

A Printer's Day Off.

Editor J. F. Duff and wife of the Newcomerstown Index, who recently visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schringer, were so thoroughly impressed with our little city that after he got back home he penned the following article for his paper:

"Every school boy of fifty years ago will remember the invitation 'to visit the palace near the Regio gate' if ever he should come to Modena. Few of us ever expect to sail up the Adriatic, and fewer of us would want to visit war-rant Modena just now."

But if you should ever visit Sandusky via Newark and the B. & O. don't fail to stop off at Plymouth, along the way. You will surely enjoy your visit to the quaint little town of a hundred years ago, where the scant population, requires a goodly portion of two counties to make sure its foundations.

One can easily understand how the footsore soldier of Braddock's day, stopping to rest under the shadow of the great maples, and noting the native charm of its broad expanses, then and there made up his mind to come back when the wars should cease, and found a town on this beauty spot.

And one can easily see how, in a later day, the immortal Petroleum V. Nasby of civil war fame, could, from his humble print shop around the corner, dream his earliest dream about Bascom's Corners and the Confederate Cross Roads.

But whether the old veteran who followed Braddock through this region, or Nasby, who got his first impressions of patriotism in an early day Plymouth print shop, ever dreamed that the hamlet would one day be as a gem set in a sea of undulating verdure, is problematical. The little, lazy Huron, then-as-now fringing the little town, and lapsing its way in and out among the willows that bordered its course, glistened in the morning sunlight and sent the villager rejoicing to the tasks of the day.

Plymouth was too close to the heart of the Western R-ver-ree not to catch its commercial and its aesthetic spirit. The Yankee, with his spelling book, and his Bible, and his thrift, and soon the trail which Braddock had followed was blazed with school house, and church, and business enterprise.

Nobody in the early day seems to have figured on this "Paris of the West" name. Quality rather than quantity was the thing through the forest with every stroke of the pioneer's ax.

So it is today. Its splendidly paved streets, its beautiful homes, its elegant churches, its fine, up-to-date schools, its solid business blocks—all betoken a thrift that leads rather to a broader cultural side of the life.

In this brief letter we do not wish to intimate that the dollar getting side of life is lacking in the town. The big, modern, prosperous-looking home on the principal corner of the village would spoil a story of that kind. We shall speak of that feature in another letter."

Rural Teachers to Attend State Meeting.

The holiday meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held in Columbus December 29, 30, 31.

On Thursday, December 30, at 9 a. m. and 1 p. m., the rural teachers' department will hold two sessions in the Chamber of Commerce assembly room. Many rural teachers from throughout the state expect to attend the meeting. Some of the Highland county rural teachers have expressed a desire to attend this meeting held near Dr. Warren H. Wilson, of the rural school department at Columbia University, and to "rub eyes" with the progressive teachers from other counties of the state.

Ohio will be congratulated on the new crop of teacher with whom they are daily filling their rural schools being the decided progress that is state-wide in rural schools of the

New Haven.

There was a quiet wedding Monday night at the home of Mrs. J. H. Stead, was later, Mrs. Sylvia Spring-Chas. was united in marriage to Fred Spring, Rev. Neff officiating, spent Friday and family of Peru, Mrs. Maud Woodworth.

Christmas Entertainment at the Lutheran Church.

Program to be rendered by the Lutheran Sunday School of Plymouth, Friday evening, Dec. 24, at 7 o'clock:

- Selection by Orchestra.
- Wreath Drill by 13 lit'l's girls.
- Exercise by Primary Department.
- Cross and Star Drill by 16 young ladies.
- Overture by Orchestra.
- A dramatic presentation in oriental costume of The Coming of the King.
- Scene I. Herod and the Three Wise Men.
- Scene II. The Night of Nights.
- Scene III. Gifts for the King.
- All are welcome.

On Lord's Day morning the pastor will preach on "The Supreme Fact of History."

Presbyterian Church Notes.

"It is not enough that Christ was born Beneath the star that shone, And earth was set that morn With a golden zone. He must be born within the heart Before He finds His Throne. And brings the day of love and good, The reign of Christ-like brotherhood."

The Christmas committee is to be congratulated on their very successful program rendered Wednesday evening to a full house. The primary department did credit to themselves and those who trained them. The songs, girls' drill, dialogue, Christmas essays, solos and readings were all well received and inspiring.

The music on Sunday both morning and evening, will be appropriate to the occasion. The pastor will choose for his sermon subjects such as will be most helpful at Christmas time.

Methodist Notes.

The church does not do all it ought. Do you?

Last Sunday was observed as Christmas Sunday with special Christmas anthems and Christmas sermon. A large number attended the meeting at New Haven in the evening. The Christmas program by the Sunday School consisted of a cantata and was given on Thursday evening, and was largely attended. The church was tastily and appropriately decorated.

A special feature of the service next Sunday morning, the last Sunday of the old year will be the calling of the roll of members of the church. Every member as far as possible is urged to be present and respond with word of testimony or verse of Scripture. Those not able to be present or living away are invited to send their greetings by friend or by mail. This same service will be observed at both the McKendree and New Haven churches. A New Year's sermon will be preached Sunday night.

The Epworth League announces a New Year's eve social to watch the old year out. It will be held at the parsonage and all are invited.

Honey Creek Poultry Farm Notes.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
The litter used in the laying house and brooding pens at the Attica and Plymouth plant has arrived. This is peat moss and is imported from abroad. This peat moss is used to absorb the droppings and after it has been used about twelve months it is sold to fertilizer companies at a high rate per ton, making the initial cost very small. A number of local chicken fanciers have purchased small quantities of this moss to use in their pens, and it is giving entire satisfaction.

Miss Georgia Honey has been a Cleveland visitor for the past two days, having her Christmas shopping. Mr. Worthington has just returned from a trip through the east. A dry picker has been added to the force of the H. C. P. Co. this week to take care of the broiler trade to the New York market. A few men to help at this work are expected within the next few days.

War Upon Pain!

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin, no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Solster, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared; four hours after the second application I was as good as new."—*March 15, 1915.*—At Drugists, 25c

For Sale—Good 9 room house, bare, several out buildings, 6 acres of ground, and a good building lot. Price reasonable. Call on Mrs. Frank L. Coe, or Paul Smith Box 11.

Obituary of Mrs. Wm. Cheesman.

In the death of Mrs. Wm. Cheesman the community has lost an old resident and one who has ever been held in esteem by all. Her death occurred unexpectedly and suddenly at Miami, Florida, whither she had gone with her two daughters to enjoy the winter and regain her strength.

Her maiden name was Maria Snyder and she was born in Trumbull Co., Nov. 13, 1841, and her age at death was 74 years, one month and five days. She was united in marriage to Wm. Cheesman April 8, 1869. To this union were born six children: Laura Ann West; deceased; George W. Cheesman, Jennie I. West, Edward H. Cheesman, Ida R. Cheesman and Minnie M. Cheesman.

Mrs. Cheesman was converted and united with the church when a girl, and through all the years since, the Christian faith has been the underlying motive of her life.

She leaves five children eight grand-children, two sisters and one brother to mourn her loss and emulate her example. She has passed away like a gentle breath. And her eyes are closed with the sleep of death. The leaves of the trees may flutter and fall. And the drifting snow will cover all. But she will peacefully, calmly rest. Forever happy by angels blest. Let us rejoice when such a life lays down the battle of earthly strife. Better to know that her work is done. Trials ended and glory won. Tears are vain when a soul so bright. Wings its way to the gates of light.

Funeral services were held at the house conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. F. Mott on Wednesday afternoon and burial was at Greenlawn cemetery.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their kindness in our bereavement; also for the beautiful floral tributes, and for the singing, and to our pastor, Rev. Mott, for his consoling words.

Wm. Cheesman and Family.

The Plans, Profiles and Specifications.

Dry leaders in Ohio have received advance copies of the proposed amendment to the federal constitution which congress will be asked to have submitted to the several states for their ratification. The exact text of the proposed amendment reads:

"Section 1. The sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale and importation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof and exportation thereof are hereby prohibited.

Section 2. The congress of the state shall have power, independent of and concurrently, to enforce this article by all needful legislation."

This is to be published and sent broadcast throughout the United States, together with the arguments in favor of its adoption. The purpose of the proposed amendment, according to the statement made, is to free the federal government from responsibility for and partnership in the beverage liquor traffic. The manufacture, distribution or use of alcoholic liquors for mechanical, medical, scientific or other purposes, is not intended to be prohibited by this amendment.

It is pointed out in the statement accompanying the draft of the amendment, that the several states are left free to adopt other legislation to provide for the enforcement of the proposed amendment and that congress also will be required to pass legislation in the event the amendment is adopted by three-fourths of the states of the union.

Colds Need Attention.

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic; honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c all drugists.

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Karl Welber, Drugist, Plymouth, Ohio.

AN ORDINANCE.

Determining to proceed with the improvement of North Street in the Village of Plymouth, Ohio.

Be it Ordained by the Village of Plymouth, State of Ohio, three-fourths of all the members elected thereto occurring as follows:
Sec. 1. That it is hereby determined to proceed with the improvement of North Street between the following termini, to-wit: from the intersection of said North Street with Sandusky Street, thence east on said North Street to a point in front of the Honey Creek Poultry Farm, a distance of about Thirteen Hundred (1300) feet, by grading, curbing, draining and paving with brick in accordance with the resolution passed by said Council on the 17th day of November, 1915, and in accordance with the plans, specifications, estimates and profiles heretofore approved and now on file in the office of the Clerk of said Village.

Sec. 2. That all claims for damages resulting therefrom shall be judicially inquired into after the completion of the proposed improvement.
Sec. 3. That the whole cost and expense of said improvement, less one-fifth (1-5) thereof and the cost of the street intersections and street frontages shall be levied against and collected from all of the taxable property of said Village; that the bonds of said Village of Plymouth, State of Ohio, shall be and are hereby authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection of the installments of said assessments heretofore to be levied and in anticipation of the payment of said Village of said one-fifth (1-5) part of said cost and expense and the entire cost of said street intersections and street frontages.

That to provide funds to carry on the work of making said improvement and to meet the expenses under the contract hereafter to be made therefor, by said bonds are issued, and in anticipation thereof, Certificates of Indebtedness of said Village are hereby authorized to be issued from time to time as the necessities of said improvement may require, and in such sums as may be necessary to pay estimates on work done and on materials furnished for said improvement, certified to by the Engineer in charge of said improvement and approved by the said Council; and the Mayor and Clerk of said Village are hereby authorized to execute said Certificates of Indebtedness as they may be needed for the purpose aforesaid and to dispose of the same at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent (6) per cent per annum, and that the faith and credit of said Village shall be, and hereby is, pledged for the payment of said certificates.

Sec. 5. That all the lots and lands abutting on said street and between including said termini of the said improvement, as above set forth, shall be assessed for the payment thereof, as hereinbefore set forth.

Sec. 6. That the Clerk of said Village be, and he is hereby, authorized to advertise for bids and proposals for the construction of said improvement according to law.

Sec. 7. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed December 21, 1915.
GEO. H. SAUER,
Mayor and President of the Council of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio.

Attest: W. A. Jeffrey,
Clerk of the Council of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio.

Approved Dec. 21, 1915.
Geo. H. Sauer,
Mayor of the Village of Plymouth, O.

Napoleon as a Reader.
Napoleons was reader—persistent, unyielding, indefatigable. By the campfire and in his traveling carriage, in his temporary staff office or his own bedroom, his favorite volumes were ever kept within easy reach.

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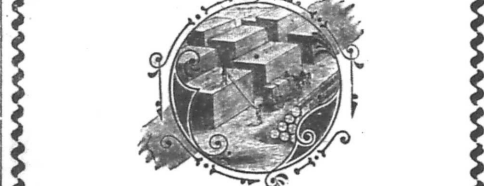
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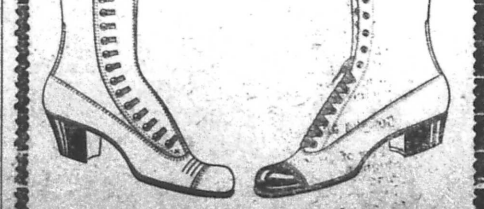
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MACK ROGERS

THE RELIABLE SHOE MAN

The RED MIST A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE BY RANDALL PARRISH ILLUSTRATIONS BY C. D. RHODES

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CHAPTER XXV—Continued.

"True; if Fox comes through alive; but Cowan and Raymond are both here, and I know not which I distrust the more. I did wrong to permit you ever coming with me; to risk your life in so desperate a game."

