go 'n get my shovel and tell Mr. Hayward that Mister Horace said I could quit for

> wealthy planter, who, finding his at the end. wealthy planter, who, finding his "sunny south" too enervating for his feeble health, had removed to the north for a time that he might be

some, courtly old gentleman in his through strife and blood and tears, but leaned his head upon his hand and On Christmas morning, as he sat at of Sterling, who was janitor and gen-that green and trampled sod where so eral factotum; he lived near by, and many of the nation's fairest sons were son, Robert, came to him and said; his son, Freddy, was always ready to laid beside him. perform any service for him of which Penniless and alone, heartsick and know the daily self renunciation of could have another handshaking and he was capable

hand. Then suddenly casting down with his genial smile, kind words and and hardship had developed the merry you! I am old enough, let me go out his should be the ran after the retreating town with his genial smile, find words and hardship had developed the merry you. I all out chough, het he go out his should be the go out light-hearted banter, had won his admiration and regard. Horace now hore the din of battle and the boy into a thoughtful man, who saw above the din of battle and the bey you in your generous work—mail fushed and boked about as one who is well con-breathless he reached the young man's looked about as one who is well con-breathless he reached the young man's looked about as one who is well con-breathless he reached the young man's looked about as one who is well con-breathless he reached the young man's looked about as one who is well con-breathless he reached the young man's looked about as one who is well con-breathless he reached the young man's looked about as one who is well con-breathless many static matter with his surroundings. He still and knowing that he could do but 10 his fattle cast ce. For some mome of that year war of the summer of that year is the battle and the battle and the provide the summer of that year is the battle and the could do but 10 his fattle cast ce. For some mome of the summer of that year is the battle and the provide the summer of that year is the battle about as one who is well con-tain the summer of that year is the battle about as one who is well con-tain the summer of that year is the battle about as one who is well con-tain the summer of that year is the battle about about as one who is well con-tain the summer of that year is the battle about about as one who is well con-tain the summer of that year is the battle about about

is a little Christmas gift for you, and I heap o' money!-I'll give mother a new sounded through field, and state, and hope you may enjoy it." And pressing shawl, that's one thing sure, an' little hall, which caused the farmer to lay men." The year of 18- was a disastrous and Mr. Hayward drew his last check Jack shall have a horse and cart and by his plow, the statesman his book one through all the west. The summer upon his little horde of savings and

> to-day; he's fine, is Mister Horace. I tell now he esponsed her cause and en- harvest and the farmers had no income letter came, telling them that he could ye, he ain't none o' your stack up young bloods, if his father is well off; he's-he's-well-he's a hummer, he is!" beginning, the desperate struggle, the Horace Hayward was the son of a bitter suffering, the hopeless surrender came down with unparalleled sever- The winter closed down drearily.

> nearer to his only son, who was com- astated, the home destroyed, and left homeless and penniless to face the ing forces, his courage gave out, and Deleting his education at an eastern sollege. Among those who served the hand-blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at an eastern is ducation at an eastern add not linger long enough to see the blessing to humanity which came is ducation at the careworn minister is ducation at an eastern is ducation is ducation at an eastern is ducation is duc pleting his education at an eastern John Hayward was a ruined man. He cruel winter weather.

amazement, gazing with startled eyes at the bill which he held in his noticed the boy about the house, and abilities to some account. Suffering more than you can spare; let me help i

ity. The people left the small towns The long strain on mind and body

"Father, I am eighteen years old. I this morning, day the most popular weary, Horace now looked about him your life, and mother's. I know that much ated the visit. The custom is of

"I have no Christaple dishes and

A Memorable New Year.

New Year's day, 1859, is of histor importance. At the reception held

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And again the voice across the room | their poverty, and had rejoiced in the | and coaxed him to partake of the wine, | and her hollow blue eyes roved about asked, plaintively:

For answer she ran to him and mouths.

"And yet it would have been better for you, Mamie, had you never seen peace and plenty, on the pretty little Laurie, and I must make some small over her mind:

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myself. I should never have taken you from your happy country home, to of what the doctor had told her pri-say; then she crouched on the fireless say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-say: then she couched on the fireless the caught up the hatchet and be-the caught up the hatchet and be-say: the she couched on the fireless

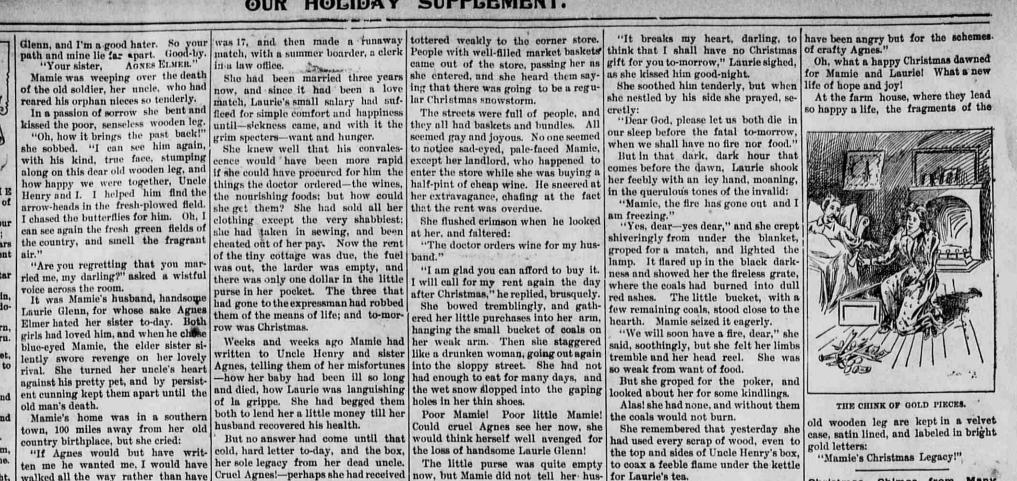
you from your happy country home, to starve you to death in this dreary town." "Your husband's lungs will always "Oh, Laurie, do not say such cruel things of yourself. I am not starving: would never go into an office again. It again and can go back to the office." "Oh, Mamie, I shall never get well again, and his weak voice grew strong longer that way." "Of what the doctor had told her pri-town." say; then she crouched on the fireless hearth, thinking of the \$3 she had paid to the expressman for her uncle's wooden leg and collection of rocks. "No one would give me that for them." "Oh, Mamie, I shall never get well again, and his weak voice grew strong

