

GRANT MYERS DIED MONDAY

Has Been Ill Since His Return from the South About Four Weeks Ago.

Mr. Grant Myers, who for many years has been the watchman at the Harrison street crossing of the C. & E. L. died at his home in this city Monday morning at eight o'clock. He was sick while on his trip with his wife and daughter, Miss Elsie, to visit his old home in Tennessee and other southern cities. Their trip was shortened and he took to his bed as soon as he reached home. After a few days his condition grew worse and he was taken to the hospital at Mattoon for operation but when the incision was made, the malignant growth was such that it was impossible to remove it and he was brought home a few days later.

OBITUARY

Ulysses Grant Myers was born March 10, 1864 in Green County Tennessee. He died Dec. 13, 1915 at his home in Sullivan, Ill. at the age of 51 years 9 months and 3 days. He came to Illinois in 1887 and was united in marriage to Miss Emma Short of Arthur, Ill. Oct. 2, 1892 and to this union were born three children two of which died in infancy. He leaves a wife and daughter Elsie, one brother of Moberly, Tenn. and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Short services were held at the residence in Sullivan and the remains were taken to Arthur where the funeral services were preached by Rev. Lawrence of Lincoln St. Christian church. Interment at Arthur cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance during the late illness of our husband and father, Grant Myers and for the sympathy and other expressions of good will after his decease.

MRS. U. G. MYERS
ELSIE MYERS.

A Merry Crowd.

Tuesday afternoon Ora Crowdon teacher of the Julian school ask her pupils how many would like to go home with her from school Wednesday and stay all night. It was put to a vote when every child raised his or her hand. She then told them that each and everyone was invited to come prepared to go to her home.

Next morning every face wore a smile and fourteen out of sixteen accompanied their teacher home, one was sick and the other was need at home. No doubt there was some lonesome homes, for in some there was not a child left.

At four o'clock a merry crowd came chattering together. On their way they met the Deputy Sheriff of our county who acknowledged they were a happy bunch of youngsters. At the home a table was spread by Ora's sister so that all the children could eat at once, nobody had to wait. After supper they had a review in singing also played all the games in the catalog after which beds were fixed for the tired souls to rest. Next morning all ate at 7 o'clock together and then the rest of the time was spent in fixing fifteen lunches. Everybody left for Julian at 8 o'clock wishing the teacher would extend another invitation.

Auditing Books.

R. C. Parks, J. W. Hoskins and S. T. Bolln, the auditing committee of the Board of Supervisors, are at work on the books of the county officers this week and will make a report to the board which meets next week.

Lively Election.

The high school election at Arthur Thursday was a lively one. Nearly all the voters of the district including men and women were out and the result was a division. Oliver Howell was elected president. J. B. Martin and L. A. Eckles were elected on one ticket and Jones, Kaufman, Sam York, S. A. Yrandonburg, Victor McDonald were elected on the other ticket. Both sides are ready to push the work of the district and they will soon be in readiness to consider the nature of a building to be constructed and the location.

Isaac Bailey and family of Stewardson visited his wife's parents Mr. and Mrs. Shaw the first of the week. Mr. Bailey ordered the News for the coming year.

WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

J. A. Steele Will Entertain Christmas Eve at Dinner for the Children.

Last year James A. Steele, cashier of the Merchants and Farmers State Bank planned a dinner for the children under twelve years of age who had no place to go. The pleasure of helping the needy has caused Mr. Steele to plan another dinner this year. It will be held on Christmas evening at the Masonic dining room and in order to know the number to provide for, Mr. Steele has arranged to give tickets to those who call at the bank before Tuesday evening. While the need is not so general as last year, he will most likely have a house full of children who will appreciate his hospitality.

STORM DOES SOME DAMAGE

Electric Lights Out Most of the Day Saturday but Connected up Before Evening.

A heavy ice storm visited this vicinity Friday night and made people think of the bad sleet of 1912 when conditions were much worse. A little farther north greater destruction of property was reported, many places being entirely cut off from the outside world by telegraph service. Some limbs were broken from trees but the greatest damage was when the line wire for the C. I. P. S. Co. broke. There was some opposition to their connecting up the line but service was resumed in the evening. A number of the telephone poles were down but these were soon replaced.

THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items Pertaining to the Various Religious Organizations of the City.

PRESBYTERIAN.

W. H. Day, Pastor.
Sunday school 9:30.
Morning service 10:45.
At this service Rev. W. H. Mason of Bethany will preach and at the close of the service a congregational meeting will be held and if the way be clear a call will be given to Rev. W. H. Day to become the pastor. Every member is earnestly requested to be present.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00.
Evening service 7:00.

Methodist Church.

J. S. Sharp Pastor.
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.
Let us all end the year by being in God's house at some one of the Sabbath services the last two Sundays of the year.
Sermon 10:45 subject, "A Christmas Message."
Epworth League 6:00 a. m. Subject, "The Christmas Song of World Peace."
Sermon 7:00 p. m. subject, "Ezekiel's Vision."
There will be special music at both services. The orchestra will furnish music at the evening service.
We are planning for our special revival meetings beginning Sunday Jan. 3.

The Sunday school has procured new song books, "Songs for Service," these books will be in use Sunday. The Sunday school will give a program in the church Christmas Eve.

Mid week service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. "For Men Only." This service will be of interest to the men of this church. Don't fail to come.
A round table will be conducted by the pastor.

CHRISTIAN.

W. B. Hopper, Pastor.
Morning subject, "A Man Seven Stories High."
Evening, "The Old Testament and Our Salvation."
Do not forget that the every member canvass will be made Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Spence of Indianapolis has come to make her home with her daughter Mrs. W. S. Bateman. Mrs. Wm. Paugborn who accompanied her here and visited with Dr. Bateman and family the past ten days returned to her home Tuesday. Mrs. Bateman and Mrs. F. M. Pearce went as far as Mattoon with her.

Mrs. John Bolln returned home from the bedside of her father H. C. Misenheimer.

SCHOOL PROPOSITION GETS BIG VOTE

Sullivan Tax Payers Decide in Favor of High School by Large Majority.

Sullivan's second attempt to get a township high school was more successful Tuesday than on a previous trial. There was more interest taken in the matter by those who see the need of a good school and that accounted for the change in the result. Several who were against the measure voted for it this time. In all 736 votes were cast. There were 498 votes for and 238 against the question. Sullivan can be congratulated upon the choice which has been made and the successful ones should show a spirit of fair play and select a number of substantial progressive men who will meet the needs of a good school for years to come, at a minimum cost for good work.

In the selection of school officers the women will be allowed to vote. Women as a rule are more closely associated with the schools and the children than the men and we hope to see them lend their influence toward the selection of the best men available for these places.

ARTHUR WINS HARD GAME

Local Team Made Good Showing Against Older and Heavier Team Friday Night.

Arthur high school team played Sullivan Basket Ball team here Friday night before a good crowd. The game was well advertised and the reputation of the visitors caused all to know that Sullivan had a worthy foe to contend with. From the sound of the whistle until the close of the game, the excitement was contagious as scores were made with difficulty by the teams from either side. There was a little confusion at colors making it a little hard to distinguish players. This resulted in slight advantage for Arthur who began the scoring. They forced the game to a fast pace increasing the count until it stood at 18 to 4 on the official's book and 21 to 4 on the cards, at the end of the first half.

The second half started well for the Sullivan team which scored eight points before their opponents got started. They made other scores but the nearest to being even came when the score stood 14 to 22. From this time the score was about equal, ending at 37 to 20. While we would have preferred the score to be reversed, all were aware that it was a game worth seeing and the Sullivan team did well to make the showing they did.

The line up was as follows:
Sullivan—center, Baker; right forward, Hubert Tabor; left forward, Bone; right guard, Duncomb; left guard, Alvy.

Arthur—center, Whitlock; right forward, Sharp; left forward, Welcome; right guard, Reeder; left guard, Gibbons.

Special Meeting of Board of Supervisors.

Notice is hereby given, that in accordance with a request in writing addressed to the undersigned, county clerk of Moultrie county, Illinois, and signed by at least one-third of the members of the board of supervisors of said county, a special meeting of said board is hereby called to convene on Tuesday the 21st day of December, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the court house in the city of Sullivan, Illinois, for the purpose of receiving officers' reports, passing on reports of committees, auditing claims against the county and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

Dated at Sullivan, Ill., this 11th day of December, A. D. 1915.
CASH W. GREEN,
County Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crowdon and son Clarence and Clifford Drew returned from a 300 mile drive in their car Thursday noon. They went to Farmersburg to visit Mrs. Crowdon's brother Thomas Wiley. While there they motored over to Oaktown to visit the cemetery where Mrs. Crowdon's father and mother are buried.

Mrs. F. E. Pifer was a Decatur shopper Wednesday.

NEW BUILDINGS NEAR COMPLETION

First of Year Will See Four Attractive Additions to City Structures.

Sullivan has had a good year from the building standpoint. In addition to a number of nice residences, four buildings have been built in the central part of town which have added very much to the appearance of the city. These are the jail, the library, the opera house and the carbonating plant.

After a vote on the bond issue to build the county bastille last summer work has been handled in a very satisfactory way by the contractors, Hagerman and Harshman. They were under contract to finish the work by the first of the year and this will be done. This building which was taken on contract for much less than the estimated cost will be complete in every detail, so as to comply with the legal requirements of such a building.

The Public Library which is being erected by the same firm for Mr. Steele is also being finished rapidly and will be ready by the same time. This is well arranged for the purpose it is intended for and the location makes it a desirable place for the library. Mr. Steele has rebuilt the fronts of all his rooms giving them a touch of newness that greatly improved the appearance of east Harrison street.

The Jefferson Opera House will probably not be finished as soon as others but everything is handed judiciously and it is hoped the early part of the month will see the main room completed and ready for the opening play. Mr. Shuman is waiting before making a definite date for the first play.

The carbonating and ice cream plant just north of the opera house is ready for the machinery. The concrete floor was put in last week and the painting is now going on.

Sullivan should be proud of these improvements which help make Sullivan a better city.

FINES HIMSELF BOX OF CIGARS AND CANDY

Judge Sentei Failed to Show up Saturday for Court—to finish Polk Cases This Week.

"Prisoner at the bar, are you guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty, your honor," came the said reply.

"You are fined one box of 10 cent cigars and one box of good candy and you will stand committed until paid."

COURT STANDS TREAT

Judge Geo. A. Sentei had to stand treat this morning. The popular jurist failed to show up Saturday morning for the trial of the Polk cases, having been caught in Decatur over night Friday and held there because of the storm. There was no telephone or train connections and court of course could not convene.

The court spent Sunday at his home in Sullivan and came to Decatur Sunday afternoon where he stayed all night and took an early car to Clinton this morning. As punishment for his behavior, for which he was excusable, he gave the jurors, lawyers and court officers a box of fine cigars and also a box of candy for those who don't smoke—Clinton Daily Public

Marriage Licenses.

John McLaughlin, Mattoon 31
Mrs. Sarah Cox, Mattoon 31
Harry Hunter, Sullivan tp 20
Myrtle Marie Stephen, Whitely tp 16
Rufus Freeman, Sullivan 27
Edith Kane, Sullivan 16
James Miller, Sullivan 22
Leta Bell, Sullivan 16
Rodney Adkin, Lovington 26
Ruby Johnson, Lovington 22

Get your Christmas Postals at Collins' Jewelry Store. Adv.

G. A. Lyon of Terre Haute was a business visitor in Sullivan Monday.

Miss Lois McMullen returned to her work at Sparks' Business College Monday.

FARM WANTED—I have party who wants to buy for cash 100 acre of good land in west part of Moultrie county.

S. T. WALKER
J. N. Armantrout of Gays came up Monday in the interest of the township high school proposition which will be voted on at Gays today.

GOLDYA MCGINNIS A DECEMBER BRIDE

Bethany Correspondent Departs for Home in New Jersey where Wedding Took Place.

Sanford Ewing McGinnis and wife have made the announcement of the marriage of their youngest daughter Miss Bonnie Goldya to Silas Arthur Mix of Plainfield, New Jersey. The marriage will take place at his home in Plainfield where Mr. Mix has a splendid position with the Air Craft Co. Mr. Mix is a nephew of Mrs. E. A. Gastman of Decatur a splendid mechanic with Lincoln Beachy until Mr. Beachy's tragic death at San Francisco, Cal. he also traveled with Mrs. Katherine Stinson after Mr. Beachy's death until at present he is with the Air Craft Co. He is a young man of good character and a great traveler having crossed the continent several times also visited the Hawaii Island. Miss McGinnis is a graduate of the Bethany high school also a graduate of the Brown's Business College of Peoria. She is a girl of sterling character always taking the side of right against every thing that was wrong, she is one of the most highly esteemed young ladies of Bethany, has been a good church worker ever since she was a small child always trying to excel in everything she took part in, has been a member of the church for years always ready to do her part, sang in the choir the last 14 years, graduated in the Bible school and got her diploma, worked for the Telephone Co. five years and all the patrons was sorry to see her quit, but her health gave way and she had to resign, she has corresponded for the Decatur Review, Decatur Herald and Moultrie County News for years. She will be greatly missed by her circle of friends but they all join in wishing her success where ever she goes.

OPERA HOUSE CONNECTED UP

Electric Wires Attached to Building While Trial of Other Men was Pending.

Sunday morning some men supposed to be connected with the C. I. P. S. Co. were found attaching service wires to the new Opera House. This was necessary before attractions can be booked by the owner but contrary to the wishes of some members of the city council and their arrest promptly followed. The hearing was set for Tuesday and while the trial was in progress, the wires were attached and no one seems to know who did the work. J. T. Henry was fined \$65, Henry Lincoln \$100 and Mr. Watkins the manager of the light plant \$100. Bond was furnished and the cases will be appealed to the circuit court.

National Quartette.

Those who were present at the Christian church Saturday were more than pleased with the National Quartette, which appeared as the second number of the lecture course. The quartette had a fine list of selections and encores and their work with the bells was good. The reader won applause for each selection.

ALLENVILLE

Mrs. Glow Raredon of Lerda is visiting her mother Mrs. A. W. Sutton this week.

James and Aaron Shafer and Bill Black of Galton is visiting home folks.

Dr. Williamson of Sullivan was a business caller here Monday.

Agnes Wernsing is visiting her sister Mrs. Ray Misenheimer.

Mrs. Boyda Burchard was a business caller in Mattoon Monday.

Mrs. A. W. Sutton was a caller in Mattoon Monday.

Faye Mann is ill with lung fever.

Jim Taylor of Sullivan called on H. C. Misenheimer who is ill.

Mrs. Fern Bundy and Sylvia McCabe were Mattoon visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Cloe Misenheimer was a caller in Mattoon Wednesday.

The young people of the M. E. church are preparing a play for Christmas.

Clarence Sutton is ill at this writing.

H. C. Misenheimer is reported better at present.

Miss Mabel Held spent the day in Decatur Monday.

\$5.00 PRIZE FOR MISS BRUCE

Reported the Largest Number of Subscriptions for the Month Ending Tuesday.

With each successive count, the interest in the Diamond Ring increases. The candidates are now devoting their efforts to the subscriptions which give the most votes. The special prize was given for this purpose and another will be added for the next count. This will be conditional and will be awarded at the close of the contest, provided the young lady does not get the ring.