"Do not say that, Tom," her voice eager and earnest. "I am no worse off here than I would be if you had left me in Lewisburg. It was my choice, and even now I would rather be here with you. Why," she paused, drawing in a quick breath, "if I—"

"I remained behind I might be helplessly in the grip of Anse Cowan. Have—have you forgotten that?" "No, I had not forgotten; but there is danger enough here—more than you realize. You have never seen men mad with battle lust, crazed from victory. They see through a red mist, and forget sex. They are coming in here presently, firing and killing, smashing their way through the walls to wall. Your cousin is not the kind to even raise a white flag—he'll go down fighting, and his men beside him. I've been thinking of it all, my girl, and there is one thing I want you to do now, before the final assault comes."

"What?" "Let me send you out under flag of truce to the protection of Captain Fox. He'll guard you as he would his own daughter."

"And—leave you men in here to—"

"To take our chances, of course; but that is a part of the trade. You're remaining with us cannot change the result, whatever it may prove to be—and, with me, it is merely a choice between bullet and rope."

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"I know," she said, "and you feel that it will be best for you—for you, if I go?" "Yes, Noreen," earnestly. "The very knowledge that you are here saps my courage. Surely you can understand why this should be so, for the more desperate our defense the more ruthless our enemies will prove in the hour of victory. The very knowledge of what the result may be would almost lead me to surrender, and, to a less degree, your presence here must affect your cousin."

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"You are sorry? You wished me to go?" "I hardly know, Noreen; I have ever confidence in Fox—who is making that noise? Is the preacher?"

CHAPTER XXVI.

One Way of Escape.

He was propped up against the wall, not far from us, and I bent over, noting how he was bound. Instantly I cut the cords and began rubbing the man's wrists to restore circulation.

"I never noticed you were strung up like that, Nichols," I said earnestly. "Who did the job?" "The sergeant," he answered, choking. "I tried to speak as soon as I saw you, but the lady yere, but I couldn't get the gag out of my mouth. Bend down a bit lower; I don't want none o' them soldiers ter hear."

"All right—what is it?" "Yer ol' Judge Wyatt's boy, ain't yer?" "Yes."

"An' she's the darter o' Major Harwood?" "This is Noreen Harwood."

"I thought so, but that ain't hardly light enough for me ter be sure. I married yer over cross their mountings—an' is Anse Cowan along with them Yanks out ther?"

"Yes, and all the gang, excepting old Ned, who was shot last night."

"You shot him?" "Well, it was my pistol; we were fighting together. Suddenly a thought swept through my mind. 'See here."

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them yere in six months. The place whar the water runs out is at the south side, right down 'gainst the bottom; ther cover ter the opening is covered high by a shed. Ol' Ned Cowan made ther contraption, an' yer kin stand on ther upper step an' open an' shut ther thing, an' never git yer feet wet."

"And how big is the opening?" "Wal, I don't jist know, but I've crawled through ther thing a leak, an' I did it once. I reckon I kin again. That'norb' but six feet beyond ther wall hit it hits the edge o' ther ravine. Ther's whar the Yanks didn't make no attack on ther side o' ther church—ther ain't no room."

"The whole situation lay clear before me. I had no thought of utilizing this unexpected opportunity myself, for I meant to stay with the others, and perform my part of the fighting to the end. But here was protection, and possible escape, for Noreen. Yet could the preacher be trusted? Would he play fair if I released him, and left him alone to take care of his interests? What act of treachery could he commit, and besides the girl was armed."

"How do you light this church?" "Candles mostly," surprised at the question, "yer ain't got ter ter light up, are you?"

"No herb—no; but below; where is there one?" "I reckon on ther thar shelf in the pulpit yer'll find a dozen or so."

"Bring a couple here, Noreen." "She slipped across silently, and came back with two in her hand."

"You are going to try to get away?" she whispered cautiously. "No, not now. An opportunity may come later. If it was possible to slip all these men out I would gladly do so—but it is already too late for any such attempt. But there is a chance for you, and it is even barely possible here. Here are some of the candles, if I may find some way of jolning you."

"You—you promise that?" she asked. "If I consent to go, you—you will come later if you can?"

"Yes; I will pledge myself to accept every chance, when I can do no more fighting. I'll come to you, if I live. Now, Nichols, listen—I am going to set you free, and permit you to slip down through that trap door with this lady. She is armed, and she knows how to shoot. Attempt one treacherous trick and you pay the penalty."

"I ain't thar kind," he whined. "Oh, yes you are; but it will never pay this time. Don't take your eyes off him, Noreen; the moment that trap door closes light the candle, and keep the revolver ready. Make him unscrew the cap, and leave it off out of the way. Set the candle down in one corner as far back as possible. You better go out first."

"I am not to wait for you?" he whined. "Not in there—no; outside, for they might fire the building. Nichols, where is the best place for the two of you to hide so I could find you?"

"In the woods to the west; there is a trail half way down the ravine a climbing up—as of log trail."

"My fingers touched his throat, and I bent lower staring straight into his eyes."

"Now, mark well what I say, Nichols. I am going to release you, and give you a chance to get away. But you stay with the woman—do you hear? Stay with her until you both reach the Confederate lines at Covington. I'll ever get out of here alive, and learn you have attempted any trick, I'll run you down, Nichols. If it takes ten years. Now I'll cut the rope, and you creep over to where that ring is in the floor, and was my order."

Evidently his limbs were numb from the tight cord, for he crept few feet painfully, and then sat up rubbing the afflicted parts with both hands. I swept one glance out through the window, and then about the dim interior, endeavoring to locate the men nearest us. Only one stood close enough to observe our movements, and I sent him with a message to the sergeant.

"Now, Noreen," I whispered swiftly, "this is the best time. Take these papers; they are for Jackson; give them to the first Confederate officer you meet, and have them forwarded at once. Stay with Nichols for a single moment out of range of your revolver."

"You will not come?" "Not now; you would not wish me to desert my comrades—would you?"

"Oh, I do not know! I do not know. It is so hard to decide. You really wish me to go? It will please you?"

"And you will come if—if you can't I am to wait, and—hope for you?" "I pledge you my word, dear girl."

"She clung to my hands, her face up lifted in the moonlight."

"I—I am your wife," she said softly, and I—I want you to—"

Three shots rang out clear and staccato, without, and a voice shouted hoarsely.

"Stand to it, lads!" cried Harwood from the dark vestibule. "The Yanks are coming!"

I swung her light form across the platform to where Nichols crouched.

"Quick now, both of you. Careful; don't fall. Now, go on, man; I'll close the trap—and God help you if you don't remember!"

CHAPTER XXVII.

The End of Defense.

I had no time for thought—mistakenly called me to it. Her last unfinished sentence rang in my memory. Could it be that she cared also? That out of this strange association there had grown an awakening interest? For a single moment I stood there motionless, my feet on the lowered trap, dimly conscious of the groans that came

thence of the peril. They were pouring volleys into the front door—the roaring of discharge ending in the sound of splintered wood—and sharp cries of "Charles, crack in the rear!" and Harwood's voice sounded continually through the hideous discord.

"Get back, men! Get back! Ay, beyond the partition, you fellows in front there! No, don't leave the windows; they'll charge presently, and there is no use firing to use carbines now, the range is too long. Load again—load! and stand ready. Wyatt!"

"Here, sir." "Any work for you there?" "No; only a half dozen Yanks in sight from this end."

"Bring all but two men, and come here! Wharton, stand ready to take a hand. All there the blue-bellies come, lads—now give them the lead! Fire! damn you—fire!"

The little squad of us leaped down the aisle, and Wharton's men clambered over the benches, cursing and yelling. Already the smoke of the carbines filled the air, and we could see little except in the flash of the gunfire. The swirl of bodies hurried me to the right, away from where Harwood stood, and brought me in front of the opposite door. Through this opening and the narrow window beyond, I got a glimpse outside—at a black mass of men sweeping straight toward us, their guns gleaming viciously, their voices echoing in savage shout. It was a mere glimpse, an infernal vision, and almost at the same instant they came crashing against the shattered door, beating it down with their gun-stocks, and leaping through into the main of overthrown benches littering the vestibule. The door fell in splinters. How they got through that tangle of death I know not. Into their very faces we poured our fire—our own men, caught within the narrow space, striking at them with clubbed guns—but they were too many to be hit. Over the dead poured the torrent of living fire, cursing, striking, jamming the few gray-jackets against the inner wall, and in two resistless streams, hurling themselves against both vestibule doors.

Weged in the portals, I saw all this so clearly that each detail stands out in memory—the infuriated faces, the falling bodies, the disfiguring blood-stains, the savage glist of steel. Those who came first were not soldiers—they were Cowan's men, gaunt, rough fellows, bearded and dirty, their groans cursing sounding above the uproar.

And they fought like fiends, driven by Cowan's voice, and pressed relentlessly forward by the cavalrymen behind. I saw him once, a blood spot on his cheek, and I fired over the heads of those between us, but though he fell, he came to his feet again and was swept to one side by the rush of men. I saw all this, and no more; it was like a flash on an acre—and then everything became an indistinct blur.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

URGE KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

Many Reasons Have Been Advanced as to Why Cruelty Should Be Avoided.

Here are some of the reasons why we should do all we possibly can to protect animals, says an exchange.

1. They are, humanly speaking, dumb and defenseless.

2. They are, especially liable to cruel treatment.

3. They are the victims of science, sport, fashion, ignorance and prejudice.

4. There is so much suffering in this world that we ought to do everything we can to lessen, and not to increase it.

5. It is cowardly and contemptible to cause a living, sentient creature unnecessary or avoidable suffering.

6. The animals do so much for us in so many ways, ministering to our needs, that they earn exemption for their various uses from cruelty, suffering and ill treatment.

7. Selfish and callous disregard of their rights can only react disastrously upon the moral nature of the human family, and make other similar evils appear excusable. It is a short cut to the degradation of the animal society to human beings. The parents who train their children to be kind, considerate and thoughtful for the animals are laying up treasures which they themselves will reap when those children are grown up.

8. As a reason for man, the great jurist, wrote of the claims of animals: "The question is not—'Can they reason, nor can they talk, but can they suffer?'"

Shadow Pictures for Children.

For shadow pictures hang a sheet in a double doorway, if possible. Have a lamp, or preferably a halogen lantern, set about two feet from the door at the back of the room used as a stage. All kinds of interesting and amusing shadow pictures may be given with the help of stiff paper cut-outs, which may be pinned to hair and costume to change the outlines.

Large paper, modern picture china and boards may even be fastened to the features with a bit of paste. Indians with paper feathers and cardboard tomahawks, and Puritan maid and with paper cape and broad-brimmed hats, can give appropriate historic scenes—Modest Priscilla.

Way Out of the Difficulty.

"The American ambassador," announced the imperial chamberlain, perturbedly, "refuses to wear knee breeches."

Old Santa's Christmas List By De LYSLE FERREE CASS

The reindeer are harnessed and ready For their Christmas eve drive through the sky; They whinny and stamp; sleigh bells ring, And old Santa Claus' sledge is pulled high With an abundance of toys, books and goodies For all good little boys and girls; Santa'll fill up the stockings while the clock is tick-tocking, And the snow flakes drift down in whirls.

He'll slide down the chimney as usual— Fat, jolly, red-faced, full of glories— He's been keeping tab on each one of you; In the picture he's looking to see Which kiddies have minded their parents, Which youngsters have done as they ought; If you have been good and done as you should, Old Santa'll bring you a lot.

Beel! He's looking his list of names over, Yes, and scratching the naughty ones out; If Gracie had minded his mamma, Today he'd never need doubt That Santa would fill up his stockings; And if Marnie hadn't been bad,



That yellow-haired dottle that's going to Molly Is one present he might have had.

For Molly behaved herself nicely, She doesn't grumble, till this or he says; So her papa has written to Santa, Telling what a good girl she's been, Then there's Tommy's name on the paper— A real boy, but never causes no aways, Nor is cruel to kitties. It's a thousand pities That Freddie's mother had as few cares.

Now there's the names of Mildred and Of Margaret, Julia and Kate— When they go out to play and hear mother say, "Home early," they never are late.

Next comes Bobbie, that jolly young rascal, And Henry—the boys call him "Hen"— There's a red sled for Bob, and for playing war with his tin soldier man.

Dick will wake up to find a new tool set, Pat'll get those shining new skates; Joe's football outfit sure will please him, Bert likes now go and play with his mates.

Best likes story books and he'll get some, A hobby horse Harry will please; Yes, such little bits he'll get what he likes. Their good traits old Santa Claus sees.

As he counts the long list o'er and o'er, Look! he's smiling to think of the joy, That when Christmas bells ring, each holiday thing

Will bring to each good girl and boy. Remember, you little folks, always That obedience, kindness, good cheer Are the things mamma wants and are sure to encourage You in Santa Claus' favor. Oh, hear

How the angels-bells are jingling and tinkling The reindeer are prancing to come, Scrambling alone o'er the housetops, Bringing of good, ice or snow; Santa's book is crammed to o'erflowing; Is your name on his visiting list? Now in bed abed; down the chimney he'll slip.