"Oh, Mamie, I shall never get well again, and his weak voice grew strong with anguish. He lifted a thin, trans-parent hand, and held it up to the light. "See how thin I am, I am get-ting weaker every day. It is four months now since I was first attacked mine, I an get-to live!" she cried, in an agony of keen months now since I was first attacked mine, I an get-to live!" she tried, in an agony of keen months now since I was first attacked mine, I an get-to live!" she tried, in an agony of keen months now since I was first attacked mine, I an get-to live!" she tried, in an agony of keen months now since I was first attacked mine, I an get-to live!" she tried, in an agony of keen months now since I was first attacked mine the live!" she tried, in an agony of keen months now since I was first attacked mine the live!" she tried there mean the live have mean the live!" she tried there mean the live!" she tried there mean the live!" she tried there mean the live live!" she tried there mean the live have mean the live live live live live!" she tried there mean the live live to she the live to she the live to she the live to she live!" she tried there mean the live live live live!" she tried there mean the live live live live live live!" she tried there mean the live have the live to she live!" she tried there mean the live live live!" she tried there mean the live live live live!" she tried there mean the live live!" she tried there mean the live live live!" she tried there mean the live live!" she tried there mean the live live live!" she tried there mean the live live!" she tried there there live live!" she tried there there live live!" she tried

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ten me he wanted me. I would have her sole legacy from her dead uncle. The little purse was quite empty to coax a feeble flame under the kettle

walked all the way rather than have Cruel Agnes!—perhaps she had received now, but Mamie did not tell her hus-missed seeing him before he died!" Cruel Agnes!—perhaps she knew well band that. She choked back her sobs, She crushed back a moan of despair,



"Mamie's Christmas Legacy!"

Christmas Chimes from Many Climes. Christmas is always a season of good

wishes and loving kindness. In America almost all little ohildren hang up their stockings on Christmas eve to be filled by kind old Santa Claus. In Germany they make more of Christ-mas than we do in America. Everywhere the Christmas tree is used.

If a family is too poor to have a whole tree, a single branch only will stand in a conspicuous place, hung with the few simple gifts. A week before Christmas St. Nicholas

visits the children, to find out who have been good enough to receive the gifts the Christ-child will bring them on Christmas eve.

It is a very usual thing to see on a German Christmas tree, way up in the very topmost branch, an image or doll epresenting the Christ child, while below are sometimes placed other images representing angels with outspread

wings. After the tree is lighted the family gather round it, and sing a Christmas

In France may be almost universally seen representations of the manger in which Christ was born, with figures of Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus, and cattle feeding near by. Often these representations are decorated with flowers, and lighted candles

burn softly before them. In Norway the people have a delightful custom of putting on the roof of the barn, or on a pole in the yard, a large sheaf of wheat for the birds, who fully appreciate their Christmas feast. In England almost every one who

can do so has a family party on Christmas eve. Young and old join in the games, many of which belong especialv to Christmas time.

From the ceiling of one of the rooms a large bunch of mistletoe is hung. If any little maid is caught standing under it the one who catches her has a right to take a kiss from her rosy lips. In Holland the little Dutch girl puts her wooden shoe in the chimney-place ready for gifts, just as the little American girl hangs up her stocking.

And so in some way all over the Christian world on the eve of the twenty-fifth day of December the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated. Everywhere the Christmas chimes are ringing out the message the angels brought to Bethlehem-"Peace on earth, good will to men."

CHRISTMAS PAST AND PRESENT.

the asked, plaintively: "Are you regretting that you married me, my darling?" thought that the expressage on the heavy box of wood and stone would take the very bread out of their take the very bread out of their the very bread out of their the very bread out of the very bread the room in hopeless search. ture, save the bed and the little willow "No, I must put on fresh coals, for it rocking-chair.

For answer she ran to him and clasped her loving arms about his neck. "I love you better than the whole and revery time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at "I love you better than the whole are every time that she looked at are every time that her her are the bar are every time that her are the bar are every the that her are the bar are every time that her are the bar are the bar are every time that her are the bar are the bar are the bar are the first the first she first the first she first the first she first she first she bar are the bar are the

me," he sighed. "Oh, Laurie, do not talk so. You break my heart. Have I ever re-proached yon?" "Nad Agnes was going to sell it to proached yon?" "If Mamie is as poor as you say, my "If Mam

"Never, my dearest. You have been an angel; and that is why I reproach neath whose shade dear Laurie had

with la grippe, and I've lain here ever since, weak and ill, while you had to struggle with poverty alone. We have sold what little of value we had-my watch, and your few jewels-and "thing we could spare from this c; and-and-it has dwindled" But she knew that there was only watch. And your few jewels-and the large dark eyes were rimmed with e: and-and-it has dwindled the large dark eyes were rimmed with Laurie slept sweetly on, never guessing notes to the amount of \$5,000. af ord medicine, until I purple shadows. Death seemed hover that the last penny was gone, or that And a little note among them gave

little Mamie was starving herself in this little fortune to his dear niece expressman A wild horror seized upon her lest secret that the food might hold out a Mamie Glenn:

A wild horror seized upon her lest Laurie should die first and leave her alone in the cold, pitiless world. "He shall not!" He shall not!" she thought, frantically, and, seizing her thin shawl, wrapped it about her head ond shoulders. "I will buy food and vine and fuel-a little of each-with he money, and I will not take any my-Then death will claim me when my Laurie," she wild, an er of the short where the sho





whispered Billy. "They're all asleep. was one of those two men, saying "Best fun I ever had," said Mr. all faces in the room. Noise? Was Mother said he wasn't going to come,

this time_" Inis time---''"Well, Mrs. Jones! I do declare!"It's almost Christmas now," saidwere finding out what had come, andHeavy sleigh runners will make some
creak on any kind of snow, and so there
was a little noise dragged along
through the gate, at the eastern corner
of the yard. It came from the east,
but it was met at the gate by another
creak of the same kind that came from
the west, and each was drawn by a
pair of horses and had a man with it."Well, Mrs. Jones! I do declare!
Are you here, or is it Santa Claus?"
"I guess it is, Mr. Peters. Seems 's
if the hull St. Nich'las fam'ly hed come
to Widder Burchard's.""It's almost Christmas now," said
matel. "It will be in a few minutes."
There was a great deal of whispering
and tittering and rustling, as they all
went out at the door and through the
gate, and then there was more sleigh-
runner-creaking on the snowy road."Well, how are ye? and how is old
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pair of horses and had a man with it."Herem'''
the door. and it was another woman's
the short round shadow as he stord in 'Herem'''."Well, And O. Stondard.