Any young lady may compete for this even if she has not been announced as a candidate previous to this time. Forty new subscriptions will tie the leading candidate and some ambitious young lady may overcome this lead before the next count. The free votes have not been handed in as we expected and we have decided to omit them for the remainder of the contest. If you are going to have a sale, remember we give votes with all printing.

The standing on the third count is as follows:

Freda Bruce	24,225
Carmen Green	12,350
Fern Query	1,200
Christina Krause	750
Standing of Candidates	
Freda Bruce, Sullivan, R. 5	41,975
Carmen Green, Sullivan	35,700
Susie English, Windsor	6,175
Christina Krause	3,472
Fern Query, Sullivan, R. 1	4,200
Rowena Martin, Allenville	3,000
Hazel Murphy, Lovington	3,000
Helen Maxwell, Arthur	2,000

The votes will begin as follows:
\$1.00 on New Subscription 1000 votes
\$1.00 on Renewals 600 votes
\$3.00 on New Subscription 2500 votes
\$3.00 on Renewals 2000 votes
\$5.00 on Subscription 5000 votes
\$1.00 on Advertising or Job Printing 400 votes.

SUBSCRIBERS ARE TAKING INTEREST

General Response to Subscriptions Efforts Come as Result of the Contest.

While the number of active candidates is small, our readers are getting interested in the awarding of the \$100 diamond ring which will take place next month. The weather is such that our candidates can not do a great deal of personal work except in town and by the use of the telephone. Every day we have persons call and extend their subscriptions and we hope you will do the same. While you may not be interested in the candidates, this is a good time to begin the plan of paying subscriptions in advance so that we will not need to enforce the rule of \$1.50 where subscriptions allowed to run. We prefer a one price and that price \$1.00 a chance.

As Christmas Present.

If you neglect to write to your children or other friends? You may not be pondering over a Christmas present for them. The News will cost you \$1.00 and it will be a source of interest to the absent ones every week. The price of a postage stamp each week will save you time and trouble. Is that not a good Christmas present for you to give?

Christmas Special.

The Odell Weekly News came to our desk the first of the week. It was a little late but the general appearance showed the reason. It was a Christmas special in attractive form containing twenty-two pages in magazine form 18 x 12 and contained a number of attractive page ads. This edition does credit to the ability of our former competitors who are enjoying the prosperity of their new location.

A new stock of dolls, just the kind to please the kiddies. 1 cent up to \$5.00.
LEILA SAMPSON,
Adv.

Saturday Wedding.

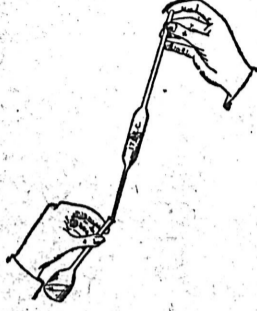
Rufus Freeman and Miss Edith Kane both of Sullivan were married at the Presbyterian Manse Saturday evening, Rev. W. H. Day officiating. They will make their home here.

USING A BABCOCK TEST

Device Has Placed Dairying on a Scientific Basis.

One Important Step in Use of Instrument is to Have Milk Thoroughly Mixed—Label Bottles With Name of Cow or Owner.

The Babcock test has served as the necessary stimulant to raise dairying from a disliked side line to a profession worthy of the efforts of well-trained men. It has placed dairying on a scientific basis, has promoted fac-

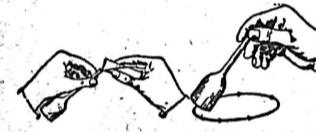


On Slowly Releasing Pressure of Finger at Top of Pipette, Milk Runs, Without Loss, Into Test Bottle.

tory efficiency and has stimulated the breeding up of productive herds.

Ten necessary steps in making the Babcock test are as follows: Mix the milk thoroughly and take out a small sample. Do not let the sample evaporate or curdle before testing. Fill the pipette to the mark with milk. Empty the pipette without loss into a Babcock test bottle. Add sulphuric acid from the measuring cylinder to the test bottle. Mix the acid and milk thoroughly by shaking the bottle. Place bottles in the centrifuge cover and whirl five minutes. Add hot water and whirl again twice one minute each time. Read and record the per cent of fat in the neck of the bottle. Empty the test bottles and wash thoroughly.

Provide a quart or more of milk, with which to practice sampling and testing. Mix it thoroughly by pouring several times from one vessel to an-



At Left—In Pouring Acid Into Test Bottle, Incline Bottle a Little, to Avoid Spilling Acid on Hand. At Right—To Mix Acid and Milk, Whirl Bottle in Circle Until Contents Are of Uniform Brown Color.

other, or by stirring vigorously. Larger quantities of milk require more stirring. While the milk is still in motion, dip out half a teaspoonful and pour this at once into a small, clean, dry bottle. Fill the bottle nearly full, and stopper tightly to prevent evap-

FEEDS FOR BREEDING FLOCK

Results Given by New Hampshire Station With Yearling Lambs—Five Good Winter Rations.

Five lots of five yearling lambs each were fed per day during three winter months, says a report from the New Hampshire station, as follows: Lot 1, alfalfa hay, 1; native hay, 0.25; roots, 2.5, and cracked corn, 0.25 pounds. Lot 2, native hay, 1.5; roots, 2.5; cracked corn, 0.125, and oil meal, 0.2 pounds. Lot 3, alfalfa hay, 1; native hay, 0.25; corn silage, 2, and cracked corn, 0.25 pounds. Lot 4, native hay, 1.25; corn silage, 2; oil meal, 0.2, and cracked corn, 0.125 pounds. Lot 5, native hay ad libitum, roots, 1 pound, and oats and bran, 1:1.2.

The following gains were made per head: 7.6, 2.9, 4.4, 4.5, and -0.2 pounds, respectively. In a duplicate experiment the following year the following gains were obtained: 4.7, -0.1, -0.7, 0 and -2.6 pounds, respectively.

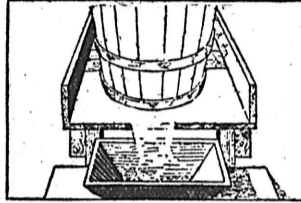
The first four rations are recommended for winter feeding of the breeding flock, but the fifth ration was unsatisfactory.

Lambs on roots made a slightly larger gain than those receiving silage. Native hay and silage appeared to be as satisfactory as alfalfa hay and silage.

EMPTY A BARREL GRADUALLY

Labor-Saving Method Is Shown in Illustration for Use With Powdered or Granular Material.

The sketch shows a labor-saving method of emptying a barrel of powdered, or granular, material where the emptying is to be done slowly. Instead of taking out the material by scoop-



Emptying Barrel Slowly.

fuls in order to fill it gradually into a machine hopper, for instance, the workman quickly upends the headless barrel and works it over toward the edge of the platform and the material flows to the hopper. As the barrel settles down it must be rocked slightly so as to keep the material flowing. When empty there is a small amount on the platform to be scooped into the hopper.—Popular Mechanics.

GUIDANCE OF WOOL GROWERS

United States Department of Agriculture Issues Set of Rules—Brand Each Bale or Bag.

The following rules have been issued for the guidance of wool growers by the United States department of agriculture:

WRISTLET WATCHES

Stylish and Useful
They are convenient to wear and the time at a glance. Call and see our watches. Get our prices.



ICE-WATER TANK WILL KEEP CREAM SWEET

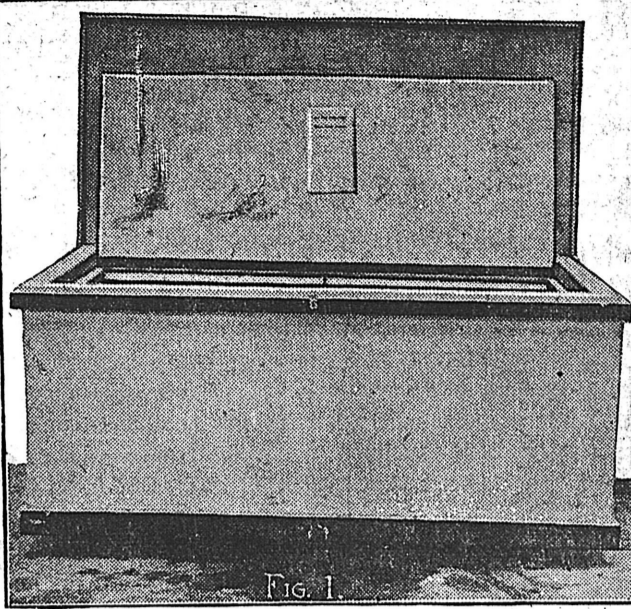


FIG. 1

Ice-Water Tank Lined With Galvanized Iron.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the most common causes of poor quality of butter is the lack of immediate, thorough cooling of the cream after separation. The United States department of agriculture has made a careful investigation of conditions existing on a large number of dairy farms where first-class cream is produced, and the data obtained shows that, if properly cooled, cream of the best grade can be produced with but little extra labor or expense.

Dairymen in certain parts of New England are delivering practically all their product to the creameries while sweet, although the cream is often held on the farm from one to four days in summer and from one to seven days in winter. After it reaches the creamery it is pasteurized and shipped a distance of from 50 to 300 miles, where it is sold in the form of sweet cream. These results are accomplished by the liberal use of ice, nearly every farmer having stored large quantities in the winter for use in cooling milk and cream the following summer.

These dairymen realize the importance of the use of ice and provide themselves with a suitable supply. They have followed this practice for several years, and most of them have provided a convenient source of supply, suitable houses for storing, and ice-water tanks for the immediate cooling of the milk or cream.

Some creameries accept any kind of cream without regard to its condition when delivered, and pay the same price for all grades of cream. In some dairy sections noted for the high quality of butter produced, the operators of creameries have found that in order to get the highest market price for

cream, and in each instance the cream was sweet. The cost of these ice-water tanks varied from \$5 to \$20, depending on the size and whether the tank was made or was purchased from some supply house. There are few farmers who cannot afford to provide themselves with some form of ice-water tank which will conform to their own ideas and the local conditions.

A great many different styles of tanks are in use. Figure 1 shows a type of ice-water tank which has proved satisfactory. This style has double wooden walls and is lined with galvanized iron. It is also provided with two air spaces and two covers. With a little time, labor, and expense such a tank can be made on almost any farm. A can of cream placed in ice water in such a tank will remain sweet for several days. Many less expensive tanks were found in use that gave desired results.

Figure 2 is an illustration of a concrete tank which can be constructed at a small expense and which will answer most purposes.

PLAN FOR CUTTING FIREWOOD

Farmer Often Cuts Out Very Best of Timber and Leaves Poorest—Seek Dead Trees First.

Some farmers are very reckless in the manner in which they cut their timber for firewood. Often the very best of the timber is cut and the poorest left in the woods. This is a mistake, and the farmer should follow a well-laid plan when getting up wood for winter use.

He should seek all dead timber first. There will be a great many trees that have been broken by the storms and their dead limbs will be on the ground. Some trees will have been blown down or will have fallen on account of decay. All the fallen timber should be gathered up first. This gives the wood pasture a neat appearance and saves the cutting of a lot of the good timber. Then every dead tree should be taken out.

If enough dead timber cannot be secured for firewood, then the green must be cut. Here a person should exercise good judgment. All young trees should be left, for they will grow into large ones after a while. It is true they are more easily chopped down and more quickly chopped into wood, but a man who pursues this policy is robbing himself of firewood for the future. Then all straight tall trees that are fit for posts should be left.

Make Weaning Easy Matter.

If the foal has been properly cared for during the summer months, being fed a little grain in addition to the roughage and dam's milk, weaning time will be merely a matter of separation.

Pearl and Ivory
Brass Smoking Sets,
Razors, Scissor Sets.

Albums, Sterling Silver
Conklin's Sel

Ivory, Ebon

Our stock of
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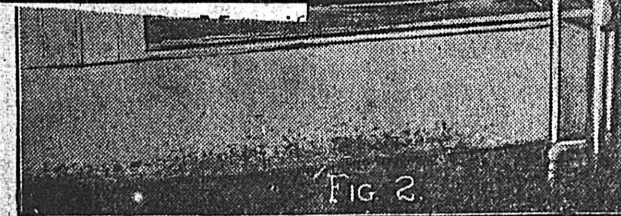


FIG. 2

An Inexpensive Concrete Ice-Water Tank.



TO ERADICATE CATTLE TICKS

Department of Agriculture Will Co-Operate With State or County Authorities in Battle.

"Ticks take as much as \$00 pounds of blood a year from a 1,000-pound steer; cut the milk production of cows nearly 50 per cent; reduce the home price of meat animals from one-half to one cent a pound; prevent bankers from lending money to promote the live stock industry; keep down fertility and production of farms; and make the southern farmers pay \$50,000 a year to supply the never-ceasing barbecue of blood." Thus Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture of the United States, remarked in telling of the new tick campaign the government has started.

"Dip the tick" is the slogan which the department of agriculture has



Dipping Tick-Infested Cattle.

adopted for a special campaign against the cattle tick. Blazoned in big letters this legend will stand out in startling relief upon a two-colored poster which the department proposes to display in every post office in the tick-infested country.

"It costs less than 50 cents a head to dip the cattle of a county and free that county from quarantine," Mr. Vrooman said, "and enable its cattle to compete with free cattle at the stockyards. But before the ticks can be cleaned from a county the people in that county, by themselves or with the aid of the state, must build dipping vats which cost from \$50 to \$100 each, and must supply arsenic, which costs about five cents per head, to make the arsenical bath that kills the ticks. The people must then join in seeing that every steer or cow is dipped a sufficient number of times to kill all the ticks infesting the cattle, and prevent the seed ticks in the grass from finding a new boarding house."

The department will co-operate with a county that is ready to dip ticks by sending its expert field men to supervise the building of vats, to prepare the arsenical bath and to take charge of the dipping of cattle. The people of a county and state, however, have to provide the small amount of money necessary for the actual dipping.

PROPER SHELTER FOR SHEEP

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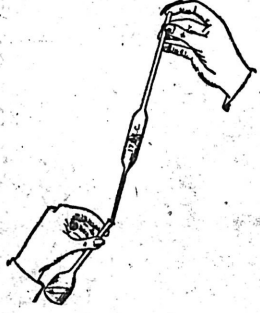
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USING A BABCOCK TEST

Device Has Placed Dairying on a Scientific Basis.

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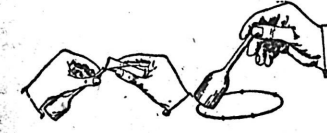


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Ten necessary steps in making the Babcock test are as follows: Mix the milk thoroughly and take out a small sample. Do not let the sample evaporate or curdle before testing. Fill the pipette to the mark with milk. Empty the pipette without loss into a Babcock test bottle. Add sulphuric acid from the measuring cylinder to the test bottle. Mix the acid and milk thoroughly by shaking the bottle. Place bottles in the centrifuge cover and whirl five minutes. Add hot water and whirl again twice one minute each time. Read and record the per cent of fat in the neck of the bottle. Empty the test bottles and wash thoroughly.

