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## VIEWS IN WESTFIELD



BOULEVARD LOOKING SOUTH FROM ROSS PLACE.

## A TRAPPED BURGLAR

THE NICELY PREPARED BAIT WAS EAGERLY TAKEN.

It Cost the Ingenious Man Who Devised the Scheme \$400 or \$500, and It Cost the Burglar Four Years' Time.

"Of course," said the retired burglar, "a man in my business is always on the lookout for traps and most of 'em he can circumvent without much trouble. But men go to a lot of trouble and expense to lay traps, and sometimes they get up something that is new and effective. I suppose that any man going into a dwelling, house would be sure to look over the bureaus and dressing tables in the sleeping rooms. It was this well known professional habit no doubt that had suggested the idea of a trap I came across once, which a man had had built with a view to catching anybody that might stand in front of the bureau in his room.

"I imagine that this man must have been visited before and been very much irritated by it, because he never could have gone to all the trouble and expense he did just for mere protection—there was clearly some feeling in it. It was a handsome room, promising looking from its richness, and when I turned my light on the bureau, where I went, naturally enough, to begin, I was not disappointed. There was a glitter of glass and silver in the bullseye, and as I swept the light along it struck a pocketbook that didn't glitter much, but that looked fat and comfortable, and a watch that did shine, and, take it altogether, it made me think that here was the home of a man that didn't have to work nights to make both ends meet. And so I set my lamp down on one end of the bureau—it made me laugh, actually, to think that there was so much good stuff there that I had to shove something one side to make room for it—and put my bag down on a chair that was there and began cleaning the things off.

"I'd just put the silver hairbrushes in the bag and had turned around to the bureau again to pick up the pocketbook and the watch when I heard, or it seemed as though I felt, a little click, and just the faintest touch of a jarring or yielding under my foot, and the next instant, a long time before I could jump or do anything whatever, a piece of the floor under my feet about three feet square dropped out from under me, and down I went.

"But I didn't give up, by a long shot. I was an able-bodied man, and my hands were free—my lamp being then on the corner of the bureau and my bag on the chair—and I wasn't going to give it up yet, if I was going down a trap. The trapdoor was hung on hinges on the side farthest from the bureau, and I laughed to myself as I put up my hands and thought how easy it was to grab on to the edge of the solid floor running along just in front of the bureau and haul myself up. Truly it seemed like a waste of money, all the expense this man had been to put in the trap without guarding against the chance of escape from it by just this means, and I already imagined myself climbing out as I threw up my hands, which I did before I'd dropped much more'n half of my length below the level of the floor, gripping that firm edge very tightly. I was going to make sure of that.

"And I got it all right, but in about a millionth part of a second I became conscious of the fact that it wasn't stopping me at all; I was carrying it down with me. It was the front edge of another trap cut in the floor under the bureau, hinged at the back and held in place by a spring just strong enough to keep it in position. I held on

as hard as I could, but if I had had iron fingers and steel muscles I couldn't have held on after the trap had swung down straight. I went down like a ton of lead, and the next minute I found myself sliding through a smooth board tunnel not much bigger'n enough to let me slide comfortably, and the next minute I'd been shot into a box or room about seven feet square through another trap in the top of it that closed flush after I came through.

"Now, there was a situation for you. Me in a square box of hard pine, apparently in the cellar of the house, no opening in it anywhere and my bag with all my tools in it up there on the chair by the bureau and me down there with nothing, not a blessed thing, to work with. But while there's life there's hope, and I never should have thought of such a thing as giving up if I could have had a chance. But I didn't. I hadn't been in the box two minutes before there was a slide pushed back up near the top on one side, and a man looked in. It was the boss of the shanty. And in five minutes the police were there, and then I found they had a door in this box big enough to get a man out of.

"I have seen other traps as elaborate, but none more costly. He had to cut his carpet, to begin with, around the traps in this room. Of course that didn't cost anything much, but it spoiled his carpet, and then the cost of the traps and the time contrivance, whatever it was, that was attached to the main trap that let me stand on it for a minute or two before it dropped, and then the shoot and the box and the whole business couldn't have cost a cent less than \$400 or \$500. It cost me four years' time."—New York Sun.

### The Honey-moon.

An early Anglo-Saxon custom, strictly followed by newly married couples, was that of drinking diluted honey for 80 days after marriage. From this custom comes the word honeymoon or honeymoon.