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Sam's in from New
York city, 'nd
Cornes's come
downfrom Romej.This time, have 1? You won't go down
the chimney!"on in, Nell. Come in, squite. In guid
there's going to be more Christmas
than I could afford to bring."Ing anything they wanted in an her children are going to have a
christmas!"Thad as many orange and eat," Benny went on
"Get any presents?" asked Tommy.Amanda and her young uns, and my darier
susma's boys,
Arrived last night at ten o'clock with
trunks 'nd bags, 'nd noise
Benough to last the hull year through, 'nd
plenty more to spare.Thad a sint the o'clock with
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of time was to bear."In any thing they wanted up anybody.
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the windows said:
"I most a going to have a spare of the woodmen. "I'll go
shilly." said Just, 'said Just, 'sid Jus

that's judgin' by their face. I'd apples an' hard cider till you couldn't hardly rest. . . And all the presents that I gave was of the

I got 'em at the village store for fifty cents in cash, 'Nd fifteen pecks o' winter wheat, a keg

sour mash, Two loads o' hay, some butter, and a pron ise of some eggs-The cost was pretty heavy for a man with

shaky legs. But as I thought it over, why, I didn't really mind, As long as they'd be happy 'nd be pleased with what they'd find;

Which I don't think my grandson was, be cause their city ways Has played old hob with Christmas as 'twas had in my young days. Amanda's boy. Ulysses, when he got his worsted mitts, Looked madder than a hatter in his very maddest fits; 'Nd when my grandchild Bobbie got a hand gome rubber ball That whistled when you squeezed it, he be

gan to kick and squal Same way with Sam's small family, includin' of his wife-I never seen a woman so upsot in all my When what I had for her came out-jest why. I do not know, For my wife used to beam when I gave her a calico. In fact, in twenty presents that I bought and gave away, Not one of 'em seemed pleasin', an' it sort of spoiled my day.

'Nd what is worse, they've brought me down some fancy sort of jugs-They called 'em Royal Woostershire-th handles looked like bugs; 'Nd slathered on the sides of 'em two grea

green dragons sit. Sam brought a watch chain made o' gold that doesn't seem to fit The old man's waistcoat-sort o' makes makes makes too kind of loud, 'Nd altogether the result don't a

make me proud. I sort of can't help thinkin' that the thing they've brought to me Are worth three times as much as mine fo them upon the tree, 'Nd when I see 'em actin' like they wasn't glad To get the things I got 'em-why, it makes

me mighty sad; true old-fashioned ring. When gifts was incidental, 'nd the season was the thing.

Seven of Them.

HERE WERE stars in the sky, but they were dim, and there was no twinkle of light in any vindow of the Burchard place. It wa pretty dark for the ight before Christmas and there was les rinkle in the snow where you stepped on it than ere should have been. Not the least sound was nade by the feet of the only person who seemed to be stirring out of doors. He could not be seen distinctly, but he walked all around the house and came back to the front door.

There was not much of him to see for he was very, very short. He had an appearance of being round built, but he moved about in a brisk, lively,

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 them asked of the other.

 Christmas come again, 'nd all my children's home;
 "How are you, St. Nicholas?" replied the man he spoke to. "Caught you this time, have 1? You won't go down
 "He's busy, all 'round town! How did you get in? I don't care. Come on in, Nell. Come in, squire. I'm glad there's more Christmas
 nothing. I stirred em up. It if do them good. They hardly missed bring-ing anything they wanted. The widow and her children are going to have a
 Bloobumper to Tommy. "So did I," replied Tommy. "I had as many oranges and as much turkey as I could eat," Benny went on turkey as I could eat," Benny went on

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 Christmas come
 "How are you, St. Nicholas?" replied
 "He's busy, all 'round town! How nothing. I stirred 'em up! It'll do Bloobumper to Tommy Hojack.
 "I had a boss Christmas," said Benny Bloobumper to Tommy Hojack.

 "Nd what I gave 'em was the sort as used to come to me
 Indp up in the other quit and come of things."
 Indp up in the other quit and come of things."

 Long years ago, when pa an' ma was man-agin' the place.
 "Don't let's wake up mother and the girls," said Jack; and in another that's judgin' by their face.
 "Don't let's wake up mother and the girls," said Jack; and in another that's judgin' by their face.
 "There was no noise whatever in the lower part of the house before those tried not to be afterward. There was
 "You might would you?" asked Billy. "You might bee some of 'em."



UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

energetic way. He stood in the stoop and looked at the gate more than a minute before he said: The wood was unloaded quickly the teams were being backed out of the lane. The wood was unloaded quickly their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle. Even then you couldn't say there The wood was unloaded quickly their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle. Even then you couldn't say there The wood was unloaded quickly their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle. Even then you couldn't say there The wood was unloaded quickly their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle. Even then you couldn't say there The wood was unloaded quickly their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle. Even then you couldn't say there the lane. The wood was unloaded quickly their way around, until one of them that had a match found a candle. Even then you couldn't say there the lane. The wood was unloaded quickly the lane. Christmas. How long has Christmas been kep as a holiday? Why is it celebrated on Dec. 25. the gate more than a minute before he said: "My conscience is clear! My part of this job is done! I've been everywhere I could think of. I've stirred 'em up? I could think of. I've stirred 'em up? I could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped a step one side of the could think of. I've stirred 'em up? He stepped the different ways of the stepped the could the stepped the different ways of the stepped the stepped the stepped the different ways of the stepped the step

The wood was unloaded quickly nothing but some dark shapes feeling more than half-frightened voice said:

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For me, I need no can To point a way, Across the chimn I know the myriad si The shops' display The struggles, and the There's food enough