Provide a quart or more of milk, with which to practice sampling and testing. Mix it thoroughly by pouring several times from one vessel to an-



At Left—In Pouring Acid Into Test Bottle, Incline Bottle a Little, to Avoid Spilling Acid on Hand. At Right—To Mix Acid and Milk, Whirl Bottle in Circle Until Contents Are of Uniform Brown Color.

other, or by stirring vigorously. Larger quantities of milk require more stirring. While the milk is still in motion, dip out half a teaspoonful and pour this at once into a small, clean, dry bottle. Fill the bottle nearly full, and stopper tightly to prevent loss.

FEEDS FOR BREEDING FLOCK

Results Given by New Hampshire Station With Yearling Lambs—Five Good Winter Rations.

Five lots of five yearling lambs each were fed per day during three winter months, says a report from the New Hampshire station, as follows: Lot 1, alfalfa hay, 1; native hay, 0.25; roots, 2.5, and cracked corn, 0.25 pounds. Lot 2, native hay, 1.5; roots, 2.5; cracked corn, 0.125, and oil meal, 0.2 pounds. Lot 3, alfalfa hay, 1; native hay, 0.25; corn silage, 2, and cracked corn, 0.25 pounds. Lot 4, native hay, 1.25; corn silage, 2; oil meal, 0.2, and cracked corn, 0.125 pounds. Lot 5, native hay ad libitum, roots, 1 pound, and oats and bran, 1.1.2.

The following gains were made per head: 7.6, 2.9, 4.4, 4.5, and —0.2 pounds, respectively. In a duplicate experiment the following year the following gains were obtained: 4.7, —0.1, —0.7, 0 and —2.6 pounds, respectively.

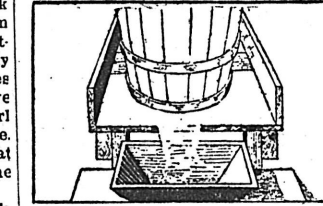
The first four rations are recommended for winter feeding of the breeding flock, but the fifth ration was unsatisfactory.

Lambs on roots made a slightly larger gain than those receiving silage. Native hay and silage appeared to be as satisfactory as alfalfa hay and silage.

EMPTY A BARREL GRADUALLY

Labor-Saving Method is Shown in Illustration for Use With Powdered or Granular Material.

The sketch shows a labor-saving method of emptying a barrel of powdered, or granular, material where the emptying is to be done slowly. Instead of taking out the material by scoop-



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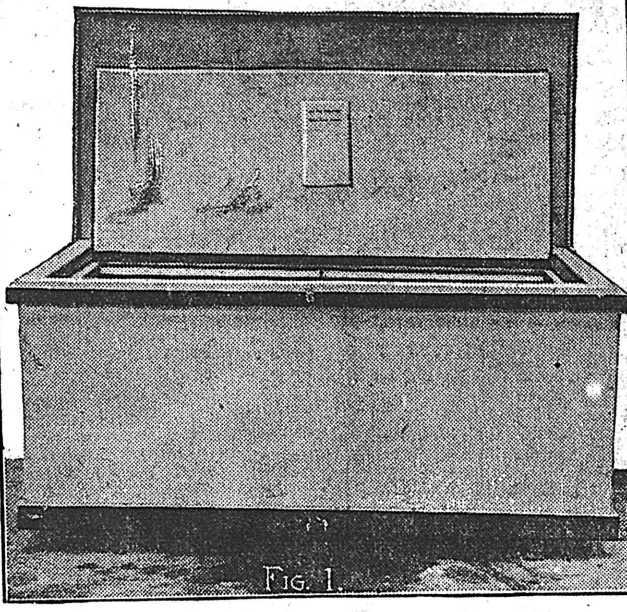
fuls in order to fill it gradually into a machine hopper, for instance, the workman quickly upends the headless barrel and works it over toward the edge of the platform and the material flows to the hopper. As the barrel settles down it must be rocked slightly so as to keep the material flowing. When empty there is a small amount on the platform to be scooped into the hopper.—Popular Mechanics.

GUIDANCE OF WOOL GROWERS

United States Department of Agriculture Issues Set of Rules—Brand Each Bale or Bag.

The following rules have been issued for the guidance of wool growers by the United States department of agriculture:

ICE-WATER TANK WILL KEEP CREAM SWEET



Ice-Water Tank Lined With Galvanized Iron.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the most common causes of poor quality of butter is the lack of immediate, thorough cooling of the cream after separation. The United States department of agriculture has made a careful investigation of conditions existing on a large number of dairy farms where first-class cream is produced, and the data obtained shows that, if properly cooled, cream of the best grade can be produced with but little extra labor or expense.

Dairymen in certain parts of New England are delivering practically all their product to the creameries while sweet, although the cream is often held on the farm from one to four days in summer and from one to seven days in winter. After it reaches the creamery it is pasteurized and shipped a distance of from 50 to 300 miles, where it is sold in the form of sweet cream. These results are accomplished by the liberal use of ice, nearly every farmer having stored large quantities in the winter for use in cooling milk and cream the following summer. These dairymen realize the importance of the use of ice and provide themselves with a suitable supply. They have followed this practice for several years, and most of them have provided a convenient source of supply, suitable houses for storing, and ice-water tanks for the immediate cooling of the milk or cream.

Some creameries accept any kind of cream without regard to its condition when delivered, and pay the same price for all grades of cream. In some dairy sections noted for the high quality of butter produced, the operators of creameries have found that in order to get the highest market price for

Fahrenheit, and in each instance the cream was sweet. The cost of these ice-water tanks varied from \$5 to \$20, depending on the size and whether the tank was made or was purchased from some supply house. There are few farmers who cannot afford to provide themselves with some form of ice-water tank which will conform to their own ideas and the local conditions.

A great many different styles of tanks are in use. Figure 1 shows a type of ice-water tank which has proved satisfactory. This style has double wooden walls and is lined with galvanized iron. It is also provided with two air spaces and two covers. With a little time, labor, and expense such a tank can be made on almost any farm. A can of cream placed in ice water in such a tank will remain sweet for several days. Many less expensive tanks were found in use that gave desired results.

Figure 2 is an illustration of a concrete tank which can be constructed at a small expense and which will answer most purposes.

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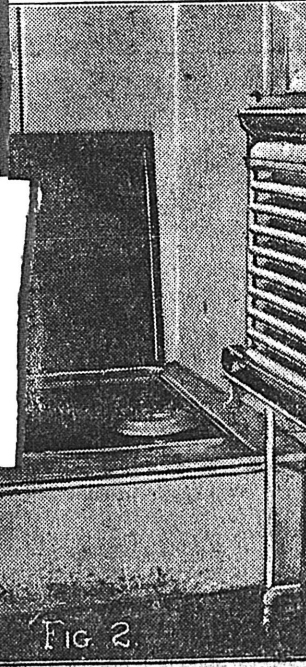
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He should seek all dead timber first. There will be a great many trees that have been broken by the storms and their dead limbs will be on the ground. Some trees will have been blown down or will have fallen on account of decay. All the fallen timber should be gathered up first. This gives the wood pasture a neat appearance and saves the cutting of a lot of the good timber. Then every dead tree should be taken out.

If enough dead timber cannot be secured for firewood, then the green must be cut. Here a person should exercise good judgment. All young trees should be left, for they will grow into large ones after a while. It is true they are more easily chopped down and more quickly chopped into wood, but a man who pursues this policy is robbing himself of firewood for the future. Then all straight tall trees that are fit for posts should be left.

Make Weaning Easy Matter.

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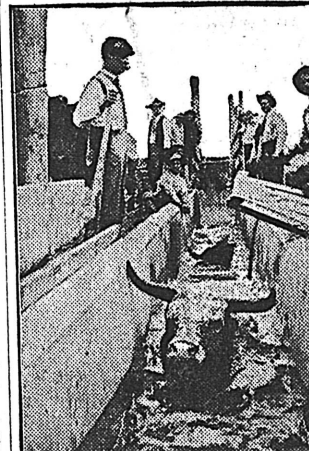
FARM ANIMALS

TO ERADICATE CATTLE TICKS

Department of Agriculture Will Co-Operate With State or County Authorities in Battle.

"Ticks take as much as \$00 pounds of blood a year from a 1,000-pound steer; cut the milk production of cows nearly 50 per cent; reduce the home price of meat animals from one-half to one cent a pound; prevent bankers from lending money to promote the live stock industry; keep down fertility and production of farms; and make the southern farmers pay \$50,000 a year to supply the never-ceasing barbecue of blood." Thus Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture of the United States, remarked in telling of the new tick campaign the government has started.

"Dip the tick" is the slogan which the department of agriculture has



Dipping Tick-Infested Cattle.

adopted for a special campaign against the cattle tick. Blazoned in big letters this legend will stand out in startling relief upon a two-colored poster which the department proposes to display in every post office in the tick-infested country.

"It costs less than 50 cents a head to dip the cattle of a county and free that county from quarantine," Mr. Vrooman said, "and enable its cattle to compete with free cattle at the stockyards. But before the ticks can be cleaned from a county the people in that county, by themselves or with the aid of the state, must build dipping vats which cost from \$50 to \$100 each, and must supply arsenic, which costs about five cents per head, to make the arsenical bath that kills the ticks. The people must then join in seeing that every steer or cow is dipped a sufficient number of times to kill all the ticks infesting the cattle, and prevent the seed ticks in the grass from finding a new boarding house."

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Charles Alexander went to Stonington on business Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Kimery of Allenville visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. H. Fritz and Mrs. Sam Reedy visited in Findlay Tuesday.

M. L. Waggoner of Bruce was in this city on business Tuesday.

John Wolf looked after farming interests at Dunn Wednesday.

J. L. McLaughlin was called to Decatur on business Wednesday.

Mrs. R. B. Wheeler of Kirksville was a Sullivan shopper Tuesday.

Mrs. G. W. Breckenridge of Findlay was a Sullivan shopper Monday.

Send your shoes to "Bennie" for repairs. Terrace Block. Adv.

Mrs. Claudia Casteel of Arthur came down for the club meeting Tuesday.

D. A. Roadman and wife visited the latter's sister at Cerro Gordo Wednesday.

Blooming Plants and Cut Flowers for Xmas Gifts. LELA SAMPSON. Adv.

Miss Rebecca King of Decatur was the guest of friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. S. P. Strickland visited her daughter Mrs. Moore in Decatur Wednesday.

Attorney E. J. Miller and M. A. Mattox went to Shelbyville Monday to attend court.

Miss Neva Wallace returned to her school at East Hudson after spending Sunday at home.

Practically the entire population of Kirksville territory were up for the election Tuesday.

Mrs. H. V. Weatherby of Lovington visited Harry Behen and wife the first of the week.

Vernon Hawbaker spent Tuesday in Decatur.

Ora Tribue of Findlay was a caller here Monday.

O. Bailey of Lovington was in this city Wednesday.

Christmas Postals at Collins' Jewelry Store. Adv.

A. E. Eden and wife visited in Decatur Wednesday.

Miss Alma Simms was a Decatur shopper Wednesday.

Miss Fern Butts of Bethany was a Sunday visitor here.

Mr. DeWinter spent Sunday in Mattoon with friends.

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Miss Elsie Banks of Findlay visited friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. M. A. Rush went to Lincoln Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Miss Thompson of Arthur returned to her school at Bethany Sunday.

Electricity helps "Benny" repair your shoes. Terrace Block. Adv.

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Mrs. Ella Stedman returned Monday evening from a visit with friends in Tuscola.

Mrs. Newcomb and daughter of Lovington were Sullivan visitors Monday morning.

Miss DeBain of Apache, Okla. was in Sullivan Monday enroute to Bethany to visit relatives.

Mrs. Hettie Emmons who nursed Mr. Mitchell through typhoid fever returned home Tuesday.

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Mrs. Lillie and daughter returned to their home in Decatur Sunday after visiting Sullivan friends.

Miss Leurah Waggoner of Carrollton came Wednesday to assist in the work at Collins Jewelry Store.

Elmer Taylor of Freeland, Ind. visited with C. O. Pifer and other relatives here the first of the week.

Mrs. W. S. Harris went to Danvers, Ia. Monday to be with her husband who is in the hospital there.

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J. B. Martin of Cadwell was in this city on business connected with the county board which meets next Monday.

Mrs. Zoe Harris who has been caring for her father Sam Patterson went to her home in Danville for a few days.

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Helpful Hints for Christmas

The problem of gift-giving soon must be solved.—The great day of the year is not far distant, so utilize these last days to the very best advantage—shop in the real gift store where displays of holiday merchandise lends innumerable helpful suggestions—where every element of good store service is at your command. Plan to stop in the mornings if possible, thus avoiding the busiest hours of the day. Shop early and enjoy the satisfaction of deliberate choosing.

Silk Special

YARD WIDE SILK POPLIN 59c a yd.

We shall offer Saturday morning and continue until all is sold, about 400 yards of a yard wide silk filled poplin for 59c a yard. There is all the leading colors, such as black, navy blue, green, light blue, purple, brown, Alice and yellow, and the price is so wonderfully low you can't afford to miss it.

Bedding Makes an Ideal Gift.

Practical gifts are greatly favored this season, and what can be more practical than bedding. Mother will certainly appreciate some of these fine warm blankets which will prove of lasting service for the entire family. We are showing one of the largest as well as one of the best assortments of Blankets in this part of the country, both in plain and colors and fancy plaids, beautiful goods, all very large and heavy, and the prices are \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00 3.50, 4.00 & 5.00.

Hosiery Special

Fine Hosiery never fails to please any woman, and that is because woman is particular about her hosiery and never can have too much on hand. Silk Hosiery in plain and fancy stripes were never in such demand, one of the reasons is that they make silk hosiery so it wears much better than formerly. Other reasons are the exceptionally low prices and beautiful merchandise. Just notice some of these prices: Silk boot of heavy fiber silk, black and colors, 35c, 3 pr for \$1.00. Black and colors in fiber silk hose 50c. comes also in stouts and ribbed tops. Guaranteed Phoenix silk hose, black and a few colors at 75c. At \$1.00 we are showing about 10 or 15 different fancy stockings, all silk, and all colors and sizes.

Delight Mother with a New Rug

Something to brighten up the home will please Mother most. Why not give a rug? They are highly favored as gifts and our stock have been replenished with new designs of fine quality, very moderately priced, and all before the recent advances in rugs. Just notice some of these prices, then let us show you the qualities. You will be agreeably surprised at the amount we will save you: 9 x 12 Axminster \$18 50; 9 x 12 Best Quality Tap. \$16 50; 12 x 15 Best Quality Tap. \$25 00; 9 x 12 Velvet \$15 00, 16.50 & 18 00; 9 x 12 Body Brussels \$25 00 & 30 00; 9 x 12 Royal Wilton \$35 00 & 40 00. Then we have 8 3 x 10, 11-3 x 12, 11-3 x 15, all in stock.

Gift Gloves

Gloves solve the Christmas problem. They are something that every woman can use and you can select the newest styles here. Suede silk like gloves \$1.00. Very good quality kid gloves in black and all colors for \$1.00 per pair. Best quality guaranteed real kid gloves in black and colors at \$1 50 pair. Then we've a great variety of fabric gloves for 25 to 50c each, in black and colors.

STANDARD Rotary "Sit Straight" Sewing Machines \$35.00 Cash

Or by the "New Era Plan" which is 5c. down and 5c. in addition each week for 39 weeks.

A Gift for Mother or Wife—A Gift of Lasting Quality.

We will be open every night next week until 8:00 o'clock.