### "The Boot of Dukeronomy."

A nervous curate the other day announced from the reading desk, "Here beginneth the second chapter of the duke of Bocteronomy." His vicar looked severely at him, and the young man blushed, coughed and repeated, "The boot of Dukeronomy."

There must have been germs of mispronunciation lurking in the air, for at a later period in the service the vicar read out, "I publish the manns of burring," etc.

The curate beamed with satisfaction in spite of the solemnity of the occasion.—Household Words.

### Exile Necessary.

Doctor—Your husband must have complete rest.  
Wife—I know it. I talk to him seven or eight hours every day so as to keep his mind off business.

Doctor—On second thought, madam, I conclude that the one chance for your husband is to take him to the hospital with instructions that no one but the trained nurse and myself be admitted.—Detroit Free Press.

### Arab Music.

Arab music has been described as the singing of a prima donna who has ruptured her voice in trying to sing a duet with herself. Each note starts from somewhere between a sharp and a flat, but does not stop even there, and splits up into four or more portions, of which no person can be expected to catch more than one at a time.

### Wages Grandeur.

"Men are so stupid."  
"Why do you say that?"  
"We paid \$400 for our parlor furniture, and my husband wants me to keep the window shades pulled down at night."—Chicago Record.

## ROYAL BAKING POWDER

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## GERM CELLS OF LIFE.

THEY RETAIN VITALITY EVEN AFTER APPARENT DEATH.

A Startling Theory Showing That Instant Death is an Impossibility and That We May Be Conscious For Some Time After Dissolution.

"You often meet with the phrase 'death was instantaneous,' and you believe it, but instant death is impossible.

A professor has been studying the subject, a man of renown in his own world, and he has discovered certain important data proving conclusively that no one can meet with instant death. He works out his theory on the data afforded by the physiology of cells. He states that no one yet has proved the difference between a dead and a live brain cell. When this has been done, then we can more easily ascertain how long a time elapses before the death of a cell takes place.

But, first, what is a cell? To be brief, both plants and animals—including, of course, man—are built up of units, elementary units, which you can only detect under the microscope. Now, each tiny cell is a vital elementary unit. We are nothing but highly developed results of the individual vitality of huge quantities of these fundamental cells.

As this is undeniably so, how is it possible, by simple deception, say, to cause instant death in the millions of cells which compose the brain? It is known that brain cells have their own cell life and are liable to live a certain time after they are cut off from outside nutrition without the supply of any blood whatever from the body. The nourishment is supplied inside the cell walls, and it can go on living after being cut off from other resources.

From this argument it is clear to the professor that these millions of cells in the brain must continue to live after death has apparently intervened—that is, when death appears, but only on the outside, to have been instantaneous. After a man's leg is cut off, or an animal's, you can stimulate the nerves for a long time, but you cannot do it after the cells are dead. You cannot get any response at all.

Electricity has been thought to be the germ of life, but this is a fanciful story when confronted with the new laws as by research established.

The countless millions of cells of which our bodies are entirely composed contain the germ of life, and it is impossible for these to be visited with an instantaneous unconsciousness.

You can take living cells from a pig's glands, and this same professor will demonstrate to you that after these glands have gone through their preparation the cells are still living.

But the curious fact remains that at present there are no data showing the supposed length of time it takes for the cells of the brain to empty themselves of the germ of consciousness or life, but it is certain that consciousness does not cease immediately after, say, a head has been cut off a body. The belief, however, is that at least four or five minutes must elapse ere death finally steps in to arrest life.

It has been noticed in the case of a decapitated head that the cheeks remain red for some minutes after the severance, a conclusive proof that the cells are living.

The heads of decapitated animals have continued to bite and snap at the air for three or four minutes after severance. This phenomenon is well marked in the head of a tortoise separated from the body. The life of the brain, therefore, must be retained for some time after the head is severed, from the very fact that, though being separated from the trunk, its nutritious blood and gases, taken from the fund stored up in the cells, are in sufficient quantity to carry on life, but for what exact period is unknown.

Do the brain cells die simultaneously? No, because they have their own individual cell life. Our scientific friend also makes the very startling statement that in many diseases the brain cells, although the person to all appearances is dead, may live for three or four hours after supposed death has taken place.

In the case of a healthy person being hanged, seeming death is not instantaneous at all. Organic motion is arrested, but real death is certainly not instantaneous. The brain cells are the last to die, and life is not really extinct until rigor mortis sets in, which, in the case of a healthy person dying suddenly, is protracted.