Look out so near Across the chi The world seems far This holy night, when When hands are class

dear,-I know it all; it once

My thoughts go fai Across the chima

And here and there, 1 And here and there, in The steadfast church a I cannot hear, though i Chime out their tale of Still far away sad men

To church yard fields Beyond the chimner

What though its joys I m

Sweet peace that come With me may bide, Beneath the chimne

The poet sings in hone, "It is not always Ma

The spring but lasts a

Soon summer flies a But heed not all the p Too oft a fickle guid One friend at least th All hail to Christme

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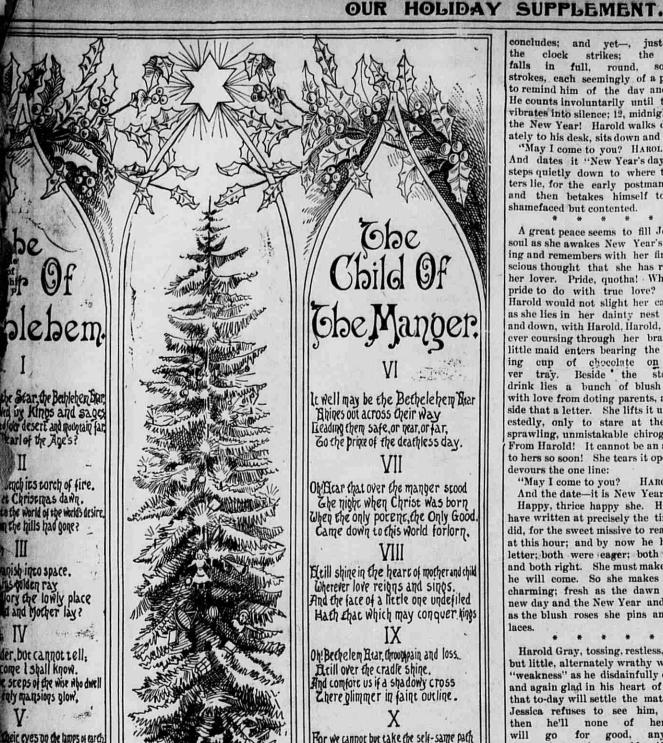
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While she lives over and yet again in memory, all the happy hours they knew once-so long ago it seems; though but a twelvemonth-the hour rings out softly, clearly, with slow nusical strokes upon the golden bells of the pretty toy that stands above the fire. She pauses to listen and count, and recalls with a thrill how Harold looked at just this hour a year ago as he stood listening to the midnight chimes ringing out the old year, ringing in the new, and waiting with longing and-yes, she is sureloving eyes, yet dignified mien, for her word of forgiveness or dismissal. And she? How could she let him go thus, she thinks, without an explanation? True, he ought to have known; but

there-how should he know? And so the twelve strokes fall upon her heart, lingering, slow, telling that the old year is dying and the new year close. Close? It is here! And all at once a sudden impulse seizes Jessica; she flies swiftly to her ivory escritoire in her haste, so eager she can scarce control her pen to trace the words, and she writes, at first many words, then upon a new sheet of paper, only a line: "Come to me-if you care to.

"JESSICA." and dates it New Year's day. Softly she hies her way to the lower hall and deposits the missive in the box at the door, whence she knows it cannot be rescued save by the post collector, and then she creeps, all atremble with her own emotions, into her nest, where slumber soon sets its seal upon her fluttering heart and snowy lids.

. "New Year's eve," says handsome Harold Gray, as he throws himself into his favorite chair, which, somehow, scems not to fit his broad frame and lazy length so comfortably as usual. He strikes a light for his cheroot, but with a listless air, and looks up at the clock, a massive ebony figure, holding a spear upraised with which to strike a brazen shield when the hour bids. I is near midnight, and Harold's eyes darken and his lips grow tense beneat their blonde mustache as he recalls this night one year ago. He has been ecking diversion the past twelve nonth in travel, only to find his hear as left behind, with the image of

concludes; and yet—, just then the clock strikes; the spear falls in full, round, sonorous strokes, each seemingly of a purpose to remind him of the day and hour. He counts involuntarily until the last within the next while impatience perches upon his shoulder and racks at

scious thought that she has recalled Jessica must have grand flowers; orher lover. Pride, quotha! What has chids and rich crimson-hued roses, pride to do with true love? Surely camelias and blossoms of gold. He Harold would not slight her call, and consumes the time and at last, as she lies in her dainty nest of lace at last! he is on the steps, and down, with Harold, Harold, Harold at the door, in the hall; somehow ever coursing through her brain, her he or the man disposes properly cver coursing through her brain, her little maid enters bearing the morn-ing cup of chocolate on a sil-ver tray. Beside the steaming drink lies a bunch of blush roses, the blood surges like lava through his the blood surges lava through his through thr drink lies a bunch of blush roses, the blood surges like lava through his with love from doting parents, and be-side that a letter. She lifts it uninter-estedly, only to stare at the great sprawling, unmistakable chirography. a word, almost a sob: From Harold! It cannot be an answer "Harold!" to hers so soon! She tears it open and "My Jessica: my own!" levours the one line:

have written at precisely the time she flesh. have written at precisely the time sne nesn. did, for the sweet missive to reach her at this hour; and by now he has her letter; both were cager; both wrong "As near as I can recall at about one the fireplace, and sitting down before and both right. She must make haste; minute after the clock had struck the fender, began: he will come. So she makes herself twelve last night." he will come. So she makes herself twelve last night." "Well, Mr. Claus, I want a three-charming; fresh as the dawn of the new day and the New Year and sweet that very moment," she tells him with off the other kind and break my neck. laces.

Harold Gray, tossing, restless, sleeps call?-when you were so-so-" but little, alternately wrathy with his "Never mind that evening," says he, "weakness" as he disdainfully calls it, and again glad in his heart of hearts that to-day will settle the matter. If that to-day will settle the matter. If Jessica refuses to see him, why-then he'll none of her! He will go for good, anywhere, away from the world, if need be, to forget her winsome face. If she sends him a word, just one word, and that "Come," whyhow happy they will be. Only a short delay will he brook;

Ghar was trodden by kings and sages.