O. L. TODD
Dry Goods, Carpets, Shoes

Linens make a worth while gift. The person at a loss regarding what to choose for holiday presents can select linens with the pleasing knowledge that they are certain to be welcome, for no housewife ever has too many.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE

Estate of Emily A. Crooker, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Emily A. Crooker, late of the County of Moultrie and the State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Moultrie County, at the Court House in Sullivan, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 30th day of November, A. D. 1915.
MARTHA C. MILLER, Administratrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Emery O. Dunscomb Deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Emery O. Dunscomb late of the County of Moultrie and the State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Moultrie County, at the Court House in Sullivan, at the February term on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 9th day of December, A. D. 1915.
CHARLES A. GREGORY Administrator.

Mrs. F. E. Pifer was a Decatur shopper Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Ferril and son Duane returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in California.

Christopher Miller and Jake Herschberger of Arthur were in this city on business Monday.

Mrs. Martha J. Miller and Miss Elizabeth Helmuth of Cadwell were Sullivan shoppers Monday.

Miss Ione Baxton, Mrs. Will Flaher and Mrs. Charles Oleby visited relatives in Shelbyville Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Farris of Arthur visited at the home of Henry Davis and other friends here the first of the week. She will soon leave for her new home in Florida.

J. N. Armantrout of Gays came up Monday in the interest of the township high school proposition which will be voted on at Gays today.

A Photograph is always an appropriate gift. Make an appointment Early. Star Art Studio.

Cleaning Lace.

Lace that is too delicate to be washed in the usual way can be cleaned in this way: Make a strong soapuds of some good soap and allow the lace to remain in it for several hours at least, although it is well to shake it out occasionally. A wide mouthed bottle is most convenient to handle. When the lace is thoroughly soaked let the soapy water out of the bottle and keep adding clean water until the soap has all been removed from the lace. Do not handle the lace at all; shaking the bottle will rinse it thoroughly.

If the lace is narrow wind it round a bottle that has been covered with a piece of soft flannel, and do not remove it until it is dry. If it is too wide to care for in that way dry it on a large cushion. First cover the cushion with a heavy towel, then pin the points of the lace in place and allow it to dry. It is better not to use steel pins on account of the danger from rust. When dry the lace will look like new.—Youth's Companion.

Coughs and Colds are Dangerous

Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However statistics tell us every third person dies of a Lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle to-day. Avoid the risk of serious Lung ailments. Druggists. Adv.

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FARM WANTED—I have party who wants to buy for cash 160 acre of good land in west part of Moultrie county.

S. T. WALKER.
Miss Mabel Held spent the day in Decatur Monday.

COLLINS JEWELRY STORE

"THE STORE OF QUALITY"

SULLIVAN'S HOME OF BEST VALUES IN DIAMONDS -- WATCHES -- JEWELRY
SILVERWARE -- CUT GLASS -- CHINA -- TOILET GOODS -- NOVELTIES



JEWELRY FOR CHRISTMAS

SILVERWARE -- CUT GLASS -- CHINA -- TOILET GOODS -- NOVELTIES

With only a few more days of the great gift buying season of 1915--We wish to impress upon the minds of thousands of Christmas shoppers the readiness of this large "house of gifts". The best quality, reasonable prices and our reputation for fair dealings makes "Collins Values"--The giving of the best values--no matter what the price--has made hundreds of Satisfied Collins patrons.

Select Your Christmas Gifts Here

Our store is the home of dainty Holiday Gifts. Our stock will make selections easy. We have the largest display of Christmas Goods ever shown in Moultrie County. Visit our Exclusive Jewelry Store and you will be convinced. We will gladly keep any articles you select until Christmas for you. The quality of our goods is unsurpassed. All are absolutely guaranteed. Our prices will prolong the life of your purse.



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The World's Finest
HAND DECORATED CHINA
Our store is the only store in Sullivan in which Pickard's China can be obtained. We invite you to call and see our beautiful display. Flowers and fruit in their natural colors are used in the decoration of many pieces. Gold Encrusted Border China. Especially adapted for dinner ware.



- Copper Goods
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- Casseroles
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- Leather Purses
- Music Rolls
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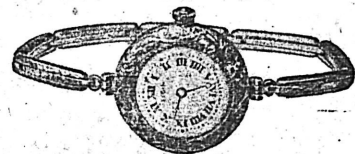
No need to accept any ordinary make as we are selling **HULL UMBRELLAS** with detachable handles. Look for the name Hull on the button. Prices \$1.00 to 18.00 See the Sterling Hull Suit Case Umbrella \$7.50



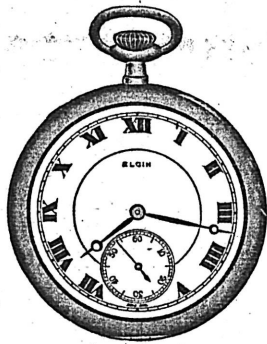
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Community Silver is overlaid at the wearing points with pure silver.
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Silverware makes a beautiful Christmas Gift.
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BUY A GUARANTEED WATCH
What Finer Christmas Gift Could You Buy?
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If you wish to buy a watch, come in and see our complete stock. Each watch an accurate time keeper and sold with the Collins guarantee which is iron-clad.



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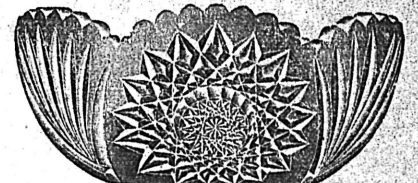


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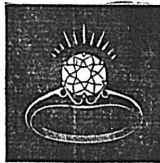
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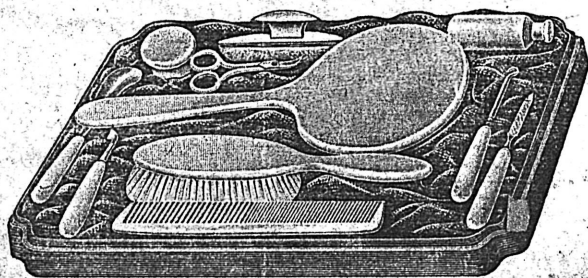
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Our Stock of Jewelry this year is larger than ever. We have selected the latest and most artistic designs. Each piece is guaranteed. Quality with us is always foremost; the PRICE and QUALITY considered. Our prices are Sullivan's Lowest Prices - always.

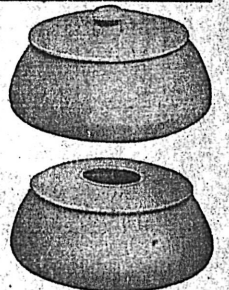
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Ivory, Ebony and Silver Toilet and Manicure Sets

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WEST SIDE SQUARE

A SCHEME TO RUIN

A Story For Christmas

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

I met Helen Lee at a young people's gathering on Christmas eve. Maud Penrose had been giving me encouragement to be companionable with her, and I had seen a good deal of her, but I had no thought of marrying her because, in the first place, I never looked upon her as a possible wife and, in the second place, I was not in a position to marry any one. At that Christmas merrymaking it was revealed to me with certainty that she considered me her own.

When I had danced twice with Helen to once with Maud Penrose, Maud showed by a flash in her eye as she passed me in Helen's company that something was wrong. As soon as I was relieved of Helen I sought Maud and asked her what was the trouble. She reproached me bitterly for what she called deserting her. I was young, high strung and inexperienced with women. I coolly informed her that I could not have deserted her, for she had never had any more right to me than any other girl. This, to my surprise, seemed to give her great pain, but since I did not consider myself bound to her simply because we had been a good deal in each other's company I did not see what I could do to make her feel any better. Indeed, I was impressed with the importance of breaking off our association at once. This I did.

My meeting with Helen was followed by something very different from what had been between me and Maud. I fell in love with her. I soon heard that Maud was accusing me of having treated her badly, and I was received coldly by some of her friends. I never asked any of them for the reason of their coolness or entered any defense whatever in the matter of Maud's accusations. A man is powerless against a woman in such a matter, for his lips are sealed, and she is likely to secure the sympathy of those to whom she tells her story.

Helen knew of all this. She believed my story, but told me that I should not have become involved with any woman I did not intend to marry. She had no acquaintance with Maud and had no idea of what "a woman scorned" may be capable. When Maud sent her word that she in turn would suffer from my perfidy it troubled her. But she had the loyalty to me to refrain from telling me of the message.

Since Helen and I had met on a Christmas evening we came to value that anniversary. The first Christmas after our marriage we invited our intimate friends to dinner and a dance. When our first child was two years old we brought him to the table on Christmas day, and as other children came we added them to our family circle around the board.

Alas, if the first Christmas anniversaries of our married life were the happiest there was one that was the most miserable. That one I cannot to this day think of without a shudder.

When the fifth Christmas after our marriage approached I was away from home, but promised to return in time to celebrate the day, as usual. A winter storm delayed my coming, and I reached my home only at the hour set for the dinner. What was my surprise to see the house dark! Instead of the lights that I had expected in every room not one appeared. In a wondering terror I opened the door, entered the hall and, turning on an electric switch, listened for a sound. The house was surely deserted.

Going up to my wife's bedroom, I saw evidence of a hasty departure. On the mantel was an envelope addressed to me, but I perceived at a glance that it was not in my wife's handwriting. I took it up and found that it had been opened. Taking out its contents, I read a letter addressed to me couched in loving terms, indicating that I was living a double life, dividing my affections between my wife and the writer.

Here was an explanation of the condition in which I had found my home. The letter had come during my absence. Helen had opened it and, convinced of my perfidy, had taken the children and gone away, that she might not meet me on my return.

But the letter. It must have been written to one of the same name as myself and reached the wrong person. I certainly knew no such woman as the writer, who signed herself Alice. Glancing again at the address, I saw that there was no street and no number on it. It had been delivered for me without this, I being well known to the carrier.

I was much chagrined at this breaking up of my Christmas through a mere mistake, and I was angry with my wife for not having given me an opportunity to rectify it. Where she had gone I knew not, but could doubtless find out through members of her family. But my Christmas had been spoiled. There was no time to mend the matter. I would go to my club and get my dinner, then would take steps toward obtaining an explanation from my wife.

At the club I took a table by myself and dined alone. The more I thought about my wife's going away

In this fashion the more disgruntled I was. When I had eaten a mere apology for a dinner I went to my desolate home, sat down in the library and thought. My wife's action by this time appeared to me little better than a crime. I was tempted to let her alone for awhile, that she might discover herself the wrong she had committed. The long evening finally passed without my coming to any decision, and I went to bed.

I did not expect much sleep, and I was not disappointed. When day dawned I was awake and continued my thinking. What a Christmas! Then it occurred to me that I might not find it easy to prove my innocence. Would it not be better to take no steps toward convincing my wife that a mistake had been made until I had ferreted out how the letter had been delivered to me? After weighing this matter till it was time to rise, remembering that I would have a bit of revenge on Helen by delay, I concluded to begin an investigation, leaving her to mourn over my presumed unfaithfulness till I had found a solution.

After breakfast I took the letter to the postoffice and showed it to the postmaster, who looked in the city directory for another person of my name. He found only mine. Calling in the superintendent of carriers, he made inquiry as to whether any of them delivered mail to any other person than myself of my name. None of them did so. I left the postoffice without confirmation of my theory.

I was much disappointed and began to realize that my chances of proving my innocence were not so good as I had thought them. All that day the matter ran through my brain like flowing water. I came to no conclusion and at bedtime returned to my lonely home. I made no inquiry as to where my wife and children had gone, for I had no explanation to offer as to the accusing letter. I studied the handwriting, but was not conscious of ever having seen it before. At last it occurred to me to place it in the hands of a detective and bid him make an investigation.

He spent an hour with me, asking questions with a view to assisting him in his work. They were so many and so varied that when he had finished I could not see that he had elicited anything to give him the remotest clue. While he was at work I was living alone at my home, taking my meals at my club. I learned that my wife had gone with the children to her mother's. I did not communicate with her, having resolved that I would not do so until I was vindicated and could show her how unjustly she had treated me.

One day my detective came to me and told me that while questioning me, when he took the case, from what I had told him as to my trouble with Maud Penrose before my marriage he had no doubt she had written the letter or, rather, had employed some one to do so for revenge. But he was unable to prove the charge. This had occurred to me, but I had dismissed it at once because I did not consider it reasonable to suppose that any educated and refined woman could possibly commit such a base act. This had no effect on the detective, who said that not all criminals were to be found in the lower classes. I did not convince him that he was wrong, nor did he convince me that his charge was unsupportable.

A year passed, during which I was called upon to make a long trip on business and was for months traveling. The estrangement between me and my wife continued, I being too proud to attempt a reconciliation without proof of my innocence, she being convinced that my silence was proof of my guilt. A mutual friend told me that she remembered Maud Penrose's warning that she would in time discover my true character to her cost. This indicated to me that I had no chance to effect a reconciliation without proof, and I began to despair of ever being reunited to my family.

One day my detective came to me and said that for \$1,000 he could secure information as to the writer of the letter. I gave him a check for the amount and told him that if he could give me the proof I required before the next Christmas, which was approaching, I would add a handsome bonus for himself. The day before the anniversary he came to me with a specimen of penmanship identical with that of the incriminating letter. I seized it greedily.

"Who is the writer?" I asked. "I don't know," he replied, "but I do know that she was simply an amanuensis. I can get an affidavit from her giving the name of her principal if you will sign an agreement not to inquire as to the identity of the amanuensis or to prosecute."

I signed the agreement and the next day received the statement written in the hand of the writer of the incriminating letter. That was two days before Christmas. I sent a messenger to Helen that if she would return to our home at once I would meet her there with undisputable proof that she had been deceived and victimized. She replied that she would go home at once and if I could convince her of my innocence I would make her the happiest woman in the world.

We met on the morning of the day before Christmas. Without a word I handed her an envelope containing the evidence I had received. When she came to the name of the perpetrator of the accusation, Maud Penrose, she stood transfixed.

"I suspected this," she said, "but your silence convinced me that my suspicion was wrong. It seemed a confession of guilt."

The next day we spent the happiest Christmas of our lives.

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REPUBLICAN NEWS

(By Washington Correspondent)

Governor McCreary of Kentucky was elected by more than 30,000 plurality. But he ran four years ago when Woodrow Wilson was not writing letters in support of Kentucky candidates. This year Wilson wrote such letters for Stanley, the Democratic candidate, and he just pulled through with a margin under 400.

The same night that Mr. Wilson went to deliver his Manhattan Club speech in New York, flaying Bryan, Secretary Daniels was giving a dinner-party in Washington with Bryan as the guest of honor. When it comes to working both sides of the street, this Administration knows a thing or two.

Secretary McAdoo's jaunty manner of dismissing criticism of his book-keeping methods is all very well when the Secretary is seated in his office at the Treasury and is approached by a newspaper man. But when the Secretary goes before a committee in either house of Congress, it is probable that he will be a little less debonair. Congress this winter is from Missouri and will have to be shown. The Secretary has been quoted as favoring more taxes. But if he has as much money on hand as he claims it will be difficult to show why more taxes should be imposed.

The burning question of the Manhattan Club's dinner was not centered in the President's speech but in the query: Did he shake hands with Charlie Murphy, or didn't he?

This paper \$1.00 per year.