Now, when it is known that an ordi-

nary cell lives after being removed from a living body, why, then, cannot the brain cells retain their life when the conditions immediately surrounding them are much the same as during their previous existence?

The head of a chicken was cut off, and after certain stimuli had been made it opened its mouth and gasped five minutes after its head had been decapitated from the body.

The head of a certain animal was cut off and found susceptible to light for many minutes after it was apparently dead. A strong electric light was held in front of the eyes and moved alternately near to and far away from them. The pupils of the eyes followed the light in its movements, expanding and contracting that is to say, focusing themselves upon the light as it moved backward and forward. It was proved that the animal was capable of smelling by the use of certain pungent odors placed near the nasal organs—and all this because the brain cells were yet living.

Raising Ducks Without Water. Ducks don't need water to thrive. There are many duck raising plants in this country where thousands of the fowls are bred each year for market and where there is not even a puddle for them to flounder in. One of these farms is credited with an output of 20,000 ducks a year.

### The Funny Bone.

A man who fractured his funny bone concludes that it is not a funny matter. He said: "The displacement of the olecranon is accompanied by disablement of the whole arm for a long while. Webster describes the point as follows: 'The large process at the proximal end of the ulna which projects behind the articulation with the humerus and forms the bony prominence of the elbow.' I have it with me. I fell on the ice in 1878 and broke off my left funny bone. It hurt, but I did not know what had happened for months, and then Dr. Henry Fish of Fargo told me. It was too late to do anything then except exercise to bring my muscles into condition."

"A new development set in then, and the lower part of my forearm became flat, while the upper muscles developed. At present I can pull or lift as much with that arm as I could at any time, but I cannot strike or push with it and cannot exert downward pressure with it at all, unless I hold my arm rigid and put the weight of my body upon it. I can scarcely hold a sheet of paper upon my desk, and for fully 12 months I could not use my left arm at all. Perhaps it was because I did not have surgical attention soon enough. Recently I had a radiograph made, and the fragment of bone was clearly shown lying loosely in the joint. After the fracture two splinters protruded from the skin and were removed."

### She Wanted to Know.

Of women who wear black some women always have an air of recent bereavement which misleads the ordinary mind. At a railway station in this state not long ago a tall woman robed in deep black, accompanied by a young woman in colored garb, sat waiting for a train. The station matron hovered in the vicinity, evidently with something on her mind, and finally beckoned to the young woman, who went to see what was wanted.

"Has she got a corpse with her?" the station matron asked.

"Corpses?" the young woman exclaimed, looking over her shoulder in ghastly fright. "Who's got a corpse with her? What do you mean?"

"Don't be scared, lady," the matron exclaimed. "Most of 'em that travels in deep mourning has corpses on the train. I just wanted to know if your lady had a corpse with her."

"Goodness, no!" said the young woman. "Her husband's been dead 60 years. You ought to be ashamed to shock people that way. Don't you ever treat me that way again."

The station matron looked disappointed, and the young woman went back and sat down without even failing at liberty to tell the lady in black what had happened.—Indianapolis Journal.

The first duel known to have taken place upon American soil occurred in 1690, when Edward Doty and Edward Leister, servants of a New England colonist named Hopkins, fought over some trifling matter with swords. Neither was seriously injured, but both were severely punished by the provincial authorities.

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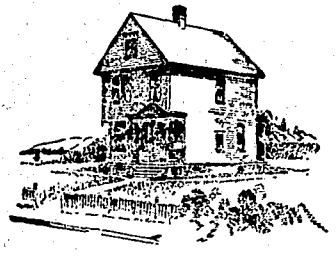
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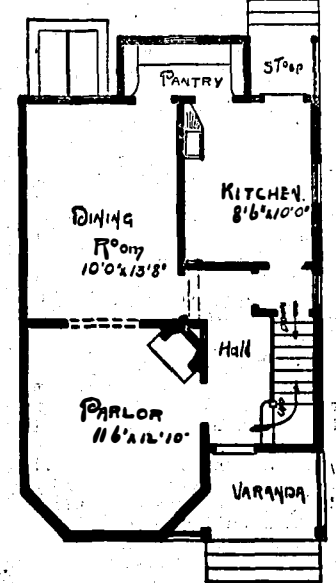
As the days roll by the trusts roll up. We are constantly reading of the forming of new ones. In fact, we hear of little else for the moment. They have hold of the whole country. Nearly everything we wear or eat is controlled by a trust. Prices go up or down, as the trusts elect. They may be lowered to such an extent that competitors are forced to retire from business, and they may be sent up to exceed by far the old figures. And who are the sufferers? Why, the people, of course, who are obliged to buy at exorbitant rates or go without absolute necessities.