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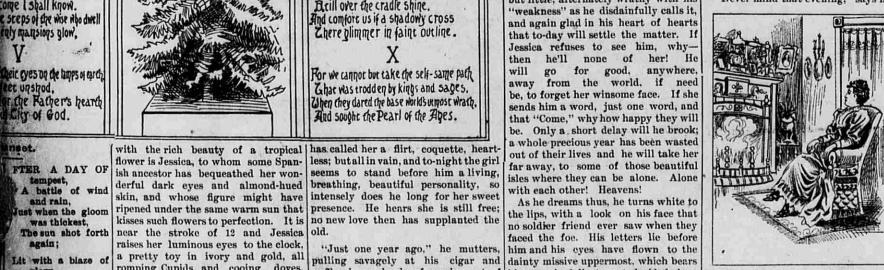
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Well, pride may go hang, he must have prompted them both at the would waltz with anyone else, after raffle wuz gone dis morning."

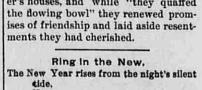
vibrates into silence; 12, midnight, and the New Year! Harold walks deliber-his heart. He forces himself to go out the New Year! Harold walks deliver-ately to his desk, sits down and writes: "May I come to you? HAROLD." And dates it "New Year's day." He steps quietly down to where the let-ters lie, for the early postman's call, and then betakes himself to bed, Shall he be laggard in love? Oh, it is bumbfred her terstead shamefaced but contented. * * * * * * * * to early; what shall he do? Buy some flowers, of course; why had he A great peace seems to fill Jessica's soul as she awakes New Year's morn-ing and remembers with her first con-

And the date—it is New Year's day. Harman their is have the met the second the date—it is new Year's day. Happy, thrice happy she. He must is hers, and they twain shall be one what you want him to bring you for

question about that evening; you re- that?"



love." She rises impatiently and paces the floor in her unrest, the white draperies she still love him? Still? Did she



and sky. Christmas on the Stage.

"Say, Santa Claus come ter my house





EMMA I. MCLAGAN. A Christmas Request.

Christmas."

as the blush roses she pins amid her a happy little laugh. "And do you I want lots of marbles, and tops, and know, you haven't asked me a single railway engines, and steamboats. Got

> There came no answe "Go ahead," said his father. "He

> hears you." "And I want a pony, and a dog, and wagon, and lots of books and tin soldiers. In fact, Mr. Santa Claus, you might bring me a little of everything."

> > About the Wassall Bowl,

In the "Midsummer Night's Dream" the "gossips' bowl" is supposed to be the "wassail bowl" of early days. The contents of this bowl were spiced ale, nutmeg, sugar, toast and roasted crabs or apples. Our ancestors loved to assemble on New Year's eye at each other's houses, and while "they quaffed

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and straw by fire. He was meeting with Buck and family, all of Lowell. good ruccess. A large sized rain Saturday, but it did

not demolish the sleighing. Theodore Ingersoll is very sick with the

grippe and pneumogia. was well attended, people coming from far Hall's Hair Renewer. and near. A good all round time was had by all, old and young. golden weddings are ouite a rare occurance.

Arthur Shillton and Mart Schneider are otting wood for James Green.

Samuel Onan is very sick, but is on the gain, some again. Another boy at Edward Stinton's Dec. 19.

Proud parents.

VERGENNES.

James last Saturday evening and a good Mrs. McDannell and daughters went The Reading Circle met with Miss Della time was enjoyed by all. The W. C. T. U. will give a ten cent tea

29, at five o'clock sharp. The Silver Me lal Contest at the Bailey their western home next Fuesday.

success, the church was full, the speakers ceived a new daughter December 8. did extremely well. Miss Bessie White John Carter of LaBarge has sold a evening were nearly \$20.

Thanks McGinty, we will try and stay Grand Rapids was in town Thursday. last week. We are very glad that our good sleighing cently.

until March. Monday morning the home of Alexander | Blain's

Shepard Hale and wife. ing program:

the Bible.

Reading of minutes. o Invasion of Maryland.

Questions in history--Geo. Lee. Recitation-Nettie Kerr.

Biographical sketch of Gen. Lee-Melville McPherson.

Reading-Clare Findley.

gablic. To avoid all risk, ask your drug-gist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for Aver's Almanac, which is just out for the new year.

RIVER ROAD RIVAL.

Alonzo Coonrod is having a tussle with a grippe Mrs. Will Worden of Lowell, spent Sunday with her friend, Mrs. C. B. Carter.

Ray Hendricks of Bowne, was a visitor at John Engle's last week.

Peter Sharples of Ada, spent Sunday at Nelson McCaul's. A number from this neighborhood a

tended the medal contest at the M. E. church in Vergennes Thursday evening.

Eugene Lee and family are recovering from the grippe. Henry and Eugene McCall of Ada, visit-

ed at Riley McCall's Sunday. Lee Porter of Beechwood, upper peninsula, joined his wife here Monday and after Pectoral. During a recent attack of La year for \$1.40. a short visit with relatives and friends they will start for their future home in Balti-MCGINTY.

SOUTH BOSTON.

Elmdale is to have a new saw mill, John Lenhart proprietor. J. C. English has sold his farm to George

and Charles Klahn, consideration \$7,500. The sick in this neighborhood are on the

PRACH HILL GROVE.

. Hendershott is the last one on the sick Mr. Buck is not improving as fast as he Corr vould like to.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiser are visiting friends Eggs ... The sick are all getting better. DUDE. Beef.

HOME NEWS,

ville Friday. Frank Knapp of Chicago is visiting traveling public. Rates reasonable.

at L. H. Hunt's. F. H. Wallace and wife of Ada Dentist. Over Church's bank, Lowell. have a new boy.

exercises this evening.

to Grand Rapids last Friday. Mrs. Henry Pipp of Kalkaska, visi- fice in Graham block.

at the home of Mrs. W. L. Merriman, Dec. Miss Ethel McDannell this week. E. A. R. Hunt and bride leave for

church last Thursday evening was a grand Benson White and wife of Ada re-

carried away the medal. Receipts of the fine span of horses to a Lowell man. Mr. Berry, telephone manager at E Bridge street, Lowell, Mich.

with the LEDGER stribes, company pre-vented us from being one of your number Henry Brown and Mrs. Emma Physician and Surgeon. Office hours, Baker of Caledonia were married re- m to 3, p m. and 7 to 8 p m.