?Do You Have Kidney Trouble? Signs of Danger

Backache, dizziness and headache "speaks before the eyes", irregular heart action and liver trouble. The severity of the early symptoms depending upon the amount of poisons which the kidneys have allowed to remain in the system.

Symptoms

Aching pains over hips, backache, sediment of deposit in urine, irritation of the bladder, pain in urinating, rheumatism (uric acid in blood), sudden stopping of urine, highly colored or milky white urine, pass blood or mucus in urine, retentions of urine, straining after urinating, thick or sluggish urine, stone in the bladder, cystitis (inflammation of bladder), catarrh of bladder or bowels, puffiness under eyes, voracious appetite, thirst, gall stones, gravel, pain in urethra, swollen ankles, dimmed vision, specks before the eyes, scanty urine, frequent calls, mouth dry, biliousness, dripping, lumbago, weakness, loss of flesh, irregular heart action, ulceration of the bladder, skin pale, yellow and dry, bad odor of perspiration.

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Fill a bottle with urine; let it stand for twelve hours; if there is a sediment or cloudiness of any kind you have kidney or bladder trouble, and you should begin taking Kidneco treatment today. Don't wait until the disease is too far advanced. Kidneco is put up in 25c, 50c and \$1.00 packages.

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For Sale by J. W. Finley, Retail Store, Sullivan, Ill.

ADLER'S The Christmas Store For Men

If what you want to give "him" is a puzzle to you, come to the "Christmas Store for Men" and we will quickly solve your problem.

We carry a big line of gift things for men—articles of practical worth, things any man would like and appreciate.

Come in to-day and let us help you solve the Christmas Gift problem for the men folks.

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Never were the ties so beautiful as this year. We pack them one in a box—50c. A good selection of the best grade of ties—The best shown in Mattoon—\$1.00 to \$1.50.

CHRISTMAS SHIRTS

Always acceptable. They are silk front with silk cuffs, in a large range of colors. Each shirt in Xmas box. All sizes 14 to 16—\$2.00.

SMOKING JACKETS

A smoking jacket makes an ideal and lasting gift. We have a large assortment of them in grey, blue, tan and fancy colors with fancy plaid roll collars. Sizes 35 to 42—\$5.00 to \$10.00.

LOUNGING and BATH ROBES

An excellent gift to the man for an evening at home. The colors are blue, tan, brown and grey combinations. Sizes 0 to 3—\$4.00 to \$12.50.

GLOVES

We have a complete line of all weights from the finest silk lined kid to the heavy fur gloves. They are always a useful gift—\$1.00 to \$2.50.

HOSIERY

We pride ourselves in our gift hosiery. Nothing is more useful. Fancy thread silk hose, all colors, in Xmas boxes—50c and \$1.00 pr. Complete lines of Hile and wool hose.

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HAVE THEM TAKEN NOW. STAR ART STUDIO.

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80 acres, all level, black land, on good pike road, within 3 1-2 miles of town, convenient to school, good improvements. \$110., per acre.

165 acres, on pike road, thoroughly tilled, well located, good improvement, \$125., per acre.

80 acres, on good pike road, well improved, within 1 1-2 mile of Knox—first class land. \$135., per acre.

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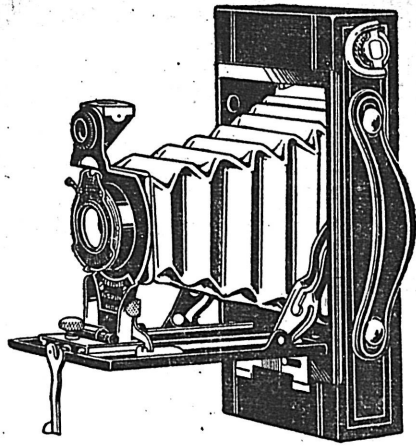
Real Estate, Insurance, Loans

Knox, Indiana

Just before Congress opened, the air at Washington was full of trial balloons sent up from the White House. A bond issue, a duty on sugar, higher income taxes, an inheritance tax, more stamp taxes—these and other suggestive feelers were sent out by an Administration harassed by conditions of its own creating. The need for more taxes is

due to the Democratic folly in tinkering with a tariff which produced ample revenues. Whatever course is finally decided upon to raise the money to cover the Democratic deficit and to provide funds for defense, it will have to be accompanied by a confession of Democratic inefficiency in handling the nation's finances.

There is more care than in the selection of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years the treatment of many years' disease pronounced by the local doctor and prescribed by the local doctor and prescribed by the local doctor. The treatment of many years' disease pronounced by the local doctor and prescribed by the local doctor. The treatment of many years' disease pronounced by the local doctor and prescribed by the local doctor.



The New Folding Autographic BROWNIE

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BLACK JAKIE'S CHRISTMAS

Charles Arthur Leslie

THE soft, fleecy snow, floating down straight from the heavens, melted as quickly as it struck the sidewalks and turned into mud under the hurrying feet of the thousands of late Christmas shoppers.

Black Jakie stood in the shelter afforded by the elevated road pillar, his threadbare raincoat drawn tightly about him, his hands thrust deeply into his pockets, as he gently tapped first one foot and then the other on the wet pavement. Not that Jakie was cold, but his shoes had worn quite thin, and the dirty, brown slush had sought out all the little cracks through which it might seep and find a comfortable haven.

"S going to be a lean Christmas for me," Jakie sighed reflectively to the gleaming lights of Broadway. "Awful lean."

In his pocket he jingled his one lone quarter against the key of his cheap Sixth avenue room and smiled as he thought of the days when he had jingled gold coins. In those days the racing game had been good, and Jakie was one of the best-known bookies at Sheepshead. Then he had been affluent. He had dressed in the height of ultra-fashion and radiated with that ready-money look.

The dying out of the racing sport and too frequent trips to the bar had left Jakie stranded, without a friend in the world.

Silently and moodily Jakie reflected on his hard lot. His chin, with its two-day growth of heavy black beard, that same heavy beard which had al-

out of the store, but I didn't know whether you would want to speak to me or not."

"Silly," laughed Marie. "Want to speak to my old pal? Of course I do. And now that I have seen you we are going to have a good, old-fashioned chat, but we can't stand here in this wet and talk. I am living, with my married sister now and just came downtown for a few things to hang on the kiddies' tree. Come on up and help us fix the things."

Jakie thanked her, but remonstrated that his attire was scarcely suitable for an evening call. Marie insisted that his clothes made no difference to her and that her sister would surely think the same. Anyway, no matter what her sister might think, Jakie was her friend, and that settled it.

They walked to Fourth avenue and took the subway to Harlem, Jakie insisting on spending ten cents of his precious quarter for the carfare, although Marie had tried to shove a dime into his hand.

On the way up Jakie told his story, laying the blame on hard luck and the state officials who had put racing on the bum.

Marie listened with quiet attention, nodding her head here and there and interjecting a question now and then as the ex-bookie seemed about to drift away from his story.

Jakie was introduced to Maude and John, her husband. They were either too busy decorating a tiny Christmas tree on a stand in the corner of the room or else they didn't care, for neither evinced disapproval of Jakie.

He was made to feel at home in the little family circle, and entered with keen enjoyment the work of trimming the tree and arranging the presents for the two children fast asleep in the next room.

The final arrangement completed, Maude and her husband took a last peek at the sleeping kiddies and called Jakie to see them.

As the little group stood in the doorway Jakie noticed that John put his arm about Maude's waist and that the light in Maude's eyes shone with peculiar brilliance as she snuggled closer. It was a picture of domestic love and felicity and it touched Jakie deeply.

John and Maude having retired for the night, Jakie and Marie were left alone in the parlor.

Seated before the fireplace, where the gas log was throwing forth a cheery heat, Jakie asked Marie about herself.

She had left the chorus and all her former gay companions and was now employed in a millinery establishment.

"What's the matter with the show game?" asked Jakie. "Too fast for you?"

"Yes, Jakie. Somehow or other I couldn't let myself drift like the others had, and when I came up here to live with Maude and John and the kids, well, they didn't think it was the best thing for the kids to have their aunt in the chorus. Not that they objected to the chorus part of it, but then there are so many other things that go with it. The gay company, the loose way of living and things of that sort."

"So you cut it out for the sake of the kids?"

"Yes, for the kids and for my own sake. I was becoming tired of the life, and the home life here seemed to touch something in me and make me want to live right. There is nothing in that fast life, Jakie; the right way is the only way. You may prosper for a time on the wrong road, but sooner or later you come to grief."

Yes, she was right. Jake knew. The wrong way had dragged him down. Drink and loose companions had brought him to his present level.

For a long time he sat and gazed at the fire. When next he spoke there was a tenderness in his voice such as had never been there before. "Say, Marie," he said, "do you think you could help me get on the right track, the honest road? I want to try. See how happy you are and what a change it has made in you. I am going to try."

Tenderly she put her hand on his arm. "I am glad that you will try. You know I always liked you, Jakie. Somehow you were different from the rest of the old crowd, for you were ways a gentleman in your manner. You would never stand for the real tough stuff."

"That's the kindest thing I have heard for two years," said Jakie lowly, as he patted the small hand that still lay on his arm.

Suddenly he stiffened in his chair as a thought seized him.

"Marie," he asked tenderly, "is there any fellow, right now, that you think a lot of? You know the way I mean."

"No, Jakie, not now," she answered lowly, as she understood why he asked. Then she added, "but there might be if—"

"If he were a right-living sort of fellow?" broke in Jakie.

"Yes."

The clock on the mantelpiece struck twelve.

"Gee, it's Christmas morning," sighed Jakie.

"Yes, Christmas," breathed Marie softly.

"Could you—do you think, will you wait until—well, until I can get on the right track?"

She nodded her head in silence. Jakie put his arm around her waist and drew her head to his shoulder.

"You do care, Marie?" he whispered.

Again she nodded and then turned her lips to his.

"My Christmas present," said Jakie softly, "the best little girl in the world."

"And mine," added Marie, "is the man that is to be."

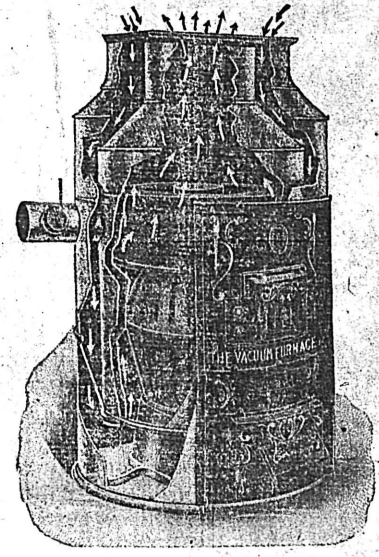


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As to the origin of the bayberry candle, we seek it in vain among colonial chronicles as applied to the candle itself. Yet from times far earlier the bay tree and the laurel were considered sacred to good fortune, and it is



LIGHTING THE BAYBERRY CANDLE.

from this immemorial belief that we must trace the present day faith in the virtues of the bayberry candle.

The bay is a species of laurel, and as poets and victors were crowned with the laurel or the bay, wishing them long life and happiness, so is the same wish conveyed in the bestowal of a candle made of the waxen berries borne by the sacred tree.

Bayberry dips are also made as well as the molded candles. These dips are smaller and less even in shape and show us how candles were made by repeatedly dipping the wicks in the melted wax of the bayberries and drying each layer till the dip was of proper size. That was before molds were introduced, early in the eighteenth century.

To accompany a bayberry candle one should send in the little box in which it is daintily wrapped a card on which is printed, in red and green lettering, the legend:

ON CHRISTMAS EVE.
A bayberry candle burnt to the socket
Brings luck to the house,
Food to the larder,
And gold to the pocket.

When these cards are not to be found the luck rime may be written on the back of one's visiting card and wrapped with a candle, but in that case it must not be forgotten that the inclosure of writing necessitates extra postage.

Their color, a soft olive green, blends beautifully with other Christmas decorations, and they burn with a steady flame, emitting a delightfully pungent fragrance, and they are consumed evenly all around without making unsightly gutters or ridges of wax down the sides as ordinary candles do.

From New England comes the tradition that if lovers separated by distance each lights a bayberry candle in honor of the other at the same hour the aroma or incense arising from the burning wick will drift in the direction of the absent one; hence the candles make a strong appeal to young people of romantic temperament.

A candle must be presented to you, not bought by yourself, in order to insure good luck, and you must not light your own; that must be done for you by some other person, not necessarily the donor.

Christmas eve is the time for burning, either at dinner or later, and to follow out the old idea of the laurels and the bays to the victor, a candle should surely be bestowed on the relative or friend who has recently achieved some success or won a distinction.—Philadelphia Press.

ate, has come from any gentlemen who stand to profit therefrom. I contend that the opposite is true.

In your letter you requested that I give you some specific information.

I call your attention to the fact that Elbert H. Gary, who is described in the Directory of Directors for 1914 as "Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Steel Corporation," contributed \$1,000 on June 10, 1915, and that on the same date representatives of the J. P. Morgan estate subscribed \$2,000.

I call your attention to the fact that J. P. Morgan, who is a director of the United States Steel Corporation, was formerly treasurer of the Navy League and is now a director of and a contributor to the Navy League and that J. P. Morgan's brother-in-law, Herbert L. Satterlee, was one of the incorporators of the League, and is at the present time the General Counsel of the League. I also note that Edward T. Stotesbury, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and a director of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Cambria Steel Co., Phoenix Iron Co., Riverside Metal Co., Temple Iron Co., Wm. Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Co., and fifty-four other corporations, banks and trust companies, is one of the honorary vice-presidents of the Navy League.

I also call your attention to the fact that George F. Baker, Jr., Wall Street, New York, son of a director of United States Steel, contributed \$1,000 to the Navy League, June 10, 1915.

I call your attention to the fact that Robert Bacon, formerly a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and now first director of United States Steel, is a director of the Navy League.

I call your attention to the fact that Henry C. Frick, a director of United States Steel, and ten other corporations, banks and trust companies, is one of the vice-presidents of the Navy League.

United States Steel controls the Carnegie Steel Company, which has drawn down from the Navy contracts aggregating \$32,954,377 for armor plate alone, and if the Navy League's \$500,000,000 bond issues goes through Congress this firm will profit still further.

I call your attention to the fact that Allan A. Ryan, a director of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, contributed \$100 to the Navy League on June 10, 1915, and to the further fact

that George R. Sheldon, a director of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, and the American Locomotive Co., both of which concerns have profited hugely from European war orders, is one of the vice-presidents of the Navy League. Mr. Sheldon is also a director of twenty-four other corporations.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation has obtained from the Navy department armor contracts amounting to \$42,321,237, and the Navy League's program goes through, Bethlehem stands to receive increased orders.

From the foregoing it would appear that two of the three concerns composing the armor ring in this country have representation either among the contributors to the Navy League or among the officers or directors of the Navy League.

The Government has purchased from these two concerns, Bethlehem and Carnegie, \$75,756,614 worth of armor plate, paying an average price of approximately \$440 a ton therefor. If this armor plate had been manufactured in a government armor plate factory, which the Navy League has cold-shouldered,

at least \$25,000,000 could have been saved to the American taxpayers. There has been ten estimates by Government officials as to the cost of armor in a Government plant and the average of these estimates is \$238 a ton. By contrasting \$440, the price we have paid the private manufacturers, with \$238, the cost at which we might have manufactured this armor in a Government plant, it is possible to obtain an inkling as to the reason we do not now have more preparedness to show for the colossal appropriations made for that purpose.