PERSPECTIVE VIEW.

How long is this outrage going to last? How long will the public tolerate it? Will the law ever be construed in the interest of the people? For myself, I believe the end will come sooner or later. The people will rise in a body, and the trusts will be swept away like leaves in a storm. And the people will have then reached the point of realizing what is best for them and what is especially against them. It will thus only remain for laws to be framed so that no trust shall again be allowed to exist.

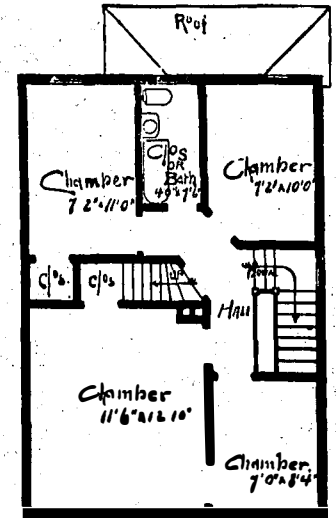
It is every day becoming more difficult for the masses to build houses. Materials



FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

seem to be on the rise; but, strange to say, wages are on the decline. And, by the way, this is just what will bring the hoped-for crisis more quickly than anything else.

Let every workman be a sort of trust unto himself, and remember it is to be a battle of ballots. Let him think and act in everything he does for his best interests, and the future will work out its own salvation. Every small home that is built will help to bring about better conditions and improve the status of the family which is to occupy it. Therefore let every man build what he can honestly pay for.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN.

keeping carefully within his means, and he will be able to cope with whatever comes along.

Such homes as this design shows are what are wanted by sensible people and could be built by hundreds on suburban sites and sold like gridlock. They are as simple as flour, as much needed as clothing, would sell at a handsome profit over cost and would be the investment par excellence for any one to go into on a large scale. The real comforts and pleasures of home are never found in a rented place. Ownership must be absolute, when all other troubles vanish. This house is simple in plan and arrangement and will, I hope, furnish food for thought for many earnest readers who are looking for light on the all important home subject.

## Expression of Rooms.

Every room and house should be the expression of the needs and tastes of the owners. Other homes or rooms should not be copied literally. Ideas and suggestions may be obtained from such sources, but they must be embodied into a general plan only so far as they are consistent with the individual's special needs and tastes. Strive to give good effects in the arrangement of articles, but comfort of the other members of the household should not be sacrificed to attain any artistic end.—New Voice.

## For Nail Holes and Cracks.

When filling the chinks, glue and sawdust make the accepted mixture for filling up nail holes and cracks in floors that are to be painted. This should be used several days before the painting is to be done, so that the glue may have time to set.—New Voice.

## KLING TAOS OF SIAM.

A STRANGE HALF CIVILIZED PEOPLE IN AN UNTRADDED REGION.

Some of Them Worship Snakes—Possess Some Agricultural Skill—A Brave and Fearless People—Magicians Possess the Most Influence in the Tribe.

In the course of my explorations in Asia a portion of my route carried me through the wilds of Annam and Northern Siam, a land covered for its greater extent with well nigh impenetrable forests and malarial swamps. Little has been written about this almost unknown country, and yet it is one of the most strange and interesting regions of the earth. Of all the mixed communities of the much-mixed East the country about the headwaters of the Mekong River offers a more varied object lesson in interracial complications than probably any other locality of its size in the world.

Firmly convinced that nothing save a speedy, determined, even impetuous, advance would enable me to succeed where others had repeatedly failed, my journey into this untraded region was made by following the course of the



Some Warriors of the Tribe.

Mekong River nearly to its source in Southeastern Tibet. My expeditionary force consisted of twenty Bangkok coolies. Leaving Saigon early in the year, by midsummer we had successfully overcome the dangers which menaced us from the fierce Lao tribes and had penetrated to the heart of the Chiao Plain, a region occupied by one of the strangest races in the world, the Kling-Taos, an important branch of the great Lao race of Siam. For several months we remained among this strange people, thoroughly exploring their country.