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HUNTING MISTLETOE

Christmas Greens Harvested With Aid of Guns.

But it is better to climb for it as Seekers Have Learned—Open Season Begins Early in December.

THE hunter took deliberate aim and fired into the high branches of a swamp elm. Only a bunch of foliage, out of charge of bird shot, fell a yard or so away.

"Missed him!" was the half-hearted comment of a "tenderfoot" who had strained his eyes in vain to see the object of the shot.

"Missed nothing," came the rejoinder. "Shooting" greens," he added by way of explanation. He picked up the clump of leaves flecked with waxen berries and threw into a gummy sack three or four pounds of mistletoe, the reward of his marksmanship.

The open season for mistletoe begins early in December, according to the Kansas City Star, and continues until only a day or so before Christmas, or, in the lean years, until the crop is exhausted. The old method of "shooting" mistletoe has been in large part displaced, however, by agile boys who earn men's wages by climbing for the crop and carrying it to the ground in canvas slung from their shoulders. That preserves the foliage, however, by leaving the berries intact. When the boughs are "harvested" by the shotgun method the charge jars many of the globules from their tiny stems and the fall to earth but adds to the havoc.

Mistletoe jobbers are growing more discriminating and pay top prices for well-preserved greens only, the market varying day by day according to the quantity offered.

The true mistletoe is a European evergreen, but its American cousin resembles it so closely as to baffle all but botanists. The leaves are of the same yellowish green and the blossoms, alike in color, give way in turn to the wax-like berries. Both are parasitic, growing on the boughs of deciduous trees.

Apple trees, poplars, maples and elms seem to best support the vegetable barnacle. But it sometimes is found growing in the oaks and other forest varieties. Along the Pacific coast it frequently is taken from oak trees, although the yield in that region is not prolific.

The mistletoe played a conspicuous part in mythology. It is symbolical of the spear with which Hothersuth took the life of Balder, the white sun god of summer, who shall be resurrected at Ragnarok, twilight of the gods and doomsday of the world, so runs the old Norse legend.

Among the Druids and the Celts the mistletoe found growing upon an oak was believed to possess powers of healing for many ills as well as being potent for the working of magic charms. Small bits of berries were brewed into love philters for projecting the passions.

To the esteem in which the mistletoe was held is directly traceable a certain old English custom which survives today. At the Christmas tide every ardent swain who "meets his shadow loves" tribute of a kiss and each half-veiling maid who pays may know their hearts only how to rite centuries old and born when Yule logs flickered through candle-lighted halls on wintry nights; when fairy ruled; when imagery held sway; when mountain gods gave curse or blessing and tribute to the mistletoe was a sacrament.



THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS CAROL

FREDERICK R. MERES

OH BETHLEHEM'S plain there shone a star
That guided wise men from afar,
To see the child in manger lain,
Immanuel Jesus is his name,
The Prince of Peace has come to dwell,
Hosanna! Shout! Immanuel.

THE long expected, promised Lord
Is born today, by Kings adored,
While to the world God doth proclaim
He comes, and Counselor is his name,
The mighty God on earth to dwell,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

HE comes to man by lowly birth,
To spread salvation through the earth,
From everlasting, he's the same,
Our God and Wonderful his name,
King David's seed in man to dwell,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

PLACE on earth, good will to man,
Sing of free salvation's plan,
With angels join in the refrain,
Jesus, God with us, is his name,
Hallelujah, peace on earth,
Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

REJOICE and loud hosanna sing,
Hosanna to the new-born King,
Angelic hosts to man proclaim
Our Father's love, our Savior's name,
Hallelujah! Peace on earth,
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Santa's Secret

"I-VE got out of bed, just a minute.
To tell you—I'll whisper it to you—
The stockings I've hung by the fire
Are for me—not mamma, you know.
For mine are so awfully little.
Dear Santa Claus, don't you see?
And I want, oh, so many playthings,
They won't hold enough for me."

Holly Scratches

By HARVEY PEAKE

NEVER looks a gift in the cost mark.
All that glitters is not diamonds.
Mistletoe makes the heart grow fonder.
The gift deferred maketh the heart sick.
Belief in Santa Claus is the best policy.
It is a wise merchant who knows his own goods when they are brought back for exchange.
To give hideous gifts is human, to give impossible.
Gifts make the man, the want of them the fellow.
One Christmas bargain makes the whole of womankind spin.
Christmas bills are stubborn things.
Santa Claus is not as red as he is painted.
Buy gifts in haste and repent at leisure.
Unhappy lies the hand that's trying to make twenty dollars buy forty gifts.
And thereby hangs a stocking.
Every Christmas tree must stand on its own bottom.
Gifts are seldom what they seem.



The Christmas Card.
About a hundred years ago the first Christmas cards were used. These were printed in London and consisted of a visiting card with the words, "A Merry Christmas," printed on it. Later the cards were made with a little scenery on them and a picture of the robin. This bird was used because he is called the English Christmas bird, and also "The Savior's Bird" on account of the old legend regarding the red breast. From this time on the cards became more numerous and of more varied kinds.

A little knowledge is dangerous thing, especially on Christmas eve, when a kid discovers his father acting the part of Santa Claus.

HANDICRAFT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

By A. NEELY HALL and DOROTHY PERKINS

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A TOY CRANE.

This little crane travels along an elevated track supported at its ends upon the tops of chair backs (Fig. 1).

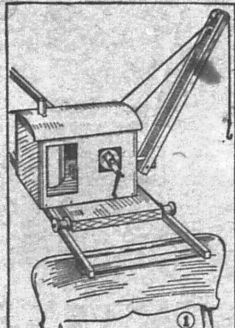
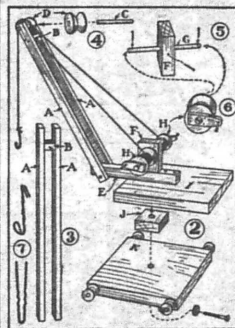


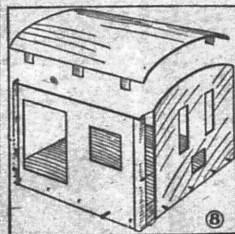
Fig. 2 shows details of the crane, windlasses and turntable, and Fig. 3 the cabin walls and roof. The crane boom is made of two strips (A, Fig. 3) 14 inches long, with a short block (B) fastened between, one and one-half inches from one end. Bore a one-fourth-inch hole through each strip near the upper end for the axle C (Fig. 4) to fit in, and a one-eighth-inch hole near the lower end through which to pivot the boom. Make the pulley of two spool ends nailed together (Fig. 4).

After completing the boom, cut beam E (Fig. 2) about eight inches long, to fit between strips A of the boom. Cut the windlass block F (Figs. 2 and 5), and bore a hole through it for a one-fourth-inch stick shaft (G) to run through. Make the windlass drums out of spools, with cranks tacked to their ends as shown in Fig. 6, and



after slipping them upon the shaft drive brads through the shaft ends to hold them on. Nail beam E to the lower edge of block F, then nail it to the turntable (1), a block five by eight inches in size. Center the beam in the width of the turntable, and allow three or four inches to project over the end, as shown in Fig. 2. The turntable I is pivoted upon the base K, a block eight inches square, with a small block (J) inserted between them. Bore a one-fourth-inch hole through the center of base K and block J, so the screw pivot will turn freely, and slip an iron washer over the screw to keep its head from pulling through the holes.

Screw the lower ends of the boom strips A to the end of beam E. Drive a nail into block B, attach one end



of a three-foot piece of cord to it, and tie the other end to one windlass. This is the cable by which the boom is raised and lowered. Use a cord five or six feet long for the hoisting cable, tie one end to the second windlass spool, run the cord over pulley D, and tie the other end to a hook bent out of a hairpin (Fig. 7). Fig. 1 shows how the windlasses are locked by loops of string.

Build the cabin of cardboard. Fig. 8 shows the front and one side. Cut the two long openings in the front for the cables to run through, and the square opening for beam E to fit in; and cut the square opening in the side of the right side and in the right place for the windlass spools to pass through (Fig. 1). There need be but one doorway. Tack the walls to the sides of the turntable, the sides together, as shown with paper strips. Make the tracks of strips just wide enough for the spool wheels to run upon, and connect them with cross pieces.

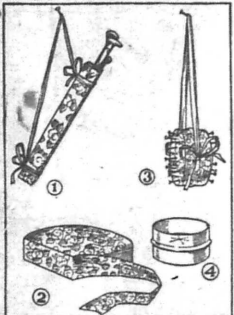
A DRESSER SET IN CRETONNE.

The hatpin receptacle in Fig. 1 requires a long, slender box such as hatpins are sold in. Sew or glue the cover on the box, cut off the end so the box will be several inches shorter than the hatpins, and cover with cretonne.

Figures 2 and 3 show two dainty pin-cushions. The square one is made of a small box cover, filled with sawdust, with a covering of cheese-cloth fastened over the top.

The hanging pin-cushion (Fig. 2) requires two round pill boxes. Glue these together bottom to bottom, as shown in Fig. 4, then fill one at a time with sawdust, cover, and finish by sewing a band of cretonne about the edge of the boxes, and attaching a loop of ribbon to hang it by.

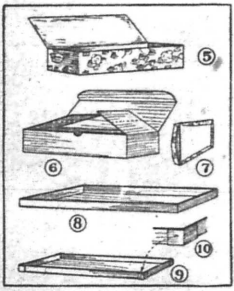
The glove box in Fig. 5 is made of a cracker box of the form shown in Fig. 6. First cut off the end flaps so they will be just long enough to turn down and fasten to the inside of the ends (see dotted lines in Fig. 6), and remove the flap on the lid. Cover



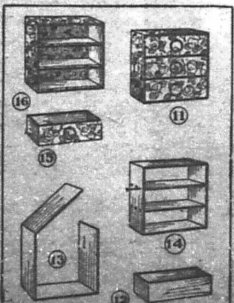
the outside of the box and lid with cretonne first; then cut pieces of cardboard to fit the inside, bottom, ends and sides; cover these with padding and then with silk (Fig. 7), and glue in place.

Get the cover to a shoe box for the brush and comb tray shown in Fig. 8. Reinforce the corners with pieces of cardboard folded and glued to them, as shown in Figs. 9 and 10. Then put on the cretonne covering. Cut one piece of the right size to fit the bottom of the cover and lap over the rim and on to the inside, then, after stitching this in place, cut a piece of cardboard to fit the bottom inside, cover it with cretonne (Fig. 7), and glue this covering piece to the inside of the cover. This completes the tray.

Figure 11 shows a dainty trinket chest with three drawers. After seeing how to construct it, you can make yours to contain as many drawers as



you wish. Small cardboard boxes form the drawers (Fig. 12). You can get empty spool boxes at a dry goods store. Slip one upon another and figure out the dimensions for the chest. Then fold a piece of cardboard as shown in Fig. 13, to make a case of the right size, and after bringing the folded ends together, bind them with a strip of paper (Fig. 14). Next cut strips of cardboard for shelves, and fasten these between the ends of the case by running pins through into their ends, as shown in Fig. 14. When the shelves have been adjusted properly, cover the back, ends, top and bottom of the case with cretonne (Fig.



15), also the front of the drawer boxes (Fig. 16); and sew a fabricwork lining to the center of the front of each drawer (Fig. 17) by which to open

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The office of County Auditor Case is being remodeled to make room for the office of the tax commissioner's department which will be moved into this room in the first of the year. The country of the fling cases which were in the front of the room are being torn out and will be moved nearer the door to make more room.

How much is Ohio's public school property worth in dollars and cents? Here is the answer: \$101,241,108. Some princely amount for a state to spend for the education of its school youth, is it not? These figures are official. They cover the year which ended Aug. 31, 1915, and were prepared by Prof. H. D. Swygart, statistician in the state department of public instruction.

You may expect a shortage of bananas this winter, according to information from a local fruit dealer, who says the big fruit commission houses have sent out word to the effect that the European war almost every ship has been taken over by the warring governments as transports and munition ships, and few are left in the fruit service, so that it is almost impossible to bring cargoes of bananas from Central America to New Orleans and New York.

Young men of to-day who are comfortably settled on the farm, or are just completing their education preparatory to a life career, should remain right where they are and never leave the green fields of the country. The great cities will offer them white lights and dissipation and debauchery and failure in nine cases out of ten and death will find them wishing they had never fled from the comforts of the old fireside. But not so the country. It offers them a life of freedom and manhood and usefulness, with plenty to eat and to wear, and health, happiness and a clear conscience.