Olan of Vergenness, burned and most Ora Folster of Ada died on Moneverything was consumed, with no insur- day Dec. 11 of pneumonia at the age Breeder of Hambletonian Horses and Proof 19 years

Birth in Vergennes Wednesday, a girl to Henry B. Proctor of Cascade, who Accommodations first class, rates reasonable. Detroit Ly is supervisor and justice of the peace Also proprietor of The Vergennes Reading Circle spent a combined, merged two palpitating TRAIN'S OPERA HOUSE, very pleasant evening with Miss Della hearts into one in the office of the Seating capacity 700, ight-d by electricity. James Dec. 16. Allen Bennett will enter- county clerk recently. The only fea-- county clerk recently. The only fea-ture of the marriage was the embar-rassment of the officiating magistrate. The parties to the union were Edward Sherk of Caledonia, 67 years of age, and Jane Trowbridge of Elmdale 65 years of age. The bride was very We respectfully solicit your tain the next one Dec. 30, with the follow- ture of the marriage was the embar-Roll call answered by quotations from Sherk of Caledonia, 67 years of age, Reading of minutes. Lesson in history, from War in the East formed and gave one of the deputy clerks a motherly kiss.

friends who so willingly and with such superintendent. Pronunciation Test, words being pro-nounced by Miss Ina Findley; Miss Bertha Lee and Miss Edith Aldrich choosing the participants. PATSY. "A Snake in the grass" is all the more dangerous from being unsuspected. So are many of the blood medicines offered the public. To avoid all risk, ask year drug-gist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and also for the denset of the loss of our dear Gaylord, All are cordially invited. tender sympathy aided us in this sad be- Epworth League devotional meeting at

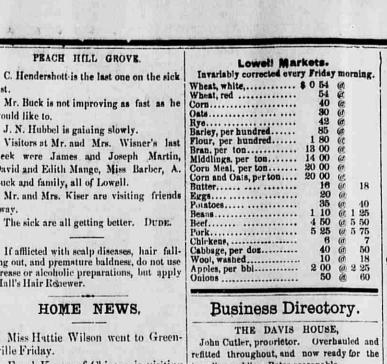


A Racking Cough Cured by Aver's Cherry Pectoral.

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Farmer's Institute Thursday and Friday
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keep a cow and horse and live easy away
from the cares of drawing wood.
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and the burning of fireworks was the work almost wholly of the small boy, and the effigies of the conspirators, once a great feature of the celebra- | tion, were few in number and ineignificant in size.

drawn, and they are living like doves. The pistol of peace should hang in that household above the sign "God bless our home,"

object of testing the amount of corn WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

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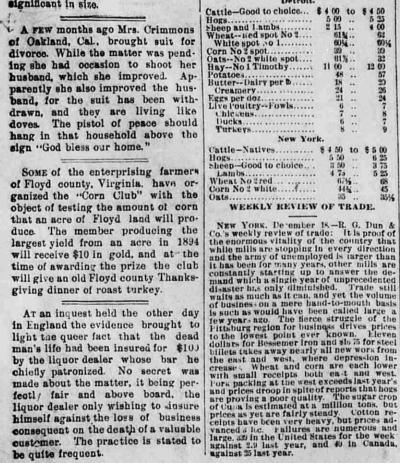
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THE MARKETS. Detroit.



When He Returned.

-Tax Collector and Wife Slaughtered. He was tall and lanky, with a long "Well, you told my collector the gust Klein, and his selected bride was

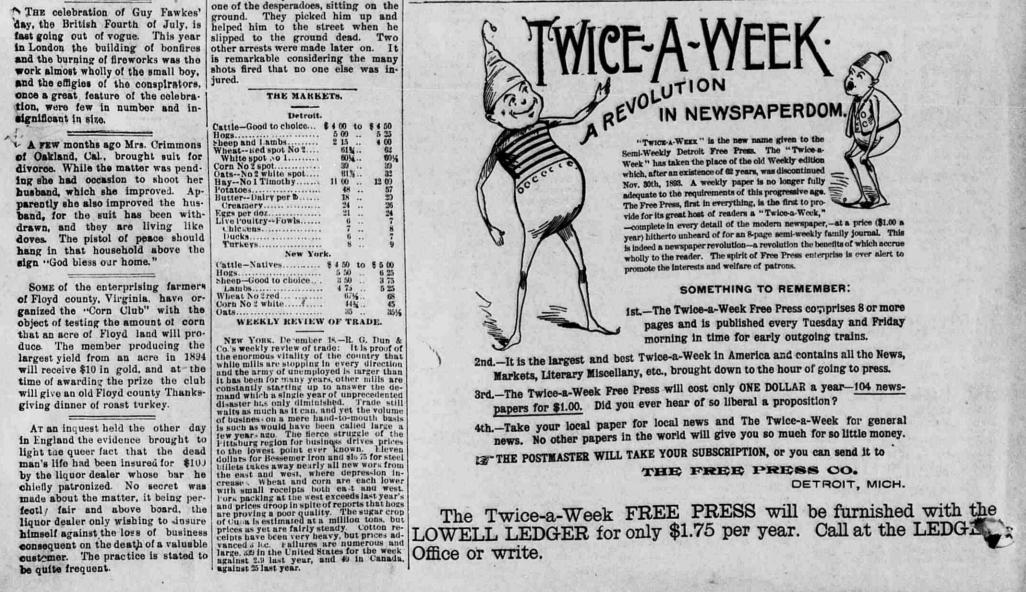
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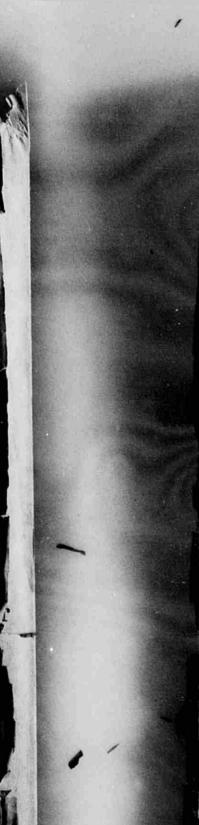
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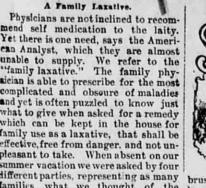
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He was tall and lanky, with a long-He was tall and lanky, with a long-These trousers are awful short." Egg Harbor, N. J. His name is Au-

The strain of place of the wildest confusion en-seed. The molecement for a recent week was gain and directed that gathered again and directed that gathered again and directed that gathered again and directed the collector. They forced the doors and attacked the collector and is wife, both of whom were killed with axes. Their bodies, still warm and stacked the collector and theriby mutilated by the screet and terriby mutilated by the screet, followed in a shead failing were cut off and stack on pikes and carried through the streets, followed just where the big hand, thrus tinto the hat, had snatched the by the cowd, dragging with the screet, followed in convoltance of the bilazing camp-fire.
This new disease of appendicitis.