I note there are thirty-one directors of Navy League. The personal fortunes of these thirty-one men, by the most conservative estimate, aggregate \$100,000,000 or \$3,000,000 to each director. I contend that any board of directors whose individual fortunes average \$3,000,000 can hardly be considered as representative of the views, feelings and heartbeats of the great mass of the American people.

On November 19th I publicly stated that inasmuch as the Navy League insisted that its management and backers are entirely free from any atmosphere of war-trafficking influences, I would, as soon as Congress convened, introduce a resolution providing for an investigation of the League, specifically requiring J. P. Morgan and other directors of the League, past and present, to take the responsibility of testifying, under oath, whether they are interested or ever have been, in war-trafficking firms, or concerns which stand to profit from the proposed \$500,000,000 bond issue.

On November 21st I received a letter from you threatening a suit. I consider your letter nothing more or less than an attempt to intimidate me into abandoning my plans to seek a Congressional investigation of your organization. When I am right, the Navy League can not intimidate me.

I now desire in all good faith to take the responsibility of making a suggestion to the Navy League. I suggest that you call a meeting of the Board of Directors and go on record in favor of the Government manufacture of battleships, submarines, armament, munitions, etc., in order that the people may obtain the preparedness which you are advocating at cost. I recommend that you either do this or fold your tent and quietly take your departure from the National Capital.

Very respectfully,
CLYDE H. TAVENNER.

THE JEFFERSON

Sullivan's New 800 Seat Fire-proof Theater Will Open on or about January 1st, with Standard Production.

The management is now negotiating with the following companies for opening night, and contract will be closed before December 15th with one of these companies or with some other of equal importance:

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Single Ticket, for opening night, in first fourteen rows, \$2.50.

Single tickets, for opening night in back eight rows, \$2.00.

Single Ticket, for opening night in other than box seats, \$1.00.

Applications and blue prints of seating arrangement will be found at McPheeter's Drug store and with Bert Fultz, manager. The reservation of seats will be made in order the applications are received, except that preference will be given for opening night seats, to holders of Season and Half-Season tickets.

Watch for Announcement of The Jefferson Inn.

Special attention to Sale Bills and late orders

COUNTY NEWS

BETHANY

Lloyd Purcell returned to his home in Vandella Saturday.

James Hale and wife spent Sunday with Ernest Rice and family at Latham.

Steve Dillinger and wife visited in Decatur Sunday the guest of his mother.

Harve Creech and wife was the guest of relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mike Ryan attended the Sacred Heart church at Dalton City Sunday.

Emery Creech of Sullivan spent Sunday with his mother and family.

John Armstrong of Decatur returned home Sunday after passing a few days with his brother Sylvester Armstrong.

Rev. Mier of the C. P. church changed pulpits with Rev. Galoway of Lincoln Sunday.

Marvin Hudson, Mrs. Mart Taylor, Carl Mathias, Amos Bankson and Walter Roney were Decatur visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Will Tolly returned to her home at Maroa Monday.

Mrs. Roe Yeakle of Decatur spent a few days here among friends this week.

Mrs. Sam Pasley of Dalton City visited with her mother Mrs. Margaret Lansden Sunday.

Andrew Creech of Monticello returned home Sunday.

Carl Crowder and wife spent Monday in Lincoln.

Don Goetz and wife, Mrs. Grace Young, Mrs. Riley Creech, Mrs. Amos Bankson, Mrs. Diamond Weldner, Will Hennebery and Will McKinney and others were Decatur callers Monday.

Leonard Bankson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Freeland near Dalton City Monday. Mr. Bankson is in very poor health.

Athen Roney was a Decatur caller Monday.

Mrs. Ewing Freeland returned to her home near Dalton City Monday after visit a with her mother Mrs. Andrew Bankson.

Mr. Hanger is spending a few days in Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Miller, Maale and Marie Lacost, Frank Harned and Goldya Harned were Decatur callers Tuesday.

DALTON CITY

Dewey McClure of Claremont is here visiting relatives and friends.

John Wehmhoff has been spending a few days at Pekin with home folks.

John Roney and daughter Faye were Decatur callers Thursday evening.

Mrs. C. R. Hight and son Charles and C. A. Hight spent Wednesday at Decatur.

O. E. Wagahoff and W. Gowgh were successful in getting several of the prizes at the poultry show at Olney last week.

Mrs. A. E. Hale spent Thursday evening in Decatur.

Della Tharp who has been spending the week in Decatur has returned home.

Mrs. Ella Delebunty was a Decatur caller Wednesday.

Van D. Roughton of Sullivan was a business caller here the last of the week.

Dr. Stevens was a Decatur caller Thursday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Dickson spent the last of the week in Decatur.

Dr. Walte of Bethany was a caller here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Mattoon visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bobbitt and family.

Joe Merold was a Decatur caller Friday.

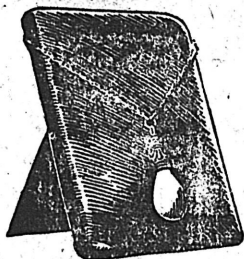
Mrs. P. R. Ground of Decatur who has been here visiting home folks has returned to her home.

J. I. Mayes was a Sullivan caller Saturday.

Several of our corn huskers left Saturday for their homes in the South.

Stanley Lowell and wife of Decatur were callers here the first of the week.

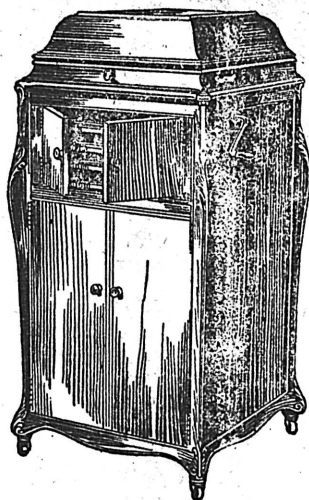
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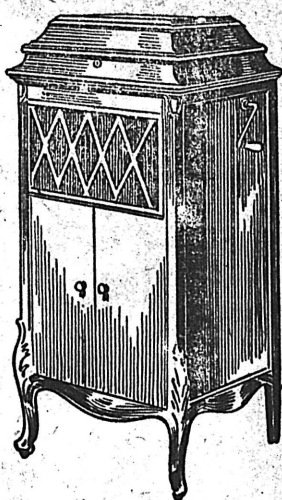
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Z. B. Whitfield, Asst. Cashier.

The Dorcas society held their all day meeting in the church Thursday. Agnes and Ella Shirey were Decatur callers Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Hight and daughter Lena spent Sunday evening in Decatur.

Marie Shumate was a Decatur caller Saturday.

Margaret Keller of Eddyville, Iowa is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. B. Lester and daughter Loraine were Decatur callers Tuesday.

Art Black was a Bethany caller Tuesday.

The Dorcas society of the Presbyterian church have purchased the property of Mrs. N. Tobill for their parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frantz Daniels were Decatur callers Monday.

The election for the township high school will be held here Dec. 18 from 7 a. m. until 11 a. m.

Bueth Powell spent Tuesday in Decatur.

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Mrs. Van D. Roughton and Miss Ruth Cochran were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

Miss Nina Ashworth went to Monticello Monday where Judge Whitfield was holding court and she was reporting for him.

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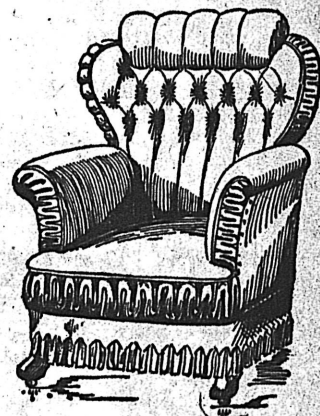
Bargains in HOLIDAY GIFTS

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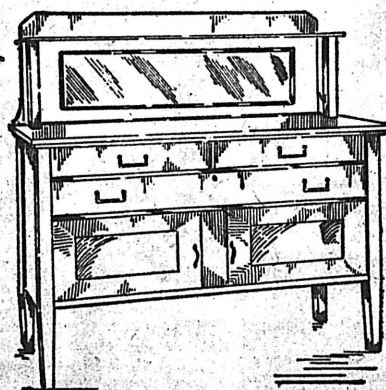
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Southeast Corner Square

Sullivan, Ill.

Figs and Raisins Are Very Nourishing

By JOHN T. BRAMHALL, Chicago

One surely does get some new ideas from the department of agriculture. Following the dictum that "the only fruit which equals the persimmon in its value as a food is the date," we will, perhaps, be told that the fruit which tempted Eve in the garden of Eden was a persimmon. But what about the fig and the raisin?

The food value of a fruit depends mainly upon its sugar content, in which both the fig and the raisin grape are very rich. On the actual figures I have no data at hand. It is certain, however, that both the Hebrew and the Egyptian Scriptures refer frequently to the common use of the fig and the raisin as articles of food, while the persimmon is not so honored. When Abigail prepared to meet David to appease his wrath against Nabal, "she made haste and took two hundred loaves and two bottles of wine and five sheep ready dressed and five measures of parched corn and an hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs and laid them on asses," and took them as a peace offering to David, who thought so highly of her thrift and discretion that when Nabal died, after a drunken feast, he took her to wife. And later, when David pursued the Amalekites, they found a starved Egyptian in the field and brought him to David and gave him bread and water, "a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins, and when he had eaten his spirit came to him again, for he had eaten no bread nor drunk any water for three days."

This indicates not only that figs and raisins were the ordinary food of the people, but that they were known to be very nourishing.

The Egyptian papyrus often mentions the fig, and also the grape, and as provision was often necessary for long expeditions across the desert they must have used the dried fruit of both. There is an account of the beautiful park of Am-ton, the chief hunter for King Snefru, which had a great tank for fish and was planted with figs, vines and other fruit.

But there is no mention of persimmons!

Incidentally, as there is no mention of it in the Encyclopedia Britannica, I will remark that California produces 5,000 tons of figs annually, and about 80,000 tons of raisins—as well as some persimmons.

Rice Serves as Fuel in Human Body

By George L. Pearson, Park Ridge, Ill.

Rice soup, if made from rice and water without any leguminous vegetable added, is not a satisfactory substitute for meat, if it is made from polished rice and more than 99 per cent of the rice sold on the market today is polished. This rice is denatured by the removal of the outer nutritive coat containing valuable salts and most of the proteid portion of the rice grain, and what is left is mostly starch. Meat is composed of from about 17 to 20 per cent protein, the necessary element to replace worn-out tissues in the human body.

One cannot successfully substitute starchy foods for proteid foods in the human diet any more than one could repair a leaky steam boiler with the coal that should be used as fuel. Rice is classed as a carbohydrate food and serves as fuel in the human body just as coal is the fuel for the steam engine.

Of course flesh is not absolutely essential for the human body, as the same elements can be obtained in appetizing form in other proteid foods, such as milk, eggs, cheese, nuts and the legumes, such as peas, beans and lentils, without the toxic effects derived from meat due to the body toxins ever present in flesh to a certain degree.

One should advise poor people to eat the whole rice, whole wheat and other whole grains just as nature gives them to us, together with other suitable foods, such as eggs, milk, cheese, nuts and leguminous vegetables in conjunction with proper fruits and green vegetables.

The Japanese find rice a wholesome, economical food, but investigation will show that they usually use the unpolished rice in conjunction with dried or fresh fish or such leguminous vegetables as the soy bean.

If it is desired to eliminate meat from the diet, the rational way to do so is to suggest real substitutes. When the body receives these in conjunction with other suitable foods there is no desire for flesh, for the needs of the body have been supplied.

Military Drill in Colleges Is Favored

By PROF. H. A. HARRIS, Chicago

Military instruction in colleges is highly important, not only for the physical development, the discipline and the intellectual exercise it provides, but for the important bearing it has on the national life. Young men who go to college may be divided into two classes—those in earnest and those who are not. Happily, the first class greatly predominates. But both classes make the same error, though from different reasons. The close student does not want to drill because it takes too much time. He has a convenient chance to get a laboratory section or something else, and he does not want to quit and put on his uniform, just when an hour more would finish an experiment or complete a problem.

The idler, on the other hand, finds that drill interferes with his watching or taking part in the college sports or something else. An hour of brisk marching in the open air, with head up, shoulders square, and with every sense alert, under the inspiring influence of mass action, teamwork and military music, is a grand finish for the day of a college student and a grand preface for the evening meal.

In college or out humankind are prone to neglect the simple laws of health and fail to take exercise. The drill would be worth while ten times over if it did no other thing than to force students to exercise regularly in the open air.

One of its great merits is that it catches the very fellow who would not get the exercise except upon compulsion.

Professional Hostess Is Dire Necessity

By E. K. KANE, Los Angeles, Cal.

The professional hostess is no longer a luxury at the vacation resort—she's a dire necessity. For it is the uninteresting, dowdy clientele that makes a hotel pay. Left to themselves, they would take root in a porch chair and die of neglect, and go home to report that travel is not all it's cracked up to be.

So the professional hostess works overtime and grows old in sorrow in their service. They lean upon her with pathetic trust. She has to tell them what to wear and when to wear it. What time to get up and when to go to bed. She has to plan every minute of the day for them, prompt their conversational excursions, listen to their confidences, provide them with escorts and, in the case of widows, she is certainly expected to put them in the way of finding another husband.

One of the pitiful unsung martyrs to American incompetence in the matter of pleasure is the professional hostess.

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Dec. 13, 1914.
Allies won three-day battle on the Lys.
French gained in the St. Mihiel region.
Germans were defeated in the Mlaw region.
Austrian right wing, driven into Bosnia by Serbians, was attacked by Montenegrins.
Brussels and suburbs decided to pay fine to Germans.
Italian artillerymen of older classes called out.
Antiwar demonstrations by women of Konak and Erzercum, Turkey.

Dec. 14, 1914.
French continued their offensive in Alsace and Lorraine.
Serbians reoccupied Belgrade.
Austrians reoccupied Dukla in the Carpathians, capturing 9,000 Russians.
Germans made gains in northern Poland.
British submarine B-II sank Turkish battleship Messudieh in the Dardanelles.
Pro-Germans mobbed in Rome.

Dec. 15, 1914.
Allies advanced on entire front in effort to drive Germans from Belgium.
German attacks south of Ypres were repulsed.
Germans rushed fresh troops to the Vistula.
Austrians recrossed Carpathians into Galicia and drove Russian left back toward the San river.
Sensual tribesmen threatened Egypt.
German cruiser Cormorant was interned at Guam.
Turks bombarded Sevastopol.

Dec. 16, 1914.
Germans evacuated Dixmude and allies made gains from Arras to the sea.
Germans forced the fighting in the Argonne, but were repulsed in the Woivre region and in Alsace.
King Peter entered Belgrade at head of army.
Russians collected new army at Warsaw.
German warships shelled Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby killing about 120.
British warships shelled Westende.

Dec. 17, 1914.
Allies entered Westende.
More German troops rushed to Belgium.
Russian offensive against Silesia and Posen declared broken.
Austrians had successes in West Galicia.
Austrian training ship Beethoven sunk by mine.
British squadron bombarded Turkish troops on Gulf of Saros.
Field Marshal von der Goltz made commandant at Constanti nople.
England declared protectorate over Egypt, ending Turkish suzerainty.