The manufacturer of a well known automobile tire says the life of a tire can easily be doubled if the driver exercises a bit of horse sense in controlling his machine. The secret is this: "Brake gently—don't lock the wheels! In nearly every case a car stops more quickly if the brakes are applied without locking the wheels, than if the wheels are locked by too vigorous breaking. Gentleness is the essential thing in brake application. Therefore, apply the brakes as seldom as necessary, and be careful not to lock the wheels. It will pay you to follow this advice." Some drivers, especially drivers who never pay for a tire, never exercise in controlling to slow down at crossings or corners, but bang ahead at full speed and when they see they must stop, jam on the brakes at the last second. Cut it out—and there will be fewer accidents and less tires ruined.

Notice.

It was rumored among our friends during the past week that we sold out our store and bakery and were going to leave Plymouth. This is a false report. We wish to thank our many friends for their favors during the past year, and solicit your good will and patronage for the coming year of 1916.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

MR. and MRS. J. G. O'HERON.

"Dick to Dick" In Court.

The Mansfield News of Dec. 3, besides publishing an excellent cut, has this to say concerning a former Plymouth girl:

"Mrs. Frank Pease, the young woman who, as Mabel Foster Abbott, was the discoverer of the famous 'Dick to Dick' letter, alleged to have been written by Richard S. Ryan, a promoter, to Richard A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior in the Taft administration, is going into court in New York in an action, the trial of which may throw some light on that famous case. She is suing a street railroad company for injuries. It was Mrs. Pease, then Miss Abbott, who, investigating for a weekly publication, said she saw the 'Dick to Dick' postscript to the letter. In some way it mysteriously disappeared from the interior department files.

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 today. Avoid the risk of serious ailments. Depend on Dr. King's New Discovery.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Harley Fate spent Monday with friends in Cleveland, O.

Miss A. M. Briggs will spend Christmas with Ashland relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller will be Christmas guests of Detroit friends.

Mrs. Harry Smith has gone to Jackson, Mich., for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. E. M. Patterson was a visitor in Mt. Vernon Sunday and Monday.

Wayne Underwood, student at the Ohio Wesleyan, is home for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. E. A. Bevier will spend the holidays at Piqua, O., with Dr. Montgomery and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Connolly, who have been in Pittsburgh for the past week or more, returned Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Drennan will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Geer and family, of Galion, O.

Mrs. Wesley Ritter and children went to Clyde Tuesday, where they will be Christmas guests of relatives.

Mrs. Will Trimmer and daughter, Grace, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Erva Trimmer of Chicago Junction Friday.

Mrs. Lona Luxon and daughter, Lucile, are week end Xmas guests of her sister, Mrs. Moyer, at Lewis Center.

Mrs. Clara Seiler left Tuesday noon for New London, where she will be the guest of her son, Ross Seiler and family, over the holidays.

Mrs. Chas. McDonough and son, of Cleveland, have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nimmons and other Plymouth friends this week.

Chas. West and Armin Clark left Monday morning on the 10:41 car for a trip through the southern states and possibly to Cuba, expecting to be gone until spring.

E. A. Bell, wife and daughters, Elcanor and Rosamond, of West Liberty, arrived Thursday evening to remain over the holidays, guests of Plymouth relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reed leave for Toledo this (Friday) evening, where they will be Christmas and week-end guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hoyt.

Kenneth M. Reed, who is attending school at West Liberty, accompanied by his niece, Ruth Bell, arrived Sunday evening for a two weeks' holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brewbaker left for Wooster, O., Wednesday to be guests at the home of Prof. and Mrs. F. B. Meyer and family, and where they will be joined by Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Sykes and family, and Miss Lotta Brewbaker, of Cleveland, O., for the Christmas dinner.

Chol Dyspepsia Ger.
 Digests what you eat.

DOUBLY PROVEN.

Plymouth Readers Can No Longer Doubt the Evidence.

This Plymouth citizen testified long ago. Fuld of quick relief—of undoubted benefit.

The facts are now confirmed. It forms convincing proof of merit.

W. H. Fetters, proprietor of machine shop, Bell St., Plymouth, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills for years for backache and other kidney troubles and have always had benefit. Others of my family have also had good results from Doan's Kidney Pills." (Statement given Nov. 24, 1911.)

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Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't Simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Fetters had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Needed.

Mr. P. W. Frederick, Mgr., Mansfield-Ohio Business College, Mansfield, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

We are in need of another young man who can take shorthand notes; must be eighteen years old; this position will pay about \$50.00 per month to start. Chance for advancement for the right party.

If you have a young man in your school who would care to make application for this position, will you kindly arrange to have him come to my office in the very near future?

Yours truly,

This letter was received Oct. 25th from a foreman in a shop of one of the largest railroad companies in America, and speaks for itself.

This makes the fifth call we have had for young men to do stenographic and other office work the past few weeks and we had but two young men whom we could recommend. It is needless to say that we succeeded in placing them.

HAVE YOU WEAK LUNGS?

Do colds settle on your chest or in your bronchial tubes? Do coughs hang on, or are you subject to throat troubles? Such troubles should have immediate treatment with the strengthening powers of Scott's Emulsion to guard against consumption which so easily follows.

Scott's Emulsion contains pure cod liver oil which peculiarly strengthens the respiratory tract and improves the quality of the blood; the glycerine in it soothes and lessens the tender membranes of the throat. Scott's is prescribed by the best special lists. You can get it at any drug store. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

10-room iron roof house, with extra lot on north-west corner Broadway and Park avenue. Rents for \$14.00 per month. \$2,000. Any offer will be submitted to present owner, who is living to jar away to handle this property.

8-room iron roof house and barn. Double lot on Park avenue, \$1,900.

See Fred Clark or write

C. J. LASER, Shelby, Ohio.

Grace Sage



Stock Holders Meeting.

The annual meeting of share-holders of The Peoples National Bank of Plymouth, for purpose of electing Directors for ensuing year, will be held at their banking office, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916, between the hours of 1 and 2 p. m.

JNO. I. BEELMAN, Cashier.

Wheeler Will.

In the will of Amanda J. Wheeler, late of Plymouth township, which has been filed for probate, the testatrix gives all her property, both personal and real, to her son, Gilbert D. Wheeler, absolutely. The testatrix had five children and gives as her reason for bequeathing all her property to one son, that she had always made her home with him.

Taxes.

I now have the tax duplicate for Plymouth Township, and Plymouth Village in Richland county. Taxes are due Dec. 20. E. K. TRAUGER.

Help Your Liver—It Pays.

When your liver gets torpid and your stomach acts queer, take Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will find yourself feeling better. They purify the blood, give you freedom from constipation, biliousness, dizziness and indigestion. You feel fine—just like you want to feel. Clear the complexion too. 25c at druggists.

For Rent—Four rooms, two furnished for light housekeeping, will rent furnished or unfurnished, with bath. Inquire 451 Broadway or phone L. 171.



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EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT.

ERRORS OF VISION CORRECTED AND GLASSES PRESCRIBED. Will be at the Smith Hotel every second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

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Look closely at the wasteful fire arrangement of the ordinary range! Then compare it with the Eclipse double cooking-capacity feature, which makes the heat go under every lid before it can get out.

ECLIPSE STOVES AND RANGES

are just as advanced as this in every feature of good cooking and fuel-saving. All are built for long life and perfect service. Come in and let us show you the line. It will not obligate you to buy, but will convince you that Eclipse Stoves and Ranges are perfect firekeepers, easily cleaned and satisfactory all around. Learn all about these unusual features found only on the Eclipse—this Hot-All-Over Top and the wonderful Adjustable Damper which saves fuel. Come in.

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JAPANESE GOODS

Just in time for gifts. They please all who see them. Trays, Bowls, Handkerchiefs, Robes, Fancy Boxes and Incense Burners.

Handkerchiefs

A special lot of very pretty, pure linen, at the popular price of 25c. Fancy embroidered handkerchiefs at only 5c each.

1916 Spring Embroidery

New and up-to-date spring styles. Just the thing for

Christmas Gifts

Do not miss seeing them, whether you wish to purchase or not.

Silk Petticoat Special at \$2.98

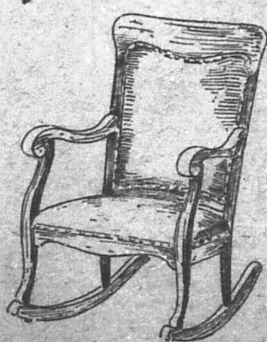
Waists

Special price of \$1.00 on a lot of waists. See them.

Hand Embroidered Pillow Tops, Gowns and Pillow Cases. Also hand crochet work. Prices right. Lookers always welcome.

Elnora Taylor.

Merry Christmas!



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The Baker's Friend indeed In which we bake the many things We need and which you need. Quite different, though, in form and size From the cook-stove even o'er which the signs Of the Good Housewife so often rise—

TRZ OUR BAKING, WE SUCCEED!

HOME BAKERY

J. G. O'Heron, Prop.

Merry Christmas!
 This is Christmas day.
 What has left to brag of?
 Are you going to swear off swearing off?
 And now the days will soon grow longer.
 1915 will wind up its career on Friday.
 Yes! And Teddy is ready to break in again.
 What did you get? We got a hole in our stocking.
 Those show windows certainly looked the candy, all right.
 Wilson is good in watchful waiting in all lines but matrimony.
 Cold weather isn't so bad if it would stop softening now and then.
 Bushnell's orchestra of Mansfield, will furnish the music for the W. K. of P. dance New Year's eve.
 Mrs. A. E. Derringer has so far recovered from her recent attack of pneumonia as to be up and about the house.
 If there is any thing you do not know about the new first lady of the land, you haven't read the newspapers.
 We can't all be rich, and we won't all be paupers, but we can have a deal of fun trotting along in the middle of the road.
 What a glorious thing it would be if 1915 could find this town without a knacker, and with everyone a booster. And it could, if you would.
 The following is a recent Plymouth township real estate transfer: "Heber Brown to John Chamption, 120 acres, Plymouth township, \$12,600.
 A marriage license was issued in the Richland county probate court Tuesday to John Russell Snyder and Hazel Brodhead, all of Plymouth township.
 A year's subscription to the Advertiser, together with a receipt, would surely make an acceptable Christmas gift to some absent or distant friend.
 A big Christmas dance is billed for Hamilton's hall tonight (Saturday) and a cordial invitation is extended to all. A three piece orchestra will furnish the music and an admission of 50c will admit you.
 The Music and Study Club will meet with Mrs. Harry Dick on Tuesday evening, Dec. 25, at 7:30. Those who have been intending to become members of the club should be present at this meeting.
 At a meeting of the council Tuesday evening the ordinance declaring it necessary to proceed with the improvement of North street was passed and its first publication will be found in this week's issue.
 Senator Warren G. Harding has taken up with the State Department the question of obtaining a release from prison of Dr. F. N. Seeley, a former convict, now confined in the prison, Germany.
 It is believed that more than 1000 people will be present when the collection is held. Fair, to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. before the opening of the new school building.
 Announcements: The following are the names of the twenty-five or more dwelling houses, an additional 100 or more rooms to our school building with an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 500.
 Louis E. Hart, a few years ago a B & O operator in the tower at the depot, died suddenly at his home in Fredericktown, Monday, from the effects of apoplexy. Deceased was 48 years old and leaves a wife and one daughter.
 Because the ballot did not designate who was running for the long and for the short term. Attorney General Turner has ruled that the Gallop school board election last November was not valid and that the old board will hold over.
 The public schools closed Thursday evening for the holiday vacation and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3, for the winter term. Several of the teachers will spend their vacation at their old home town, while many of the pupils visit out of town during vacation.
 The Knights of Pithias Club have issued over 200 invitations to their New Year reception and ball to be given at Hamilton's hall on Friday evening of the coming week. Good music will be provided and all lovers of dancing are looking forward to a good time.
 The tragedy steamer, Eastland, upon which over 800 lost their lives last summer, was sold for \$14,000 at auction Monday, at Chicago. E. A. Evers of the Illinois naval reserve, was the successful bidder. The Eastland will be used as a trading ship. She was valued at a quarter of a million.
 Recently the blacksmiths of Spocan and S. J. Lasky counties held a meeting at Clyde and those of Huron and Crawford counties met at Norwalk and at these meetings the following uniform scale of prices was adopted:
 One old shoe set, 50c; one new shoe set, including No. 10, 60c; No. 6 and larger, 50c each; bar shoes up to sixes, \$1.50 per pair; bar shoes, seven and larger, \$2.00 per pair; side calks on old shoes, 5c each.