German "I decline to be classed among them, mother dear," he returned, firmly: "we will not speak of such a thing as my marriage at present. Unless you are anxions to get rid of me?" Syrup







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A man may be in touch with a toothache ithout actually being in sympathy with it. accordingly. Eric Fane's handsome face grew dark

"Son!" in a tone of reproach.

Then they were joined by the elder Fane, a portly old gentleman, with a My nicce, Emeline Hawley, was, taken with spitting blood, and she Fane, a portly old gentleman, with a pleasant smile upon his jolly good-umored face, and the meal began. "Mail," announced a servant ap-"Mail," announced a servant ap-

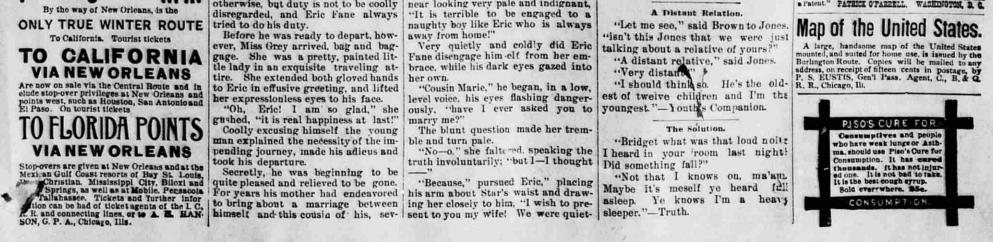
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eral times removed He had grown to hate her almost, and his clear. un-biased judgment detected the artifi-cial veneering to a cold, selfish, cruel nature. He feit that death would be preferable to marriage with such a Miss Marie Grey tried to cover up her chagrin at his departure. She con-soled herself with the thought of his speedy return, and planned a cam-paign which could only result in his capture. Rut "the best laid schemes of mice and men" are often failures. The set and provide the provid



eral times removed. He had grown to ly married three days ago. 1 loved

separate them. He got a shot through the wrist, and then the two proceeded to kill each other. I saw proceeded to kill each other. I saw one fellow lying dead with a hand- where, kerchief drawn tight around his neck. He had been strangied, and when searched \$450 was found on him. When I made the rush I wore mighty little and carried no arms, but I felt more comfortable when my BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR





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DEATH OF GAYLORD FULLER. On Sunday, December 17, Gaylord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Fuller died of congestion of the brain after an illness of only three days. He was but 5 years, 10 months and 16 days old. With him, to be known was to be loved. Funeral services were held at the residence on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. E. H. Shanks.

HUNT-WINEGAR WEDDING.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winegar, on Monday evening occurred a pleasant social event, the marriage of Mate E. Winegar to Ernest R. A. Hunt. Rev. Jas. Provan performed the ceremony in the presence of about forty guests, with Miss Mabel Smith of Washington, D. C., as bridesmaid and Harvey Coons as best man. Many beautiful gifts were bestowed upon the couple, among which were a China tea set and an onyx table from members of last vear's Social Club. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will spend the Holidays with Lowell friends after which they will depart for their future home at Wakonda, S. D., accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends.

GARENER-VOORHEIS.

Cards are out announcing the wedting of Elizabeth E. Gardner to Harrison S. Voorheis on Wednesday evening, December 27, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gardner.

S. O. V. PARTY.

C. R. Perry Camp No. 9, Sons of Veterans will give a Christmas party at Music hall, Monday evening, Dec-25. Music by Worden's orchestra. The Women's Rehef Corps will give a supper at 50 cents per couple.



Merry Christmas to all. Thirteen pages this week. Next Monday is Christmas. Malaga grapes at Rickert's. See Rickert's Xmas candies. Society gossip is only chin deep. Nuts, figs and dates at Rickert's.

Get your holiday pictures at Wilson's over the postoffic The new gallery in the Lee Block is now ready for business.

Neal McMillan, State Oil Inspector, was in town last Monday. D. G. Look was doing business at

Grand Rapids Wednesday. Beautiful embroidered slippers sell-

ing cheap at J. Robertson's. Jas. Bristol and wife of Ada spent

Sunday the 10th in Lowell. Poultry and Horse Review free with the LEDGER for one year.

If you want photographs for the holidays at the new gallery come at once.

the large number of centested will cases. Solon Palmer's perfumes, the best made in the United States, sold only

Death does not end all. Look at

at Look's! When a man has no bills against him he must feel as if he belonged to

the nobility. The LEDGER free for one year with goods at Look's drug store. the nobility. every dozen best photographs at the Hiler gallery.

County Clerk Eddy was on our streets Wednesday shaking hands with friends.

J. C. English will probably become a citizen of the village of Lowell the coming spring.

McMillan's grocery store has re-opened with better prospects of success than ever before.

Next forty subscribers to the LEDG-ER get the Poultry and Horse Review

free for one year. A marriage license has been issued to Ernest E. Lessiter and Kathleen J. Hunter both of Grattan.

Another show troupe "busted up" in Lowell Wednesday night, the Metropolitan Novelty company.

More goods for your money at Look's drug and stationery store than any other place in the city.

If you want an outside newspaper or magazine you can save money by clubbing with the LEDGER. Pay a year's subscription to the LEDGER and get the Poultry and Horse Review for a year free.

J. C. English of South Boston, has contracted a sale of his farm to the Klahn brothers at \$50 per acre. Geo. A. Roop manufactures and sells

a superior article of stove blacking at Boylan's. Sample only 10 cents. Richmond & Perkins have

Carl S. English has invented an electric automatic regulator for the guidance and control of electric machinery and has applied for a patent thereon.