## Character of the Race.

Kling-Taos, although generally recognized as a distinct race, are in reality the issue of an amalgamation of races entirely alien in their general characteristics and differing widely in appearance and language. The level of civilization varies, but seldom reaches even the average standard of Southern Asia. This people are of medium height, of fleshy rather than muscular frame; in color a sooty brown, with high but rather narrow and retreating forehead, thick lips and high cheek bones. A peculiarity is the variance in hair, some having it long and straight, as in the Mongolian races, while among others it is black and frizzly, as in a full-blooded negro.

Most of these tribes are migratory. There are but few settled villages, and these even of the most miserable kind. The houses are one-storied affairs, constructed of wicker and bamboo with a covering of clay and raised on piles to a height of five or six feet from the ground. Among the more savage Kling-Taos it is the practice to build dwellings in trees. This is done to safeguard the dwellers against enemies and evil spirits.

## An Improvident People.

All of these tribes show considerable agricultural skill, but in spite of the fertility and natural richness of the country they are singularly improvident, and during an especially trying season they die by hundreds of starvation. When this occurs whole tribes migrate to the south and raid and make war upon the more civilized natives of central and southern Siam. The Kling-Taos, being bold and warlike, are really the "bogies" of Southeastern Asia, and the fierceness characterizing these periodical forays and the dread which they inspire among their more peaceful neighbors have hitherto saved them from retaliatory punishment.

My acquaintance with the Kling-Taos was not confined to meeting marauding parties of warriors or trading bands. I visited and studied these remarkable people in their own country. We camped one day by the side of a tiny rivulet in the country of the Kazylos, one of the proudest tribes of this race, and knowing the savage nature of our surroundings we had built a strong "kao," or stockade, of thorn trees, which afforded us protection from attack. The camp was in an open plain, and on our way thither we had been made aware of the interest we created among the inhabitants by the glimpses of bands of Kling-Taos who were intently watching our movements from little eminences off to the west. Sometimes when we could not see the warriors their presence would be revealed by the glint of the sun on their big, bright spears, or on the "senge" ornaments of the women. "Senge" is the Siamese name for a thick iron wire, which answers the purpose of money among these people.

## Amused in New White Men.

Hardly had we settled in our "kao" when hundreds of warriors, followed by women and children, came streaming into camp. The news of the arrival of a white man's caravan was the signal for a general mustering of the population of the entire surrounding

country. They wished to see what we were, to trade with us and to demand tribute for the privilege of passing through their country. Boldness and impudence are not attractive qualities among civilized beings, and in a savage they become intolerable. We soon discovered that these traits predominated, for even the little children were bold, insolent and aggressive. They were afraid to take liberties with the mysterious white-faced leaders of the party, but they seemed to be at great pains to impress our coolies that they considered them no better than animals. Our men for several months past had stalked about among the weak tribes previously encountered in a boastful, bullying manner; but now the case was quite different and otherwise, and it was laughable to see the tables turned on our men so completely and so suddenly.

## Treatment of Travelers.

The head-man of the district was a pompous old warrior, who announced his intention of preventing our passage through the country unless we submitted to the exorbitant charges for the privileges which he demanded. We promptly seized upon his person, threatening the most dire punishment should he attempt to put his threat into execution. Then his insolence vanished, and, finding that we were not to be cowed by threats, he became more gracious. The Kling-Taos being brave and fearless themselves, admire these traits in others, and the effect of this summary treatment was to secure for us the freest opportunities for exploring the surrounding country and completing our investigation.

## No Settled Government.

There is no settled form of government among the Kling-Taos, and the constitution of society is very simple. Rank is hereditary, but as no respect is shown for birth the chiefs have little power. The religious institutions are likewise simple; there is no general object of worship. There is a vague notion of a universal ruler, who is represented by several malevolent spirits. Man, the most powerful, inhabits the woods in the form of man-eating animals; Narge, who carries off children, lives in the clouds, and Kean, who lives in the streams, raises storms. As a protection against these the people construct—having first with much ceremony chosen a tree for the purpose—certain rude images called kwars, each representing a recently dead progenitor, whose spirit is then invoked to occupy the image and protect them against their enemies and give success to their undertakings. The kwars is about a foot high, with head disproportionately large; the male figures are sometimes represented with a spear and shield, the female holding a snake. Omens are observed before starting on any expedition; if they are unfavorable the person threatened retreats, another day is chosen and the process repeated.