Chicago Junction got a Christmas present in the shape of a new postmaster in the person of Dr. Kumbauer.
 The W. H. M. Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. John Egan Wednesday afternoon, December 29.
 S-room, iron roof house and barn, double lot, all in A-1 condition, on Park avenue. See Fred Clark or write C. J. Laser, Shelby, Ohio.
 The condition of Mrs. J. Hemminger, who has been confined to her bed for a few weeks past with pneumonia, shows slight daily gains.
 E. A. Chappell, who has been seriously ill from kidney trouble at his home on Sandusky street for several days past, is reported to be slightly improved.
 The Cannons girls of this place packed a box and sent it to the Richland county children's home, and no doubt but what their thoughtful act will bring cheer to the inmates of the home.
 The Hawk's Nest, which has been in the hands of a receiver pretty much all summer and fall, has adjusted its affairs and is again meeting in regular sessions in their room over the Derringer & Hilborn barber shop.
 Dr. R. C. Price will be here Monday, January 3, at his father's place of business for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. He will be here for the one day only, so make your call as early as possible.
 Yes, girls, your dear old grandmothers may have smoked a clay pipe in secret, but she didn't powder her nose or show a yard of her leg in public, with a bunch of fur around the bottom.
 In almost every family there is one member who simply has to work hard and save his money, in order to have it on hand to lend to the others when they need it, and who thus gets the reputation among them of being stingy.
 Only one more week until leap year, girls. And you don't have to be a suffragette to vote on that subject. There will be only one presiding judge—unless he hands you his resignation—and you can vote as many times as you wish.
 For Sale—10-room iron roof house, corner of W. Broadway and Park avenue. Rents for \$14.00 per month. Make us an offer on the property. Double lot, stone sidewalk, property in good condition. See Fred Clark Write C. J. Laser, Shelby, Ohio.

Suffering from a well developed case of grippe, Dr. E. Motley, while working with a patient in his dental office Monday forenoon, was seized with a fainting spell and fell to the floor. He was taken to his home where he has been laid up the greater part of the week.
 Jay Trimmer, well known in this place and a former New Haven boy, who for several years has conducted a livery business in Ashland, died at his home in the above place Monday evening, from pneumonia. Funeral services were held Thursday, interment being made in the cemetery at North Fairfield.
 If you want to hunt on New Year's day, don't forget that you will have a big hunting license. General John C. Speaks, state game warden, has ruled that a new license will be necessary if any person hunts on the last day of the open season for rabbits. The information is given that the rabbit season remains open through Saturday, Jan. 1.
 Two Richland county men are candidates for offices in the grand lodge of the Odd Fellows at the annual election to be held in the subordinate lodges over the state at the first regular meeting this month. Frank S. Culp, of Butler, is a candidate for grand warden, and Geo. Mittenboler of Plymouth, is a candidate for grand secretary.

Dry measures can again be used by grocers and others who sell vegetables. The dry measures must be of uniform shape and size, however, conforming to state regulation. The new measures will therefore be low and wide, instead of those with deep narrow dimensions. It will now be possible to sell potatoes and apples by measure as well as by the pound.
 A very pleasant affair of last week was the Theatre Ten party given by Mrs. Solomon Spear and Mrs. John Sherman Fleming, to a hundred and twenty-five friends, who enjoyed a five reel comedy drama, entitled, "The Galloper", at the Deisler Theatre. After the entertainment at the Theatre the guests were entertained at the Spear home on Mulberry avenue, where the time was spent in social conversation and music, and a dainty tea was served. Quite a number of out-of-town guests were present.

Beginning with the first of the year we have a number of subscribers to whom we have sent the paper as long as the law will allow us. Therefore unless their subscription is renewed by Jan. 8, 1915, we will be obliged to cut their names from our list, and should they wish to receive the paper after this date they will respectfully understand the reason. We do not desire to discontinue the paper in any instance, but must do so in order to comply with the law. Kindly drop in or send us your renewal before the above date so that we may not be obliged to cancel your name from our list. We need your support and you can surely scrape up a dollar for a year's subscription.

Relying upon the information furnished us as to where Jacob Week met with his accident as stated in last week's Advertiser, we gave the facts as told us. However, the parties on whose walk it is claimed he fell deny the assertion, claiming he did not fall there, but twice on a stone walk further up the street. They do not deny the walk is in bad shape but do deny that Mr. Week fell thereon. It was not our intention to do injustice to any one, therefore give the version as stated to us by the owner of the board walk.
 The Spender or the Fortunes of Peter, a Gold Rooster play in five parts will be the special feature at the Deisler Theatre for Wednesday evening, Dec. 23. The play is full of deep plot and romance, tinged with just enough humor to make it very interesting, and is a play all will want to see. On Sunday evening "Pursuits of Pleasure," a three real drama, also a Gold Rooster production, and one full of thrills and excitement, will also be shown at the same play house together with a one reel comedy. The admission price to either one of these entertainments will be 10c to all.

Bear well in mind that the next number of the lecture course will take place Monday evening, Jan. 3. Tickets for the remainder of the course can be had for 75c, just one-half the single admission price of the three remaining numbers. And then, too the promoters need your support! The failure of a course marks that community as dead to the best interests of its finest assets—its boys and girls—who need the inspiration of a lecture course and entertainments. The success of the course marks the community as a live one, where physical, mental and spiritual growth are alike conserved.
 Florida, or The Rose and Pearl, a very pretty operetta, was rendered by the pupils of the third and fourth grades of Plymouth public schools at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon under the supervision of Miss Helen Shield, who was ably assisted by Miss Alice Stephens, and the manner in which the little people acquitted themselves showed they had been thoroughly tutored. Miss Helen Shield was pianist and Prof. C. G. Kern, violinist, furnished the music, the whole combining to make a very pleasing afternoon's entertainment.

Jacob Week, of whose accident we made mention last week, died at his home on Trux street Monday evening, aged 64 years. Mr. Week for over 28 years was janitor of the public school building, which duties he performed well, and on account of his good work, and in honor of his health gave up his labors there some few years ago and has since been incapacitated from doing any manual labor. His condition, together with shock and broken ribs was more than his frail body could withstand, and the slender chord which bound him to this earth was snapped asunder, and his spirit took its flight to Him who gave it. Funeral services were held from St. Joseph's Catholic church Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. He is survived by one son, a daughter and two brothers.

It takes an extremely versatile artist to win success in the difficult field of art reading. Ability to understand human nature in its varying moods, and to present those moods correctly to the audience, and to people the platform with the personalities of the characters portrayed, is a fundamental requirement. In this difficult field of artistic effort Miss Grace Sage, who is to be heard here on January 3, in a reading of J. Hartley Manners' beautiful play, "Peg O' My Heart", has been unusually successful. Miss Sage is specially gifted for her work, being possessed of a splendid voice, youth, beauty, and artistic temperament. She is filling this season the biggest season ever booked for an artist during her first year on the Affiliated Bureau's lists.

Announcements carrying names of Richland county men who will make up the new tax adjusting board, which is officially known as the board of revision were made last week by county officials whose duty it is to select such men for office. Those chosen are William B. Martin, Mansfield, Democrat; P. S. Lybarger, Shelby, Republican, and A. R. Stickler, Butler, Democrat. The appointments must be certified to the state tax commission for approval. All of the men, it is said today, will accept. The board of revision has been created by state laws recently enacted to take the place of boards of review and boards of complaints, as heretofore they have been known. The duties, however, are different in several measures.

Christmas Dinner.
 The Smith Hotel will serve a Christmas turkey dinner, with necessary trimmings, Sunday, Dec. 26, at 50 cents per plate.
Notice.
 Since the next number of the lecture course will be on the evening of January 3rd, the Twentieth Century Circle will postpone their meeting to Tuesday evening, December 29th, at the home of Miss Dronberger.
 By order of the Pres.
 J. S. Seville, Sec.

Notice.
 On Jan. 1st the firm name of Hatch & Hatch will change to R. B. Hatch. All persons indebted to the firm of Hatch & Hatch, are requested to call and settle. This is very important and must be attended to promptly. All accounts not settled in full or in part within the next thirty days shall be left for collection.
 For Sale—Violin—Complete outfit, violin, bow, case, etc. Very reasonable if taken soon. Enquire at this office.
 For Sale—Good force pump, used only short time. Very reasonable if sold soon. See F. L. Becker.

Pony Sale.
SHETLANDS.
 The Christmas Present What Is!
 We have ten head of beauties for sale, ranging in age from 5 months to 5 years. Will be sold very reasonable at prices as follows:
\$35 to \$65.
 A. E. DeVore, Plymouth, O.

AUTOMOBILE OWNERS ATTENTION!
 We will take care of your storage battery this winter, and charge once every month for 75cts per month.
 It pays to take care of a battery during winter months.
Fetters' Garage,
 Plymouth, Ohio.


DEISLER THEATRE
Saturday Night
 SHADOWS FROM THE PAST
 4 reel drama
 ONE REEL COMEDY
Sunday Night.
 PURSUITS OF PLEASURE
 3 reel drama
 ONE REEL COMEDY
Wednesday Evening
 THE SPENDER
 5 reel drama
PRICE - 10c TO ALL

LOCAL MARKET REPORT.
 Eggs (cash) 34
 Eggs (in trade) 36
 Butter 23 to 25
 Lard 1.22
 Oats, old 39 to 38
 Corn, per cwt 1.10

Xmas Time
IS DRESS UP TIME
 Personal appearance is essential to the enjoyment of this holiday season. And to that end we have anticipated your needs.
Overcoats and Suits
 The best and latest at prices to suit your inclination. Our line of Men and Boy's Furnishings is so complete as to make your Christmas shopping a pleasure. We extend to one all a hearty invitation to visit our store.
M. Shield & Son
 Men and Boy's Outfitters
 The Big Store 25 Years the Best

What do you want for Christmas?

 Doesn't that sound familiar?
 And how often mother or sister reply: "O, a nice pair of shoes!" Every pair of JOHN KELLY shoes in this store is attractive enough for a gift and worthy of the giver. If you know the size we can do the rest. Or we can arrange so that the one for whom the shoes are intended can have them fitted personally after the holidays. An excellent line of men's and women's slippers.
DICK BROTHERS

A Bank Deposit is the Combination to Success

 OPPORTUNITY knocks once at every man's door." But many an opportunity is lost when the man who sees it hasn't the wherewithal to take advantage of it. It is the man with the **READY CASH** IN BANK who derives the benefit! If you haven't an account, open one today. When the opportunity arrives
YOUR CHECK BOOK WILL BE READY!
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THOUSANDS PAID BETTER SALARIES

FACTS MADE PUBLIC BY CHIEF STATISTICIAN OF THE STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

INTERESTING FIGURES GIVEN

Average Increase Was About One Dollar Per Week—Printed Copies of Report Will Be Distributed.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Columbus.—Union wages in Ohio were higher on Jan. 15, 1915, than one year before; five-sixths of the 18,000 workmen receiving increases got them by peaceable conferences and agreements with their employers, while one-sixth got them by striking. These facts are shown in a report made public by Fred C. Croston, chief statistician of the State Industrial Commission.

The average increase was about \$1 a week. This applies only to those receiving higher pay, which was about one-fourth of the 75,000 union workmen covered by this report. Those who secured increases by conferences and agreements with employers were 15,000 and 3,000 got higher pay by striking.

General classifications of trades covered by the report are bakery, building, brewing, metal, printing (book, job and newspaper) and miscellaneous. Cities from which figures were gathered are Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Hamilton, Lima, Lorain, Newark, Springfield, Toledo, Youngstown and Zanesville. Reports were secured mainly from officers of union organizations or from formal wage scales.

Printed copies of the reports will be furnished free by the industrial commission later to labor bodies, building or contractors' associations, or other employers. Lima was the only city which showed no appreciable increase in union wages, in Mr. Croston's report.

Liable to Fines.

Under a ruling of Judge Frank Taggart, superintendent of the state insurance department, any bank, trust company or loan company, which, through an officer or employee, who is the licensed agent of a fire insurance company, forces a borrower to cancel insurance he may carry elsewhere, and take out new insurance in the company represented by the officer or employee, under pain of being refused the desired loan, will render itself liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

Columbus.—The state department indicate that this unlawful practice has been common throughout the state, and that it has been unusually prevalent in Cleveland. Something like 60 per cent of the financial institutions of the latter city have been found according to information obtained by Deputy State Insurance Commissioner Frank B. Patrick, who personally investigated the extent of the practice. The ruling of Superintendent Taggart has come as a result of his findings.

Training School.

Adjt. Gen. Benson W. Hough desires Cincinnati to take up the same sort of civilian military training that Cleveland has taken up. The matter is to be referred to R. L. Hays, adjutant general. Col. William Cooper Procter, of the first infantry, Ohio National Guard, with the suggestion that the state authorities will be glad to lend help to them in organizing a military school such as Cleveland has. The adjutant general is in agreement with the officers of the state with the suggestion that the plan be adopted.

Foreign Corporations.