Mr. Perkins of the firm of Perkins & Richmond, of Grand Rapids, who has been fitting up photographic rooms in Lee's block, went home sick last Monday.

Hiler is agent for the best crayon houses in Chicago. Call on him for the permanent and fadeless cabinets before the 15th, for Christmas and save 25 per cent.

Dr. J. B. Hull pipe organist from Lansing, will officiate at the organ in the Congregational church on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24. Some of his own composition will be played.

A Nevada hunter spent three months hunting for a grizzly bear, and the man's relatives have been spending three months looking for him. They think he must have found the bear.

It is a singular phase of human nature that when a man gives his wife a dime to buy a box of hairpins, or a gum ring for the baby, it looks about seven times as big as when he planks it down for bitters.

We saw advertised the other day "a mahogany child's chair." We have heard of wooden headed b ys, but we would like to see the mahogany child, whose chair is announced for sale in the public journals.

A confectioner that would cut a gum drop in pieces to sell a little child would sell cross eyed spectacles to a blind woman, but if you want to get

W. S. Winegar is ready for the Holiday trade. Call at his store and look over his stock of albums, toilet cases, perfumes and a great variety of elegant articles suitable for presents for Christmas and New Years.

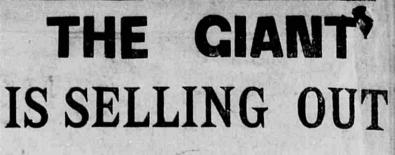
A celebrated manager is on the hunt for a new curiosity for his show. He is trying to find a young married man whose wife can cook as well as his mother did. Twenty-six States have thus been explored without suc

A large and attractive display of Fancy goods and Materials, Linen Table Sets, Lunch Cloths, Splashers, Cut. Ont. Table Mats, Wash Embroidery Silk; Roman Floss, Tassels, and all fancy work materials at Mrs. M. Hiler's.

The Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press and the Ledger one year only \$1.75. Both papers on trial three months for 50 cents. A card to the Free Press will get you two copies of that paper free. Free samples of the LEDGER can be nad at the office. Don't borrow your neighbors papers. Take some of your own.

Boys see here! Bring us five yearly subscriptions or subscriptions amounting to \$5, and we will make you a Christmas present of a patent tubular hand sled "Youth's Companion" worth \$2. Call at the office and see sample. Here is the chance of a

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Oar dealers are buying dead loads of pork.

Maccabees elect officers Tuesday cheap. night.

Cut rates on holiday goods at Look's.

C. M. Findlay was in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

E G. Nash was at Grand Rapids Toesday.

Twenty-five newspapers, 5 cents, this office

Fancy Florida oranges cheap at Rickert's

Rev. A.P. Moors was in Grand Rapids Monday.

C. G. Stone has a handsome Christmas window.

Everlasting photographs beats them all, at Hiler's

Have you seen H. A. Sherman's Ferris Wheel?

A few extra copies of this week's LEDGER for sale.

F. H. Stowe of Saranac, was in Lowell Saturday.

Gents' velvet embroidered slippers at J. Robertson's.

Neal McMillan was over from Rockford Monday.

Be sure and see Look's boliday goo is and low prices.

M. C. Griswold was in Grand Rapids Saturday last,

Wilson's gallery is newly furnished. Get your photos there.

Loafing is a hard business to learn. It takes all your time.

Everything is new in Wilson's gallery over the post office.

menced taking photographs in Lee will. block, corner of Main and River sts.

Call at the new gallery, and get ac-LEDGER six months ago and have not quainted. We have the Wilson negvet paid a cent for it must imagine etives and will furnish duplicates that the publisher has a large bank account and is doing business for fun.

A paper advises: "Never interrupt Possibly we owe them something for any conversation, but wait patiently the privilege of sending them the pa-your turn to speak." This does not per. If they will be so kind and conapply to married men. descending as to present a bill, we'll

The LEDGER is six months old totry to pay up. day, and half-year subscriptions be-There's money in turkeys. Here ginning with No. 1 have expired. are a few sample purchases made by McCarty Tuesday: Mrs. Gotlieb Rit. Please renew promptly. Baskets! Baskets!! Baskets!!! Mrs. tenger 29 turkeys for \$34; Mrs. John McCarty 72 for \$7960; and Mrs. M. Hiler has the largest and choicest Peter Corrigan 37 for \$45. On the same day Michael Downs of Ver-gennes sold turkeys, chickens and line of Baskets, China Silks and Drapes ever shown in Lowell. 26 Miss Bessie White won the Demorbeans to the amount of \$434. This est medal in the elocationary contest held at the Bailey church in Ver-gennes last week Thursday evening doesn't sound like hard times. At the annual meeting of Lowell Lodge No. 90, F. & A. M. held at

Samples of The Poultry and Horse Review to be given to the next forty Masonic Hall last Tuesday night the following officers were elected: W. M., W. S. Winegar; S. W., M. C. Greene; J. W., J. H. Rickert; Sec'y, persons paying a year's subscription to the LEDGER may be seen at this office.

H. N. Stone; Treas., Chas. Althen; A very appropriate present to your S. D., J. Mattern; J. D., R. Ryder; best fellow would be a pair of those Tiler, J. C. Moore; Chaplain, A. L. velvet embroidered slippers which J. Coons; Stewards, D.G.Look and Frank Robertson is selling at greatly reduced Clark. prices.

The next forty persons paying a year's subscription to the LEDGER the following officers for the ensuing year at their meeting Wednesday will be presented with a year's subevening: H. P., Chas. W. Wisner; K., W. S. Winegar; S., John Beery; C. H., C. G. Stone; P. S., G. W. Rouse; scripton to the Poultry and Horse Review.

Dr. J. Hul optician, will be at R. A. C., M. C. Greene; Trens., J. W. Hunter and Spa's store December 26 McPherson; Sec'y, H. Nash; G. W. 3d, and 27 for the purpose of fitting spec-tacles. Parties in need can call on gar; G. M. 1st, Chas. Quick; Sent., J. gar; G. M. 1st, Chas. Quick; Sent., J. those days, or adies can leave orders H. Adams; Chaplain, A. D. Oliver; and be called upon at residence. Organist, S. P. Hicks. After election Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices right. a hanquet was enjoyed by about forty J. B. Hull.

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Hooker Chapter, R. A. M., elected



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