Dec. 18, 1914.
Allies occupied Roulers.
Heavy fighting in Lille and near Arras.
Russians won in Galicia between Sanok and Lisko.
Austrians announced capture of Piotrkow and Przedborz.
Turks in Asia Minor were re-enclosed.
Russian Black sea fleet sank two Turkish ships.

Dec. 19, 1914.
British warships shelled German positions on Belgian coast.
Gaskwar of Baroda bought Empress of India for hospital ship.
Allies gained at several points from North sea to the Oise; but lost near La Bassée.
Germans captured Lowicz.
Severe fighting on the Bzura and in Galicia.
Russians held lines on the Dunajec river against fierce attacks.

He Was the Limit.
Mayme—"He's too slow for your truly." He said I reminded him of a beautiful autumn leaf." Ethel—"Well, that was certainly a very pretty compliment." Mayme—"Yes; but he didn't have sense enough to follow it up by offering to press the autumn leaf."

Kiss Reports to Date.
"Is a kiss," asks the New York Herald, "worth one hundred and twenty-five dollars a minute?" No kiss that has to be bought is worth anything at all. Some kisses, voluntarily bestowed, are priceless above rubles or life itself.—Columbia State.

Perfect Artificial Foot.
The foot of the artificial leg is in itself an exceedingly clever counterfeit. Its core is part of the same piece of wood that makes the body of the leg. Enveloping this core is rubber, vulcanized on in a series of thin layers, the result being to give the foot a lively springiness, rendering it comfortable for walking and helping to give the wearer a natural gait.

Optimistic Thought.
Every man is arrogant or humble according to his fortunes.

STATE FIRE REPORTS

MONTHLY STATEMENT IS ISSUED BY FIRE MARSHAL WALTER H. BENNETT.
During the Past Month 1,698 Blazes Have Occurred in This State With a Loss Estimated at \$1,292,300.

Springfield.—Fires in Illinois in the month of November, according to the report issued from the department of State Fire Marshal Walter H. Bennett, incurred an aggregate loss of \$1,292,300. Of this amount, \$728,392 was on the buildings burned; the remainder on contents.

The total number of fires in the state in the month was 1,698. Of this number 686 were in the city of Chicago. Insurance which was carried, in the aggregate, covered the losses. Dwellings, barns, stores and sheds constituted by far the greatest number of fires, so far as class of buildings burned was concerned. Sparks made up the greatest number of known causes of the fires.

Says U. S. Holds Up Waterway.
Springfield.—Governor Dunne of Illinois told the national rivers and harbors congress at Washington, D. C., that a rocky ledge only 65 miles long between Lockport and Utica is the only real obstruction to the operation of commercial vessels between the great lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. In fact, the governor declared rain splashing on the roofs of a row of houses at Ridgeland moved toward the Mississippi river or the St. Lawrence river, according to the side of the houses the drops fell on.

To remove the barrier, Illinois was willing to spend its own money, the governor said, and asked only from the government of the United States the privilege of digging.
"For five months," he asserted, "the state of Illinois, through its officials, has been endeavoring to get permission from the secretary of war and the board of army engineers to commence work."

"So prudent and cautious are the engineers in their recommendations for waterway improvement, we have not yet been told we might go ahead. I commend these officials for their conservatism and their careful guardianship of the people's interest."

Pheasant May Lose Protection.
Springfield.—That the annual report of the game wardens of the state may bring about a change in the state game laws regarding pheasants was admitted by members of the state fish and game commission. Many farmers are convinced that pheasants are destroyers of quail and other birds to whom the farmers look to keep many insects from their crops. The farmers declare the pheasant is a quarrelsome bird and not only chases quail and prairie chicken, but invades the farm lands and battles with domestic fowls.

Raise Engine From Man.
Danville.—The Big Four wrecking crew and steam derrick had to be called to lift a huge switching engine of Elmer Van Valkenberg, who had been knocked through the hopper of a steel coal car when the switcher coupled into it, and was so securely wedged under the engine that he could not be removed in any other manner. There were nineteen fractures of Van Valkenberg's bones, and he lived three hours after the accident.

Finds Schoolgirls Moral.
Chicago.—High school girls are not immoral, not even a fractional percentage of their number, according to William L. Bodine, superintendent of compulsory education, in a report to the board of education. Where immorality does exist, the report says, it is not the fault of school conditions or surroundings, but is due to the absence of home control.

Good Order League Formed.
Danville.—The Good Order league, organized here mainly to fight the saloons, has decided to aid in the enforcement of the Swanson law passed by the last legislature for the abolition of the red light districts. Notices have been served upon 11 alleged keepers of disorderly houses to vacate or be prosecuted. If found guilty of keeping a disorderly house the law provides that the building so occupied must remain empty and idle for one year after the conviction is secured.

Will File New Fergus Suit.
Springfield.—A second amended bill is to be filed in the Fergus suits pending in the Sangamon county circuit court. Judge Burton granted leave to Attorney Fayette S. Munro to file the bill. The court also granted leave to the attorney general to file demurrers to the amended bill filed recently. No date for a hearing was fixed.

Leaps From Auto; Saves Life.
Urbana.—Maj. F. Webster, U. S. A., commandant of the cadet brigade at the University of Illinois, leaped from a taxicab just as a north-bound Illinois Central train struck it. He escaped injury. The machine was thrown to the opposite track, where a south-bound engine completed the destruction. William Licht, the chauffeur, is said to have jumped without warning Major Webster of the approach of the two trains when his machine became stalled on the track.

ILLINOIS FREE FROM PLAGUE

State and Federal Authorities Begin to Breathe Easier—Hope Ban Will Be Lifted Within a Short Time.

Chicago.—Illinois has been free from foot-and-mouth disease for twelve days and state and federal officials are beginning to breathe easier, it was said at the office of the state board of live stock commissioners in Springfield. The authorities hope within a short time to have the ban on Illinois cattle lifted.

Change in State Quarantine.
Springfield.—A new order changing the foot-and-mouth disease quarantine in Illinois was announced by the live stock board. It affects the following counties:

McDonough—Exposed townships of Blaindsville, Hire, Tennessee, Colchester, Lamoine, Bethel, Industry, Eldorado and those portions of Scuta, Emmett and Chalmers townships lying west of range 3, west, become free area; remainder of county remains closed.
Lake—Shields township remains restricted; remainder of county free.

Cook—Territory within three miles of infected premises, sections 31 and 32 Lyons township, remains restricted. Union stock yards also remains restricted; remainder of county free.
Dupage—Territory in Downers Grove township within three miles of infected premises in Lyons township, Cook county, remains restricted. Remainder county free.

Bureau—Territory in Hall township within three miles of section 31, Dimmick, La Salle county, becomes restricted instead of closed. Remainder of county free.
Livingston—Territory within three miles of premises of J. P. Dippon, section 2, Dwight township, becomes restricted instead of closed. Remainder of county free.

Illinois Drys Plan Campaign.
Chicago.—Supporters of the dry movement from all parts of Illinois will meet in the Auditorium hotel Tuesday and discuss campaign plans for the coming year. The drys will prepare to meet the issue which they expect to be raised by the vets in the legislative campaign—the repeal of the Sunday closing law. Louis Sallinger, former assistant corporation counsel, who resigned recently, announced that he had been engaged by the brewery interests to represent them in their fight against the dry factions in all legislative matters.

Jury of Bankers Acquits Saloon Man.
Peoria.—Despite evidence that T. W. Thompson, a nineteen-year-old youth, had taken his first drink of liquor in a Peoria saloon at the behest of leaders of the Peoria Citizens' commission, Frank Weber, saloonkeeper, was acquitted by a jury of bankers of the charge of violating the Illinois Sunday closing law. The case was the first growing out of an alleged violation of the state liquor law.

Jane Addams Escapes Knife.
Chicago.—Friends of Miss Jane Addams of Hull House were cheered by the announcement of Dr. James B. Herrick, her physician, that the operation which it was feared might be necessary need not be performed. "Miss Addams is getting along excellently," said Doctor Herrick. "She had been suffering from a hemorrhage of the kidney. It may be several weeks before she will be about actively, but at present she is sitting up in bed and interested in things going on."

Robbers Get \$7,000 Haul.
Chicago.—Preparatory to opening the branch office of the Prudential Life Insurance company for the day, Miss Emma Schilinski, cashier, took \$7,000 from a safety deposit vault and entered the office. Five minutes later three robbers took the \$7,000 and left Miss Schilinski seated on the floor bound back to back with Miss Minnie Hain, the bookkeeper, while Lars Wold, a janitor, bound and gagged, struggled on the floor near them.

Culp Re-Elected Chairman.
Springfield.—J. A. Culp of Blue Island was re-elected chairman of the Illinois board of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at the close of the board's three-day session. Frank A. Denton of Springfield was elected vice-chairman; C. E. Long of Charleston was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and J. J. Arie of Champaign and A. M. Sturrock of Chicago were elected members of the executive committee.

Illinois Shriners in Ceremonial.
Springfield.—Five hundred Illinois Shriners helped Anson Temple celebrate its annual ceremonial here. Delegations of visitors from Decatur and Peoria were guests at a dinner at the state arsenal. Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens of Portland, Me., and other officers of the Imperial Divan were present.

Insists on Quiet Hanging.
Springfield.—Another letter was sent from Governor Dunne's office to Sheriff James White of Jackson county requesting assurances that Elston Scott, a negro, will be hanged as decently as possible and in the presence of as few witnesses as possible. Scott's second reprieve will expire December 17. Unless Sheriff White changes his attitude, as expressed in his letters to the governor, Scott will be granted another reprieve about December 14.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 19

FALL AND CAPTIVITY OF ISRAEL

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 17:7, 14, 18 (23).
GOLDEN TEXT—He that after being reproved hardeneth his neck shall suddenly be destroyed.—Prov. 29:1.
In the sweep of our six years' cycle of study we prefer to consider this lesson first and use the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-20) to illustrate the love of God which Israel (the last ten tribes); so basely outraged ere it passed into oblivion.

I. The Stiff-Necked People, vv. 6-13. The fact (v. 6) of Israel's captivity has always appealed to the interest and the imaginations of men. The cause of the captivity was threefold (1) They "had sinned" (v. 7). It was not a single offense but a course of action which was performed (a) openly, "walked" (v. 8). For 215 years following Solomon's reign they had been openly idolatrous and trespassed upon God's grace. (b) "Secretly" (v. 9). Hosea's reign was the same as that of his 18 predecessors. Doubtless he was a good diplomat and politician, though his vacillation between Egypt and Assyria brought ruin, but in God's sight the secret acts and practices of the people were open and known (Ps. 139:1-12; Heb. 5:13). Many today do in secret things "that were (are) not right." A clearer line of demarcation between the church and the world is sadly needed. (2) They were consecrated to evil (vv. 10, 11). To cover our sins is not to prosper (Prov. 28:13), but if we confess our sins God's Son will cover them by the forgiveness of his atonement (Ps. 32:1-5; I John 1:9). Israel cared not, however, for his forgiveness, despite the fact it was he that "brought them up out of the land of Egypt." It is passing strange that Israel should so fully violate the express commands of God (Lev. 26:1; Deut. 26:21; Ex. 20:3-5, etc.). Some claim they did not possess the law, it being of a later date, a self-evidently foolish proposition, but even so, how can men of our time violate so many of the plain precepts of the word of God? Does this prove that the Bible does not exist? The answer to this query is a sufficient answer to the destructive critics. Israel "sets up idols" (v. 10) and "burnt sacrifices" (see Deut. 12:31) which things they did "to provoke the Lord to anger." (3) They abandoned themselves to evil. As though to remove all possibility of reformation they not alone "served idols" (v. 12) but "they sold themselves to do that which was evil" (v. 17).

II. The Sovereign God, vv. 14-18. God's character and will had been fully set before the nation (Ex. 20:3-6). Repeated warnings (v. 13) had been given by faithful prophets, also repeated forgivings, yet Israel is (1) willful, they "would not hear" (v. 14), but deliberately followed in their fathers' footsteps. (2) Proud and vain (vv. 14, 15) and (3) utterly abandoned (v. 17), and hence must receive the judgment of God's righteous anger (see Ex. 20), or else God is not righteous. He repeatedly sought to turn them aside, but they slew his faithful prophets (Matt. 21:33-39). God is calling in mercy with long suffering in this present evil age; unbelief in God and his word is still prevalent; skepticism and loose morals everywhere abound, and shall God go on and call forever? (Prov. 29:1; I Pet. 3:9-10).

III. The Savior of Men, Luke 2:1-20. God's love for Israel was manifest (made plain) through his loving acts and the messages of warning proclaimed by his prophets. But we have a more marvelous revelation of his love in the person of his Son whose birthday we are about to observe. Samaria lost its "crown of pride," but we may receive a crown of righteousness as the "sons of God" (John 1:12; II Tim. 4:8), but not so unless we obey (John 14:23) his word.

Let us therefore take up the angelic praise (1) "Glory to God in the highest," highest heavens, highest degree and quality of praise of him who is infinitely wise and loving.
(2) "On earth peace" with God, with man, in the individual heart and among the nations.
Peace of conscience because of sins forgiven, in fact, all blessings, happiness and prosperity because of peace due to victory over sin which is the destroyer of peace.
(3) "Good will toward men," those with whom God is well pleased, and God has good will only toward all men.

He loved sinful Israel and he loves us so that he "gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth need not perish but have everlasting life." Even as the shepherds "found" the Savior (v. 16) so may all men who truly seek him (Heb. 11:6; Luke 19:10).

What better can we do on Christmas Sunday than openly to give God our best gift, our hearts' supreme love and devotion in return for his greatest gift to men?

Let us remember that to ignore grace will not set aside nor violate the judgment of sin.

OUR ATHLETIC UNION



of Baltimore, Md.

by a vote of 30 to 13 was elected of the delegates at the annual con- at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. egates present, a number of them ur athletics. He was born in Balti- St. Mary's college at Emmitsburg, ively in all branches of athletics Aerial Rowing club in 1890 and from umerous races throughout the coun- hampionship, August, 1892, at Sara- he Baltimore Athletic club and timore Athletic club eight-oared of hover being beaten, winning nu- t-oared championship August, 1896, nd regiment, serving throughout the as a member of the regiment until lieutenant and battalion adjutant.

LITTLE PICKUPS OF SPORT

The Brookfeds are to train at Brow's Wells, Miss.

"Blue laws" in New Haven are certainly rough on Yale athletes.

The Feds and organized ball have it all over New York for no-decision bouts.

Things are dead in baseball again. The Cincinnati Reds have not been sold for three days.

Duffy Lewis is in vaudeville on the Pacific coast. That's what he gets for being a world's series hero.

Al Shrubbs has introduced a before-breakfast hike in the training of his cross-country runners at Harvard.

That Culebra slide seems to give Colonel Goethals as much trouble as Ty Cobb's slide gives second basemen.

Philadelphia has 15 soccer football leagues, made up of over a hundred teams, having several thousand players enrolled.

Jim Corbett is as good a prophet as ever. He touted Tom Cowler as a coming champ, and Tom has lost twice in two starts.

It is said one reason Leach Cross has become rich is that when he gets his hand on a caser said caser retires from circulation.

Columbia university, New York city, will stage the annual Intercollegiate Swimming association championships on Friday, March 24, 1916.