Attorney General Turner. In an opinion to the State Tax Commission, held that the annual corporation franchise tax on foreign manufacturing corporations doing business in Ohio must be based on the Ohio factory sales, and the factory value of the goods manufactured in the state, less the cost of raw materials. This basis is in addition to the value of the capital and plants in this state. The tax rate on such business is three-twentieths of one per cent.

Stock Issue of \$13.

With all the formality attending the action on a big issue of securities, the public utilities commission authorized a stock issue of \$13. It was for the Middleport Home Telephone company of Van Wert county, as an addition for a former stock issue of \$2,545 in order to make the amount of each share an even number of dollars. Farmers are the principal stock owners.

High Court to Decide.

The supreme court was asked to pass on the question whether a saloon license has a value which can be made the basis of a breach of contract suit. The case involving the point arose in Cleveland, where August Kechny agreed to sell his liquor license to Michael Mull for \$2,500. The Cuyahoga county liquor licensing board refused to allow the transfer, and Mull was compelled to buy another license for \$2,500. He then sued Kechny for the \$2,500 balance, alleging breach of contract.

More Litigation.

More litigation is likely to follow the establishment of the validity of the Barnes-Moore civil service act. In general, the new test may involve the question of whether the government is virtually at its pleasure set aside the civil service law with respect to many of the state departments and compel the selection of employees of his own political faith, regardless of their standing in civil service examinations. The latest lawsuit involves an attempt to secure a construction of the laws rather than an assault upon them. In many of the laws governing the departments is the provision that they shall be made on approval of the governor. All of these statutes, however, were enacted before the Barnes-Moore civil service law, which is the latest enactment on the general subject of appointments. Like its predecessor, it requires that all appointments shall be made from eligible lines which are secured by giving competitive examinations.

Municipal Ownership.

Contractors engaged in the business of erecting electric light plants have written to the supreme court reporter for copies of the decision of the court in the case of Dravo-Doyle versus The Village of Orville, in which the court held invalid the section of law compelling village to acquire privately owned gas or electric light works before entering into competition with the existing companies.

The solicitude as to the decision foretells, according to public utility men, a period of activity in encouraging village ownership in villages. The field is an lucrative one even though the contracts individually are not large. One of the incidental effects of the decision, it is said, will be that little more capital will go into privately owned public utilities in the village, which the ruling removes the last bit of protection against competitive and other forms of raids on the properties.

On Lecture Platform.

Dewey Hanes, the 18-year-old Arcanum boy who won the boys' state corn and wheat growing contests this year, will take his place on the lecture platform with the leading agricultural experts in this country for farmers' work to be held the first week in February at Ohio State university. Dewey has been secured to lecture to the 125 boys who were prize winners in the 42 counties where the agricultural extension department of the university held boys' stock judging contests this fall and summer on "How I Raise Wheat and Corn." These 125 boys will be guests of the agricultural extension department for the week and while in Columbus will take part in a stock judging contest to decide the leading boy stock judge in the state.

Record is Made.

The County Auditors' association made a record this year. It did not adopt a single resolution nor make any suggestion as to changes in the laws. A half day was spent before adjourning in discussing the tax system and the work of putting into effect the new Parrett-Whittemore bill. It was developed that Hamilton county is one of the very few in which appropriation was made for the work or adjustment of land appraisal inequalities as the county auditor. At that time the auditors elected these officers: J. M. Pierce, Clark county, president; Ralph Oberlin, Stark county, vice president; Albert Davis, Lake county, treasurer, and Sam A. Hudson, of the state tax commission, secretary.

Allowance Not Sufficient.

The Hocking Valley Railroad filed with the public utilities commission a new tariff on coal from the Nelsonville District to Toledo, restoring the old rate of \$1. It asks that this tariff be made effective January 20, 1915. The present rate is 75 cents per ton. The new tariff is taxed by no pleading or explanation, and in view of the fact that the present rate has been sustained by the supreme court of the state after four years of litigation, caused considerable wonderment. The commission took no action on the tariff, but assumed that if the case now before it has not been determined by January 20 the tariff bill will then be suspended pending a hearing.

Appointments Made.

Three appointments were announced by Governor Willis. Douglas Perkins, Republican of Cleveland, and Benjamin McKinnis, Democrat of Parma, were designated members of the state board of charities. Perkins was reappointed. McKinnis succeeds M. T. Mooney, Democrat, of Cleveland. Both appointments are for terms ending on September 15, 1915. McKinnis was state inspector under Governor Harmon. Dr. W. W. Ryall, Republican of Youngstown, was appointed to succeed R. H. Grube, Republican of Xenia, as member of the state board of health for the term ending December 13th, 1922.

Nurses Registering.

Some 2,500 nurses have registered with the State Medical Board so as to avoid being required to take the examination for a license, which test will be given at the beginning of the first of the new year. Each must bring scores of applications for registration. Several additional clerks are at work at the office of the board to take care of the rush in business being referred to the new nurses' registration law. With the beginning of the new year each applicant will have to pass an examination.

HOLDS SUBMARINE CHIEF RESPONSIBLE

U. S. Contends Commander Violated Law of Nations When He Torpedoed Ancona.

SENDS NOTE TO AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL

Says Report Admits That Vessel Was Fired On After Engines Had Been Stopped and When Passengers Were Still Aboard.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfold, "Department of State, Washington, December 19, 1915.

"You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: "The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiadenek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board.

Holds Commander Responsible.

"This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances, the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

Principles of Humanity Violated.

"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine, have been so long and so universally recognized, and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate the act of these denials of the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

"The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of these denials, and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of these demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.

"LANSING."

CHINESE START REVOLT

FIVE PROVINCES SECEDE AND FUNDS FOR REVOLUTION ARE PLEDGED.

San Francisco, Cal.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association, has just received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, which said five Chinese provinces had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

The provinces concerned in the revolution, according to the cablegram, Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Yunnan, Szechuan and Kweichow.

Mr. Tong said he believed the action of the five provinces would be followed by similar declarations from all parts of China.

He said the Chinese in America were strongly opposed to the return of China to the monarchical form of government. Large sums, he said, had been pledged by California Chinese to finance a general revolution.

Complete Rural Credits Bill.

Washington.—A rural credits bill to be introduced in both houses of congress after the holidays has been virtually completed by the special joint committee created by the last congress for report at this session. Only a few details remain to be decided. The measure provides for a system of co-operative local associations, federated with regional land banks, which banks would have the power to issue bonds based on land mortgages of local associations. The land banks would be supervised by the government.

ALLIES WITHDRAW FROM GALLIOLI PENINSULA

Ending the First Chapter of What Experts Call a 'Colossal Failure.'

ACCOMPLISHED WITH FEW CASUALTIES

The General Opinion of Military Experts is That the Troops Have Been Sent to Saloniki or to Egypt.

London, England.—The allies have withdrawn all their forces from the Salva bay and Anzac zones on the Gallipoli peninsula. This ends the first chapter of what military experts declare "the most colossal failure of the war." After 10 months of fighting the allies now hold approximately four and a half miles at the extreme tip of the peninsula.

Move Decided by Cabinet.

Official statements issued by the press bureau Monday announced the withdrawal. Premier Asquith, in a house of commons address, said that the transfer was made in pursuance of a decision reached by the cabinet some time ago. Neither the statements nor the premier made clear whether the entire campaign is to be abandoned.

"The retirement was carried out most successfully. The impossible task of withdrawing approximately 100,000 men to transports was accomplished with few casualties.

"Without the Turks being aware of the movement," says an official statement, "a great army has been withdrawn from the Gallipoli area and concentrated on the Gallipoli peninsula, although in the closest of contact with the enemy. By this contraction of the front operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out.

Mr. Charles Monro gives great credit for the ability of the area commander for the transfer of forces to the generals commanding and the royal navy.

Where Have Troops Been Sent.

The allied retirement is regarded here as one of the most deeply significant military decisions of the war. The question of the area commander has the troops been sent? The general opinion of military experts is that they have been dispatched either to Saloniki or Egypt.

The allies are determined, it is believed, to remain on the defensive in the Balkans until the spring, when they will attempt a successful offensive.

For this reason it is generally believed that if the Germans attempt an advance against Saloniki they will find themselves confronted with the veteran Australian and New Zealand corps, who vainly tried to open a road to the interior of the peninsula. Saloniki is only 200 miles across the northern end of the Aegean sea from Gallipoli. It would occasion no surprise here if the entire force already in the Balkan theater.

On the other hand, the German military experts are confident that England to increase her armies there.

Losses estimated at 2,500 have been inflicted on the Turks who are attacking the British at Kut-el-Amara, according to a report from Gen. Townshend, commander of the English forces in the region of Looz, and other less intense in the direction of Bully, the small fort at Givency and the road from Lille.

Paris, France.—The official report says: "Artillery actions of considerable violence were fought on Monday in the region of Looz, and other less intense in the direction of Bully, the small fort at Givency and the road from Lille."

Seek Firebugs.

Gibsonburg, C.—The state fire marshal to investigate a fire which, early Monday morning, practically destroyed the residence of Christ Berens. About a week ago Berens, 32, who lived alone in his property on Stone-st, found a note bearing the signature of Black Monday from the door. He turned the note over to Mayor Kneip at the time.

Left Estate Valued at Over \$6,000,000.

New York City.—Jacob Ruppert, former head of the brewing establishment of Jacob Ruppert, Inc., left an estate valued at \$6,232,753. This was disclosed Monday when his executors filed an accounting in the surrogate court. In his will he bequeathed the estate to his widow and their four children. He provided that his son, George Ruppert, should have active management of the brewing business.

Get \$500 Worth of Jewelry.

Lima, O.—Another early morning jewelry robbery was pulled off within a half a block of police headquarters Monday night. A person threw a brick through the window of the Harry Bystendrop jewelry store and escaped with more than \$500 worth of diamond rings.

Newlyweds Busy Day.

Hot Springs, Va.—President Woodrow Wilson and his bride abandoned plans to play golf Monday to reply to hundreds of messages of congratulation from personal friends, relatives and officials. Since reaching here the new couple has been busy with social duties. Monday morning a person threw a brick through the window of the Harry Bystendrop jewelry store and escaped with more than \$500 worth of diamond rings.

WILLIAM R. WOOD



William R. Wood, a new congressman from Indiana, has brought to Washington a plan for effacing the much talked of increased army of the United States. He would have the government establish technical schools that would have also military courses, the graduates being pledged to service in case of war. Mr. Wood was born in Oxford, Ind. He is a lawyer and for 18 years before election to congress was a member of the Indiana legislature. He is a Republican.

EAGERLY AWAIT THE ANSWER OF AUSTRIA

Second Note Has Been Forwarded and Washington Officials Fear Strained Relations at Outcome.

Washington, D. C.—Austria's answer to Secretary of State Lansing's second note on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by an Austrian submarine is anxiously awaited by the Washington administration.

The note was sent to Ambassador Penfold at Vienna late Sunday. The strained relations between the two governments has developed a decided tension in official circles because of the determined attitude of the United States. That there is grave danger of a rupture of relations is admitted by administration officials.

Acting on advice from the foreign office at Vienna, Baron Zwiadenek, the Austrian charge, is known to have made all preliminary plans for prompt departure from the United States in the event of a severance of diplomatic relations.

It was denied, however, at the Austrian embassy that Austrian consuls throughout the United States had received instructions to make arrangements with either Bulgarian or Turkish officials to take over their duties should there be a break between the United States and Austria.

State department officials pointed out that the withdrawal of consular officials is an extreme move. When this government severed diplomatic relations with Mexico the consuls were left to perform their duties.

MAY MEET SAME DAY

FUSIONISTS AGAINST WILSON HOPE FOR HARMONY BY CLOSE PROXIMITY.

New York City.—Simultaneous Republican and Progressive presidential conventions are planned by those who favor fusion against Woodrow Wilson. It was announced Monday that both will be held at Chicago June 7.

The Republicans have already selected their ticket and the date is decided. Unless the program is changed the Progressive national committee will, on Jan. 11 next, follow suit. This will bring together leaders and delegates who participated in the quarrel of 1912, which defeated both Taft and Roosevelt and put in a Democratic president for the first time since 1892.

Ohio Politician is Dead.

Washington, D. C.—Judge Robert T. Hough died here Monday, two hours after being stricken with acute indigestion. Judge Hough for years was active in Ohio politics and in his earlier life was owner of the Hillaboro (O.) Gazette. He was solicitor of internal revenue under the second administration of Grover Cleveland.

Farmer Commits Suicide.

Woodfield, O.—John Moberly, a well-to-do farmer of Altitude, near here, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun.

Sterilized a Defectives.

Chicago, Ill.—"I want all the world to know of this operation," said Dr. Harry Haiselden Monday, following his sterilization of Edwin Russell, an alleged defective. The operation was performed in 45 minutes at the German American hospital. The young man's parents had consented to the operation. Although it was declared bloodless and practically painless, "bright sleep" was applied. "By sterilization in this generation we can eliminate the defectives in the next."

WILSON WEDDING A FAMILY AFFAIR

The Ceremony Was Performed in the Parlors of the Galt Home.

SIMPLICITY MARKED THE CEREMONY

Only Relatives of the President and His Bride Were Present; Will Spend Their Honeymoon at Hot Springs, Va.

Washington, D. C.—President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married Saturday night at 8:30 at the home of the bride, 1308 20th-st. N. W. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal church, in which the bride is a communicant, assisted by Rev. James H. Taylor, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, which is attended by the Wilson family.

Less Than Thirty Present.

The guests who attended the ceremony numbered less than 30, and when congratulations were over and a light wedding supper had been served the president and his bride motored to Alexandria, Va., boarded their special car Superb and departed at 11:40 o'clock for Hot Springs, Va., where the honeymoon will be spent.

The car, by which the wedding party got away to Alexandria was complete. When the White House automobile pulled away from Mrs. Wilson's house lines of police blocked pursuit in all the adjoining streets. At the Union station the presidential train was fully lighted and lines of police were spread all about. Those who were attracted to the railroad station by the show of preparation were disappointed, while the president and Mrs. Wilson were speeding to the station across the river 10 miles away.

After the president and his bride had departed, Secretary Tumulty made this formal statement on the ceremony: "The wedding was marked with simplicity. It was just such a wedding as might have taken place in the home of the humblest American citizen."

Keep in Touch With White House.

At Hot Springs Mrs. and Mrs. Wilson will live at the Homestead hotel until after New Year's day unless some development should necessitate the president's earlier return to the capital. Two of the White House attendants were fully lighted and lines of police expect to spend their honeymoon motoring, golfing and walking over the mountain trails.

Beside the secret service guard, the party was accompanied by one stenographer. The president will keep in touch with the White House over special wires.

Among those present at the ceremony were: Miss Margaret Wilson, the president's daughter; Mrs. Francis Bowen, the president's sister; Mrs. Anne Hollingshead, the president's sister; Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, the president's wife; Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, the president's wife; Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, the president's wife.

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Would Paralyze Radium Business.

Washington, D. C.—Charges that the government is trying to monopolize the radium business have been made by James M. Flannery of Pittsburgh, who is leading a fight of radium manufacturers on legislation urged by Secretary of the Interior Lane. The methods of manufacture urged by the government, Flannery declares, were discarded by private manufacturers three years ago.

Ende Life by Shot.

Wellington, O.—Lyedus Farnsworth, aged fifty-four, a ferret farmer, committed suicide on his farm at Rockport, near here, Sunday by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun. Farnsworth had been in ill health for some time.

Lion Attacks Man at Circus.

Defiance, O.—Martin Hoffman, aged 20, was lacerated about the waist by a lion which attacked him at an indoor circus given by the Red Men Saturday night.

Want a Hearing.

Columbus, O.—Because an application has been made for a rehearing of the case, the supreme court has temporarily withheld its decree requiring dealers to use low wide measures instead of the tall, narrow measures which many have been using. The decision of the court was given in the case brought by the dealers to prevent the state agricultural commission from enforcing the measure law. The court said the act was valid. The dealers hope to get the case reopened and to obtain a reversal of the finding.

HOLIDAY MEETING OF OHIO TEACHERS

THREE THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION EXPECTED AT COLUMBUS.

PROMINENT MEN ON PROGRAM

First Meeting Held in 1848—Many Sections of the State Will Be Represented.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Columbus, O.—"What is Wrong With Our Arithmetic?" "Is Arithmetic a Subject to Be Mastered in the Elementary Schools?" "How Should Teachers Be Protected Against Unjust Criticism?" "Should High School Teachers Be Permitted to Engage in Business Outside of Their School Work?" "What Science Work Should Be Done in the Grades?" "How Much Ohio History Should Be Taught?" These are some of the fundamental questions which will be considered at the holiday meetings of the Ohio State Teachers' association, which will be held in Columbus Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week after Christmas.

Upwards of 3,000 teachers, principals, supervisors, county normal directors and superintendents will attend these meetings. The first meeting of the association was held back in 1848, 67 years ago, and a meeting has been held every year since. H. V. Hotchkiss, superintendent of the Akron schools, is the state president, W. E. Kershner of Columbus is secretary-treasurer. The association embraces city superintendents, principals and supervisors, county and district superintendents, high school, elementary school and rural school teachers, county normal directors and drawing and manual art teachers.

13 APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE

Many Ohio Postmasters in Long List Sent to Senate.

Cincinnati, O.—Thirteen appointments of postmasters in Ohio were sent to the senate. The list includes: So Fischer, Corning; Henry W. Stroh, Dover (later Canal Dover); James M. Phillips, Bethesda; James A. Angus, Geneva; James H. Brown, Hillsboro; C. K. Rockwell, North Baltimore; Thos. M. Duncan Bridgeport; James Connor, Toronto; James L. Vanaman, Wellington; H. E. Rice, Xenia; George D. Smith, Oak Harbor; F. G. Davis, Tipppecanoe City; S. A. Murry, Washington, C. H.

PAROLS GRANTED

Applications of 14 prisoners were granted the board considered 241 cases, the highest number ever heard at any meeting. There are 1,284 inmates confined at the reformatory, the largest number in the history of the institution, which was erected with accommodations for 966.

MANY PENSIONS ARE GRANTED.

Cincinnati, O.—Pensions at the rate of \$10 a month were granted the following in Ohio by the United States government: Susanah Arnold, Mt. Lovy; Julia M. Chambers, Canton; Fannie Cropper, Manchester; Ida R. Daggert, Hamilton; Matilda Jeffries, Zanesville; Nancy E. Mowrey, New Vienna; Martha M. Trout, Peoria; Anna H. Brown, Hillsboro; Emma L. Carpenter, Cincinnati; Martha Cole, Eaton; Louise E. Diver, Middletown; Mary J. Fogel, Dayton; Sarah E. Harris, Edison; Flora Herman, Canton; Agnes Jones, Selma; Lucy K. Neff, Zanesville, and Julia Rossett, Mowrytown.

ONLY SUBSCRIPTION BOOK LIST.

Marion, O.—With Rev. Father Joseph M. Denning's announcement that the roster seized by the police as a Black Hand list was nothing more than a subscription list for the raising of funds to establish an Italian church here. It was believed that the bottom had fallen out of the alleged Mafia nest supposed to be in existence here. There are now eight Italians under arrest in connection with the murder at Antonio Cristofarri.

NEW PLANT IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Toledo, O.—Toledo men, including President E. D. Libbey and General Manager M. J. Owens, of the Owens Bottle Machine Company, are planning to build a \$500,000 glass plant at Cedar Grove, W. Va. Libbey and Owens have taken an option on the natural gas rights of 7,000 acres of land in the county. The price is said to be \$100,000. The property is being sold with a daily production of 40,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

FARMERS WEEK AT COLUMBUS

Two Thousand Farmers Expected to Hear Lecturers.

Columbus, O.—With two and three lectures or demonstrations arranged for every hour, over 100 speakers already secured, something on the schedule from 9 in the morning until 9 at night, and with the conventions of leading agricultural societies making the university their headquarters for the week, advance figures point to a 2,000 registration of farmers, their wives, sons and daughters for the fourth annual Farmers' week at Ohio State university from January 31 until February 4. Last year there were 1,500 in attendance at the week of practical farm lectures and demonstrations. Included were many men in their eighties and many boys in their teens. Because of the added attractions this year, officials of the agricultural extension department, which is in charge of the banner farm week of Ohio, can not but see how at least 2,000 farmers will be attracted to Columbus.

MANY MINERS ARE WORKING

Less Than 2,000 Coal Miners in Ohio Out of Work.

Columbus, O.—Less than 2,000 coal miners in Ohio are out of work now as against 20,000 a year ago. Between 45,000 and 44,000 are now working. That business is improving every day is indicated in the fact that other coal fields in Ohio are absorbing the miners of the Hocking Valley field, where more than 10,000 were out of work last summer.

"If the mines of the Sunday Creek Coal Company, in the Hocking field, were to open now there would be a positive shortage of miners," said John Moore, president of the Ohio miners. Not all the miners operating are working full time, for the principal reason, as given by Moore, that there is a serious coal shortage.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS IN STATE

State Fire Marshal Issues Bulletin Showing Loss.

Columbus, O.—State Fire Marshal Buckley issued his monthly bulletin showing that there were 819 fires with a total loss of \$218,045, during October. The back firing on an automobile resulted in the largest loss by fire, \$28,000. Fifty fires were due to the careless handling of matches by adults and to children's playing with matches. Two suspicious and seven incendiary fires were reported. Defective flues caused 23 fires. Ten fires were due to faulty electric wiring.

BUCKEYE BREVITIES

Sandusky, O.—Henry Trieschmann, aged 72, one of the wealthiest wine manufacturers of the celebrated Kelleys Island, died from blood poisoning. The Good Samaritan hospital. Death was caused from infection which came running a silver under the finger.

Cincinnati, O.—The Ohio State Grange record as opposed to the plan to enlarge the army or navy, believing necessary at this time. Some have developed a conference with the Lorain County Grange committee the fifth degree, 400 receiving the sixth degree.

Toledo, O.—Permission has been granted by Federal Judge Killits to Walter L. Ross, receiver for the insolvent Toledo, St. Louis and Western Railroad company, to purchase a private car, five new locomotives and 10,000 tons of new steel rails. The equipment will cost \$522,893.50.

Columbus, O.—When the State Civil Service Commission reduced the salary of the position from \$1,800 a year to \$1,500 Harry B. Brown resigned his place as application clerk. He will be placed on the eligible list for appointment to another state position. Brown is a son of Dr. Charles J. Brown, former member of the commission.

Columbus, O.—General John C. Speaks, State Fish and Game Commissioner, called attention to the fact that it hunters wish to hunt on New Year's day they will have to take out licenses for 1918. Those for 1915 expire at midnight December 31, he said. Many inquiries had been received at the office concerning New Year's hunting.

Athens, O.—One of the largest coal mines to be opened in the Hocking district in recent years is now being developed in Northwestern Athens county by William Jobs and associates. It will be located near Nelsonville and will employ between 500 and 600 men when fully developed. Nearly 2,000 acres of coal lands are under lease.

Youngstown, O.—Mrs. Mary McCabe has gone to Lincoln, Neb., to recover her 16-year-old son, who was kidnapped by his father when he was but five. Later the boy was discovered and Mrs. McCabe recently learned that he was in an institution.

Hamilton, O.—George W. Jones, Cincinnati, sued the Butler county commissioners for \$1,500 damages for injuries by furnishing said damages to the automobile, which was an unguarded approach to a bridge with a crowd, with four passengers.

The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery
Their Care and Cultivation



A Bunch of 'Mums That Makes Bright the Living Room.

HANDLING FLOWER POTS

By IDA M. SHEPLER.

Casters we know are cheap. Five cents apiece, and four of those fastened in the discarded legs of an old table, bed, or even if these are not at hand, four pieces of square pine wood on which you can nail a long shallow box.

This is really a good stand on which to slip your window plants in their pots. Fill the shallow box half full of sand, bed the pots in this sand, which absorbs the moisture from the pots, saving the carpet below and sending some of it back into the plant roots. Of course the box should be painted a good color.

I have seen for this arrangement the combination of the legs painted green and the box done in lattice-like stripes of white and green. Make the box as long as you have room each side of the window (not measuring just the window space itself), as then one can alternate the pots, bringing the end tips in turn to the middle and direct light.

On very cold nights, as glass draws frost as well as heat, flowers often get nipped. A box for plants resting on casters is easily drawn away from the window direct, and can be pushed back the next morning.

These casters are also a convenience when sweeping about the window. Any woman who keeps house plants in her room can, herself, make two or three window boxes, legs and all, picked up from where carpenters are building.

These boxes, of course, are used mainly in windows that are kept for the saving of plants for spring, and yet they can contain an assortment of flowers, which, banked back of a window, give an effective picture of beauty to the passer-by as well as to the inmates of the room.

For a small window, and one from which you must get light for the room, be sparing of the plants. There is nothing pretty in a dark room, the cause of which is the window literally hung and placed full of all manner of foliage.

It is such a mistake to fill up a window so full of plants and vines in winter that one can neither get light for reading nor sight of the prettier world outside. A few plants, in a small window, artistically arranged, is a much happier scheme.

If you are buying winter plants from the florist, don't unwrap the roots until ready to pot them, but be sure to give

the soil in which the plant roots are bedded, plenty of water—keep them literally soaked in water, and by the time you are ready to pot, if it be two hours after, you will find the plant wonderfully refreshed.



The New Bridal Bouquet.