A total of 64 trotters entered the 2:10 class this season. Of this number 18 are three-year-olds, a record unprecedented in trotting history.

The American bowling congress will be held at Toledo, beginning March 4, and many cities which have kept out of the big meet will enter teams.

Jack Warhop, one of the mainstays of the Yanks' twirling staff for several years, will have a chance to get back into the major league with the Cardinals.

Changes in fencing rules place a time limit on saber and foil bouts, but we are not going to allow ourselves to become unduly agitated by this piece of news.

The highest score on record in a football game this year is credited to Estacada high, Wisconsin, which beat Milwaukee high 162 to 0. More scores of over one hundred have been registered by big colleges than ever before in a single season.

DAUBERT URGES SPEED

Brooklyn Captain Says Ball Games Become Dreary.

Up to Players to Keep Ticket Buyers Interested-All the Time-Drastic Legislation May Be Recommended by the Powers.

Plans are already being formulated by the officers of the baseball players' fraternity to make the big league games faster next season. President Fultz of the fraternity issued a very sensible appeal to the members along that line in the middle of the recent campaign. He pointed out that baseball was experiencing a lean year and would probably have another in 1916, because of the European war and unsettled business conditions. He urged that the players move to and fro from their positions between innings on the run, cause no needless delays in batting and otherwise pepperize the pastime, so to speak, in order to make it as attractive and, therefore, as profitable as possible.

For a while Fultz's words bore fruit, but games of few runs extended from two hours to two hours and a half because of dilatory and lackadaisical tactics of the performers. This has tend-

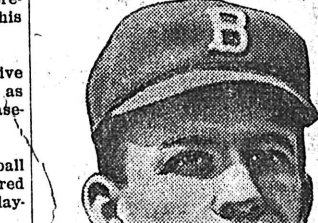


President Dave Fultz.

ed to disgust many of the fans who dig into their jeans to furnish the wages for these neglected persons. The fraternity has taken up the subject again, and may recommend drastic legislation by the powers of baseball in order to spur the lazy athletes to a more seemly activity.

Jake Daubert is an ardent booster of the campaign for speed on the diamond, and is in favor of the suggested legislation. Said he:

"It is a crime against their intelligence and their incomes for ball players to waste as much time as they do now in the course of nine innings. Baseball differs from football, lacrosse, hockey and such sports in that all the participants are not engaged all the time. For that reason it is easy for a



WESTERN CANADA'S WONDERFUL YIELD

Wheat Yields Reports Extraordinarily Heavy.

When one hears of individual wheat yields of thirty-five to forty bushels per acre, there is considerable incredulity, but when yields, in whole townships extending into districts covering three and four and five hundred square miles in area, of upwards of fifty and some as high as sixty-five bushels per acre are reported, one is led to put his ear to the ground to listen for further rumblings. The writer having heard of these wonderful yields made a trip through the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, to ascertain first hand their truthfulness. It was remarkable to discover that Dame Rumor was no rumorer after all, that modesty was her mantle, that all that had been said of these yields was true, and that yields of over seventy bushels per acre were told of. These were so high that the truthfulness of the story was doubtful and very little was said of them. But such there were, and not in one instance, but in several, not in one locality but scattered in places hundreds of miles apart. Leaving these out altogether, there were large areas in which the average was over fifty bushels per acre, which in all common sense ought to satisfy most people. One hundred and thirty threshers in Alberta have made their returns to the local government as required by an act of the Legislature, and the average of the wheat threshed was fifty-three bushels to the acre. So immense was the yield that official verification was required before giving it out to the public. Sitting in the smoking compartment of a day coach, where on passing through a farming community, there may be gathered the gossip yarns of the neighborhood, one hears also a lot of news. Just now, the sole topic is that of the crops. A man with more or less of a hireute appendage, smock, clothes and hands giving the appearance of one working in the field, was asked as to the crops. He had got on at Warner, Alberta. Taking out his pipe, lighting it and then crossing his knees, holding his chin in his hands, possessing an air of supreme contentment, and with an intelligent face, he looked the man who could give some information. And he was just the man. He was a thresher and on his way to Milk River to secure some more help. He was requisitioned for information. "Yes, a good season. I've made a lot of money. As for yields, let's see," and then he began to string them off. "Pateron had 63 bushels of wheat per acre on his five hundred acre farm; from 380 acres Roland got 65 bushels per acre; Bugler had one hundred and ten acres that went 63 bushels; Carr had 65 bushels per acre off an eight hundred acre field." And he gave others running from 58 to 66 bushels per acre. All these people lived east of Warner, Alberta. Looking out of the window and seeing immense fields, still covered with stocks he was asked why they were not threshed, he replied that there were not enough "rigs" in the district, and that they would not get through before Christmas.

An American writing of a trip he made through Western Canada says: "I went as far west as Saskatoon, back to Regina, Moose Jaw, and down on the Soo line, and I must say that I never saw such crops, or ever heard of anything to compare with it in any country on earth. The country is over the hill, and certainly the farmers have a lot to be thankful for. There are very few of them that

are going to be presented by the caller at the door. In the second place the doorbell may announce the arrival of a package. A sawed-off express wagon driver, with a chunky, holly-bound package under his arm, can get more attention on Christmas day than the governor of the state, surrounded by his military staff and preceded by a Chinese orchestra, playing "Tippelaly." The package the expressman or mail carrier brings, is seized by a

and other tokens of regard. Sometimes, though not very often, the bell ring announces a neatly wrapped wedding ring. The Christmas telephone bell is an important feature of the Yuletide. It rings Christmas tidings which formerly were sent on decorative cards, which, with their imitation snow, made handy match scratchers. The Christmas dinner bell—one at a time, please. Don't all rush in at once!

THE LATE SHOPPER

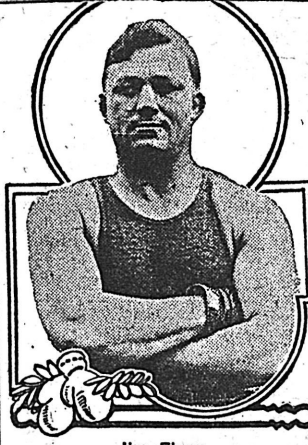
The Late Shopper is a prominent member of the Genus Procrastinatus. He has his own peculiar way of celebrating Christmas. Often he celebrates it in bed, with a water bag on his chest and the grip of an anxious physician around his wrist. His eyes are closed and his poor, warped brain is worn in a sling. On the floor beside his bed, torn to shreds and bitten in numerous places, lies his Christmas list. The day before Christmas he sallied forth with this list in his hand and a look of desperate determination on his features. The Late Shopper is a cheerful giver, withal. He loves giving for its own sake, but he loves it better for the sake of putting it off. Decidedly he is no believer in the "Do-it-now" movement. Nor is he selfish. It is just a habit. It is to be feared that if he were dying of thirst he would put off giving himself a drink. Philanthropists should find rest sanitariums for Late Christmas Shoppers

—th kind that are incurable. Here they could retire and nurse their wounds, incurred in the last toy counter rush. How fortunate it is that Santa Claus was not born a late shopper. He is always on the job, and gets ready for the holiday season months ahead, we are reliably informed by the nursery books. However, Santa Claus is in constant danger of losing his reputation. There are hundreds of fond Fathers who pose as Santa Claus to their little broods, Papas who sally forth to collect a bagful of toys just when the stores are closing on Christmas eve, and the holly garlands are being taken down, and the manager of the dress goods department is getting ready to announce, "Spring and Summer Styles." The Late Shoppers we have always with us. As eleventh-hour athletes, they take all the running, jumping and line-plunging honors. But often the Late Shopper has one good mark to his credit. He puts off giving at all times, and therefore puts off giving a piece of his mind to his wife.

Christmas Prayer

COME Thou, dear Prince. Oh come to us this holy Christmas time! Come to the busy marts of earth, the quiet houses, the noisy streets, the humble lanes. Come to us all, and with Thy love touch every human heart that we may know the love and its blessed peace bear charity to all mankind. —Eugene Field.

A Christmas Carol. Twiddle-de-dum, Twiddle-dum-dee, Playing the game of Expectancy, Under the glare of the Christmas tree, Blending of craft and philanthropy, Marvellous game of humanity, Twiddle-de-dum, Twiddle-dum-dee. Twiddle-de-dum, Twiddle-dum-dee, The rules are as simple—just listen and see. The gift you receive should be worth about three. Of the one you bestow upon—possibly me. Annually tempting the powers that be; Twiddle-de-dum, Twiddle-dum-dee. —Leta.



Jim Flynn.

ed more than probably any pugilist of recent years, is still in the thick of combat and ready to box anyone, any time, any place. In spite of the fact that Flynn has not been very successful against heavyweights of class, and that he is no longer a contender for the title, winning or losing he fights like a wounded wildcat every time he enters the ring. Flynn, whose family name is Andrew Haymes, was born in Hoboken thirty-three years ago, and is beginning to think seriously of providing for that period of life when he will no longer be able to swap punches with the young and husky heavies of a new generation. "If the managers would give me what I am worth as a box-office attraction," said he, "I would soon have a nice bank roll. But they don't do it. Oh, yes, I have earned enough as it stands to have a nest egg, but I tossed it away like John L. did. But I'm going to reform. I'm going to lay by something and buy a farm, so that when I get old I can just sit around and watch the hay grow. "Yep, I am going to settle down and raise wheat, corn, potatoes and other things the city folks have to buy from the farmers. "You needn't laugh, for I'm going to do it, b'gosh." Wisconsin Tennis Association. The Wisconsin Tennis association has just been organized, and will conduct sectional tournaments in the state in singles and doubles. They will be limited to state residents. Navy Has Good Fullback. Navy has in Von Heimburg, a plebe, the making of one of the best fullbacks in the country.

COUNTY NEWS

LAKE CITY

Hal Chapeon and wife moved here last week from Mt. Zion. They will occupy the Ennis property in the north part of town.

Mrs. Jay Dwyer visited with Joe Dickson and family last week.

Mesdames C. W. Mitchell, Frank Noel and Tom Dickson were Lovington callers Friday.

Mrs. Wren of Lovington visited relatives here Friday.

Mrs. Omer Brohard and son James of Decatur spent Sunday with J. H. Brohard and family.

Sylvia and Irene Dickson were Decatur shoppers Saturday.

Will Myres is visiting Ed. Myres and family.

Mrs. J. H. Brohard visited relatives in Decatur last week.

Carl Brohard was a Lovington caller Saturday evening.

Mrs. Will Baker and son Vance were Lovington visitors Thursday evening.

Rev. Lathrop of La Place and Rev. Wm. Craig of Bloomington spent Sunday with Sherman Noble and family.

Theodore Massey spent Sunday with relatives at Dalton City.

Ralph Rutherford of Hervey City and Jay Jones of Casner were callers here Sunday evening.

Bargain in Heaters. adv. W. H. WALKER.

QUIGLEY

Mrs. J. N. Walker is able to be up after a severe illness.

Mrs. C. W. Davis and daughter Caroline are quite poorly at this writing.

W. F. Cain butchered a fat hog one day last week.

Mrs. S. R. Benner took suddenly ill Monday. She is no better at present.

Mrs. Mart Turrentine spent part of the week with her parents C. W. Davis and family.

Emmet Arnold and wife was called to South Dakota this week on account of the death of a grand child.

Rev. Thomas Fortner was a business visitor in this neighborhood one day last week.

Mrs. B. J. Hervey and daughter Lula Thompson spent Friday with Mrs. Wm. Shuck.

Mrs. S. D. Baxton and daughter Elva Roughton made a business trip to Shelbyville Saturday.

Faye Cain started to school again Monday after being absent some time on account of sickness.

Wm. Shuck delivered corn to Kirk Friday.

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HAMMOND

O. M. Brown of Decatur, visited over Sunday with his mother Mrs. Margaret Brown.

J. M. Bolin of Lamar, Mo. is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. M. E. Frantz and daughters Vivian and Leona were Decatur visitors Friday.

Walter Wates visited over Sunday in Mattoon with home folks.

Mrs. F. W. Taylor and daughter Helen were Decatur visitors Friday.

Grace Wandel a teacher in the Millikin Conservatory made her regular trip here Saturday.

Elma Smith was taken to St. Mary's hospital Saturday evening where she will undergo an operation.

GAYS

Mrs. Will Garrett visited relatives in Sullivan and Windsor last week.

Lorene Welch and Mary Wallace visited Ida Tull of Windsor over Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Wilson and son Kenneth of Mattoon visited her parents Clark Mattox and wife Monday.

Bertha Edson returned home from Bruce Tuesday.

Ed Storm and wife have moved to the Henry Frazier property.

Mrs. Allie Waggoner was a shopper in Mattoon Monday.

Officers of the Royal Neighbor Lodge who were elected for the coming year are:

- Mrs. Emma Harrison, Oracle.
- Mrs. Maude Wallace, Ass't Oracle.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, Chancellor.
- Miss Minnie Bolan, Secretary.
- Mrs. Sarah Cross, Treasurer.
- Mrs. Mary Edson, Marshall.
- Mrs. Mary Wintings, Int. Central.
- Mrs. Mary Dummond, outer Central.

ATWOOD

We are having some bad weather at present and some of the farmers have quite a good deal of corn out yet.

Quite a number of farmers sold their corn last week at 60 cents a bushel.

Edd Collins has been seriously ill but is better at present.

Frank Kennedy of Decatur was brought to Atwood for burial at Mackville cemetery. He formerly lived in Atwood.

Dr. G. S. Marshall and wife of Urbana, Ill. came Saturday to visit awhile with Rev. G. W. Eppy and assist him in caring for Mrs. Marshall's father, who is ill.

Rev. Robert Harris pastor of the First Christian church of Atwood is holding his revival meetings at Milmine assisted by Rev. Bennett.

Arthur Short and wife went to Sullivan to be with his brother-in-law who is seriously ill.

ARTHUR RURAL NEWS

Edward Lantz left for Topeka, Indiana Monday.

Jake Beachy, wife and son Arthur spent the day at Levi Yoder's Sunday.

Almost all of the neighbors have shelled their corn.

Menno Beachy and Jeff Kauffman left for Lagrange, Indiana Sunday.

Fred Rheinheimer, Solomon and Harry Yoder spent the day at Albert Yoder's Sunday.

Fred Rheinheimer and Albert Yoder went to Tuscola on business Tuesday.

Mrs. John Ruster of Mattoon went to Indianapolis, Indiana to visit her son Ernest Ruster Tuesday.

Mrs. R. E. L. Dickens of Princeton Ind. visited over Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Smith.

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Remembered.
 "Mother, you must have known our principal when you went to school."
 "Why, yes, I guess I did."
 "He seemed to remember you today. He told me what a bright girl I was, and then he said, 'It doesn't seem possible that you can be Amy Jones' daughter.'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Rapid Thinker.
 Mother—Always think twice before you speak. Tommy—Gee, ma, if you do that yourself you must do some swift thinkin' when you get goin' for pa.—Boston Transcript.

Effect of Love.
 Ethel—So Dolly and Jack are in love? Mabel—Yes. Two souls without a single thought.—Chicago News.

Retort Matrimonial.
 He—Don't have any more of those confounded pickled beets when I invite guests. She—Then don't invite any more of them to dinner.—Baltimore American.

The world is a beautiful book, but of little use to him who cannot read it.—Goldoni.

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