SAVE YOUR BULBS

Do not throw away your winter bulbs; they can be kept until next spring and planted in the garden, where it is possible they may recover enough of their original strength to give a crop of flowers the next season.

It is possible, I say, but it is not at all probable, that one out of ten will do so.

Still, it does no harm to try. It is about as easy to put them into the ground as to dump them into the refuse heap.

But I would never advise anyone to make use of these bulbs a second season in the house. They cannot be depended on.



The Largest Carnation in the World.

WHERE REASON RULES

By HOPE AINSLIE.

"It's just this way, Uncle Ted. There's a girl up home, Betty Roberts, and we used to be rather sweet on each other. We both went to the same church and the academy, and I suppose I did write letters to her, and so on when I was seventeen or around there. Mother likes her and she's always said I'd marry Betty. Last year I went after that concession and met Mrs. Leonard. She loaned her collection of Chinese porcelains to the exhibit and I give you my word, Uncle Ted, from the instant we looked at each other I didn't give a rap whether I ever saw Betty or any other woman as long as I lived."

"Good looker, Jack?" "She's just divine," Jack spoke fervently, reverently. "She's been a widow for four years; married at nineteen to a brute—"

"All good-looking widows' husbands were brutes," murmured the major. "Go on."

"That's all. I told her I loved her and she was giving me at least a chance until mother came out to Frisco and guessed the whole thing. She met Mrs. Leonard at Aunt Anna's, and told her I was an impressionable boy, a perfect slave to sympathy and all that rot, always used to being petted, etc. Finally showed her Betty's picture as the little girl sweetheart back East waiting for me to get through my travels. You know the way she can put a thing over with that tone of her voice and her eyes. Well, I didn't have a chance after she had left. Dolores left for Santa Barbara the next day."

"Humph," mused the major. "Now she comes here. Did she know you were with me at the Springs?"

"No, sir. Jack hasn't written."

"Well, I don't blame you, mind, Jackie. She's a wonderfully attractive woman. And you're twenty-six, you know, old enough to toddle without the maternal apron strings. I should say, Lucia is a fine woman, good sister to me, but still—what's this Betty like?"

"Oh, she's all right," said Jack vaguely. "There goes the widow," said the major, suddenly leaning forward. "Gad, she can ride!"

Jack vaulted the veranda rail and made for the mounting stone to meet the chestnut mare as she galloped up the shore road. His voice was a bit hoarse when he spoke to Mrs. Leonard, slim and erect in her black habit, her eyes dark and evasive as he leaned toward her.

"Don't go in yet," he begged as the boy took the bridle. "I must speak to you. You've avoided me ever since you found I was here. Dolores—" "Hush, Jack. Someone will hear you, you foolish boy—"

"Don't call me a boy," he swung back miserably. "I'm not. Come along the pine road just a little way. You wouldn't speak to me hardly at lunch. I know you were sorry even to see me here—"

"Oh, no, I was not. It was a pleasant surprise, really it was, Jack."

"A pleasant surprise. It made me perfectly mad to see you again—"

"The train service to Santa Barbara is quite regular," she said demurely.

"You wouldn't have seen me. You left without a word. You believed every last thing mother told you about me and Betty."

"Did I?" "You cared, didn't you? Even though you went away. Never mind Betty. I haven't thought of anyone in the world but you for the last six months. Uncle Ted took me under his wing and brought me South because I wasn't fit for anything else, and when he crushed her hands in his, and quoted softly under her breath—"

"I had not dreamt that love would stay, yet her heart's here many a day—"

"Don't go away from me again, Dolores. I swear I'll follow you this time to the ends of the world—"

She laughed, her eyes brimful of tenderness.

"Oh, Jack, Jack, why didn't you follow me then if you really cared."

"The major came leisurately toward them, the late afternoon mail in his hands."

"By George, Jack boy, here's news. Good afternoon, Mrs. Leonard. Betty Roberts eloped with Batcheller Phillips Saturday."

"I know Betty," said Dolores gently. "We are distant cousins, but she writes to me."

"Yes? Write to Jack, too, I should say. Here's one with a return line on it. Mrs. Batcheller Phillips, Washington, D. C. Hotel Grosvenor. Break the news to us, Jackie."

Jack opened the letter with a frown, and then smiled. He handed it to Dolores. It was typically Betty.

"Dear Jack: I know what everybody'll say, and I don't care. I've always liked Betty and I'd like to know why I can't marry him if I want to. So we're eloping. I'm just as sick and tired as you are of forever being a boy's outland. I've written Dolores—she's my cousin. I wish you all kinds of luck. Happily, BETTY."

Women Know

that they cannot afford to be ill. They must keep themselves in the best of health at all times. Most of all, the digestive system must be kept in good working order. Knowing the importance of this, many women have derived help from

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WINTER TERM AT THE OBERLIN BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Other Items of Interest.

The Fall Term at the Oberlin Business College closed last Friday. The Winter Term will begin Monday, Jan. 3, 1916, and as new classes will be formed in all branches it is one of the best time for new students to enter.

This school is in the midst of one of the most successful years in its history and is doing better work than ever before. The demand for graduates of the Oberlin Business

College is very unusual. President Henderson of this school states that for a number of months they have not been able to fill half their call for bookkeepers, stenographers and teachers of commercial branches. Any four young people who go to the Oberlin Business College are certain of positions.

An Ordinance

To amend an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance fixing the compensation and bonds of Village Officers of the Village of Plymouth, Richland and Huron Counties, Ohio," passed by the Council of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, on the 2nd day of December, 1913.

Section 1. That Section 6 of said ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the compensation and bonds of Village Officers of the Village of Plymouth, Richland and Huron Counties, Ohio, passed by the Council of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, on the 2nd day of December, 1913, be amended to read as follows:

Section 6. That, the compensation of the Treasurer shall be in the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars per annum, payable quarterly out of the corporation treasury.

Section 2. That Section 15 of the said ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance fixing the compensation and bonds of Village Officers of the Village of Plymouth, Richland and Huron Counties, Ohio, passed by the Council of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, on the 2nd day of December, 1913, be amended to read as follows:

Section 15. That the compensation of the Marshal shall be the same fees and costs as sheriffs and constables receive in similar cases, and in addition thereto the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars per annum as salary, payable quarterly out of the corporation treasury, but in no case is he to receive fees and compensation for services rendered by any other officer.

Section 3. That the said Section 6 and Section 15 of the said ordinance of the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, passed on the 2nd day of December, 1913, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in force and take effect on and after the 1st day of January, 1916.

Passed December 22, 1915.
GEO. H. SAUER,
Mayor and President of the Council.
Attest: W. A. Jefferson,
Clerk of Council.

Legal Notice.

Notice is hereby given that John I. Beeline of Plymouth, Ohio, has been duly appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of Stacy B. Opyke, late of Plymouth Township, Richland County, Ohio, deceased.
DAVID W. CUMMINS,
Probate Judge of Richland County, Ohio.
December 6th, 1915.

Influence of the Jitney.

It is singular, says the Town Development Magazine, that the capabilities of the insouline motorcar have not been more fully considered with reference to a more general city transportation and the intuitive mind directed to the construction of an engine, chassis and body along lines as scientific as those of a touring car for the purpose of building the lightest, most comfortable and attractive transportation car that could be constructed for the public carriage of passengers over the well paved streets and gentle grades which characterize most of our cities.

What the ordinary cheap touring car can accomplish as a public passenger carrier and to what extent it could furnish a public transportation service were first demonstrated by the jitney movement. This movement has been so widespread that its significance cannot be ignored. No one can consider the subject of motor passenger vehicles without pondering the lessons the jitney has taught. Whether the movement lives, changes its form or dies, it has demonstrated the essential fact that it is possible to use the ordinary cheap touring car as a commercial passenger vehicle and to carry a passenger from one to three miles for 5 cents at profit. This fact stands out. It has been demonstrated. All the theories in the world will not overturn it, and what transportation structure may finally be built upon this fact remains yet to be determined.

Hitching Post Suspected.

There is one spot in Riverhead, N. Y., which is being given a wide berth by the friends of the late George F. Stackpole, who recently died of anthrax. It is the hitching post in front of the Riverhead Savings bank. Mr. Stackpole's office was in the bank building. It was his habit all his life to eat several oranges, apples or other fruit each day. Usually in the lulls of his work he would come out on the street in fine weather, get the fruit that was in season and then go to the hitching post, lean against it and eat. About him would gather his friends, and for periods of from an hour to two hours he would be the center of a laughing, chattering group.

Medical authorities voice the belief that it was while leaning against the post, perhaps hitching it with a hand that had a weak in the skin, that Mr. Stackpole became inoculated with the cattle disease of which he died. Horses from all the county come to that post and tie there while their drivers transact business in the bank or about the vicinity.

Back Yard Gardening.

Four reasons are given by the city of Toronto for encouraging back yard gardening: (1) Hygienic—it helps to make the city more wholesome; (2) Physiological—it is the best exercise a man, woman or boy could indulge in; (3) It enhances the beauty of the city; (4) Utility—it increases the productivity of the city, state and nation.

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SCIENCE—INVENTION.

Agitator For Paint Barrels.

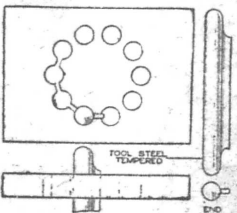
A patent has been awarded in this country for an agitator for barrels, a device which it is claimed will be of great value to the various industries which use mixed paints or other coatings. The device is placed in the barrel at the paint factory before it is filled. It consists of a shaft connecting both ends of the barrel, and on it are fastened two stirring blades, one at each end, with a steel wire brush attached halfway between the two. When the paint or other coating material is to be withdrawn the barrel is put in a horizontal position and tapped at the head. At the other end a small crank is fastened to the shaft. When the crank is turned the steel brush passes through and dislodges the heavier pigment at the lower center of the barrel and scatters it throughout the mixture. When the center pigment is disturbed the remainder of the pigment flows toward that part of the barrel and comes under the action of the brush. In addition to eliminating waste, the inventor claims that the device will produce an even consistency of the material.

A Chance For Inventors.

It has probably occurred to every one who is forced to rely on protective coatings of one sort or another to keep iron and steel from rust and decay that this method of combating the corrosion problem is of the same order as locking the barn door after the horse is stolen. In other words, since rusting is a consequence of the tendency of iron to go into solution when in contact with water, why not add something to it or treat it in some way so as to eliminate or decrease this tendency? An enormous amount of labor and material, to say nothing of time, is used up every year in coating and protecting iron from adverse conditions, and with the rapid increase in the demand for this metal a correspondingly greater amount of labor, material and time is required. Obviously any procedure which would lessen the need for such thorough protection would be a very real saving.—Engineering Magazine.

Tool For Use In Die Making.

In making a die it is often necessary to remove a part of the metal by drilling holes close together on the line of separation, then chiseling out the metal between the holes, says Popular Me-



TOOL TO REMOVE STOCK BETWEEN DRILLED HOLES.

chanics. The tool illustrated is quite convenient for removing this metal. It is made of tool steel with the body a sliding fit in the holes drilled; then a side cutter is formed to extend into the next hole, with a cutting edge on one end. It is only necessary to drive the tool through the holes.

Cultivating Timber.

The aim of scientific forestry is to bring the forest up to its highest state of productivity and keep it there. In the United States, where forestry is not practiced except on government and state lands, and there only during the last few years, the estimated annual production is twelve cubic feet per acre. In Saxony, where forestry has been practiced for many years, the annual production is ninety-three cubic feet per acre. If our final forest area of 450,000,000 acres is made to yield an average of fifty cubic feet per acre, as can be done by the practice of scientific methods, there would be enough wood for a per capita consumption of 150 cubic feet for 150,000,000 people.—Engineering Magazine.

Softening Rust.

A simple method for removing rust consists in dipping the article first into a strong hot potash bath for about half an hour and then immersing in a cold muriatic acid pickling solution composed of two parts of water to one of acid. This removes the rust in a few minutes, leaving the metal apparently attacked but very little. The previous soaking in the strong hot potash solution is responsible for this rapid pickling, a fact which, for without the previous dipping sixty-five minutes were required by the acid bath against four minutes when previously treated in the potash bath. Apparently a chemical reaction is set up, changing the character of the rust, softening it and making it readily soluble.—Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

Lubrication of Engines.

Don't get the idea that any kind of oil or grease will do for your engine. No matter if you are lubricating a tractor, a stationary engine or a line touring car, you will find that the best oil is the cheapest in the long run. And for the differential and transmission gears the best grease is none too good. Graphite grease is particularly good for gears, as it prevents wear to some extent. A scant teaspoonful of graphite powder put into a quart of oil and poured into the crank will occasionally be a fine thing for an old motor, as it improves the compression.



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