## Magicians and Rainmakers.

The most influential members of the tribe are the magicians and rainmakers, whose business it is to regulate the weather and to whom is entrusted the process of ordeal to discover crime. The desirability of this position is open to question, for, should the unfortunate magician fail to provide what is required of him, he is punished in a horrible manner. A hollow tree is selected, and in it he is imprisoned, his head protruding from a narrow orifice, while the remainder of the opening is sealed up with clay. In this position he remains until he dies or until some fortunate chance assists in his release, which is not often.



Some of the Traders.

The position of woman among the Kling-Taos is very low, and the traveler cannot fail to be struck by the hardness and misery of her lot. Although a woman is looked upon as a valuable commodity, she is treated in the utmost contempt, and her existence is infinitely worse than that of the animals of her lord and master. Polygamy is generally practiced, and in addition the more powerful chiefs maintain concubines. I have known of a man who possessed at one time fourteen wives and nearly twice as many concubines. At death a man's property is transferred to his relatives, but the women of his household are looked upon as common property and may be seized by the first who comes along, and who is able to uphold his claim by combat.

Among nearly all savage races a certain affection is manifested by parents for their offspring. Among the Kling-Taos such a moral quality is unknown.

## Knives Made by Pressure.

It is announced that an entirely new method for the manufacture of table cutlery is being introduced into Sheffield, England, and is exciting much interest. A round bar of steel is placed in a machine, and by means of hydraulic pressure a perfect knife is formed—blade, bolster and handle. The "fash" is taken off, and it is subsequently ground and polished by machinery. One such machine is capable, it is stated, of producing 5,000 of these all steel knives per day at a comparatively small cost in labor. The machines are capable of dealing with any kind of cutlery or tools.

## MERCERIZED COTTON.

JOBBERS IN COTTON SELLING MORE SILK THAN THE SILK MEN.

All the Material that Silk Shirt Waists are Made of Comes from Cotton—It is Steadily Supplanting Silk—Nine-tenths of the Silk Shirt Waists are Mercerized Cotton.

A jobber in cotton goods remarked to a New York silk merchant not long since that he was selling more silk goods than the silk merchant was.

"How is that?" asked the latter, suspecting a joke.

"Why, I am selling all of the material that silk shirt waists are made of," replied the jobber, smiling significantly. "Don't you comprehend the inroads that mercerized cottons are making into your trade? The process of mercerizing, or 'alkalifying,' cotton cloth has reached such a stage of perfection in Europe that Germany, Switzerland and even France are sending to this country enormous quantities of cotton goods that few persons can distinguish from silk. Nine-tenths of all of the women's silk shirt waists made here recently have been made of mercerized cotton.

The jobber spoke the truth, as the records of the United States appraiser's office in New York will testify. Within the past year the importation of mercerized cotton has increased to a very large extent. In various ways this class of goods is steadily supplanting silk, and it wears even better than some of the grades of silk that it supplants, there is a steady growth in the demand for it. For shirts, certain grades of linings, umbrella covers and upholstery goods the mercerized cottons are fast usurping the field formerly held by silk alone. It is cheaper than silk and the duty on it is about 15 per cent. less. Some of the pieces of mercerized silk dress goods that have lately come to this country would readily be mistaken for genuine silk. It has the lustre and sheen, and dry goods men say that the mercerized goods will last longer than the silk. Mercerized cotton yarn is declared by experts in the appraiser's office to be twenty-five per cent. stronger than the unmercerized yarn.

The color in the warp of these mercerized goods is imparted by an insoluble and inextinguishable coloring matter inherent in the fibre; the physical construction of the fibre is changed by the action of caustic soda. Mercerizing machines have been put in operation all over Europe, and the probability is that these goods will drive out of the market entirely some of the cheaper grades of silks. Although the duties on mercerized cottons are considerably less than the duties on silk goods, it is the opinion of observant customs officers that the Government will not be a loser because of this extraordinary growth in the demand for mercerized goods. There are certain novelties which are mercerized, now coming into market in large quantities, which would not have been imported for the success of the mercerizing process. The diminution of the silk importations will not be sufficient, though it may be considerable, to counteract the increased revenues afforded by the larger importations of mercerized cottons.

The mercerized goods are even invading the realm of woollens and of velvets. Mercerized fabrics in imitation of both woollens and velvets have made their appearance. Only a few weeks ago a unique importation of dress goods from Germany was made here. The goods were of cotton but made in imitation of worsted with rich silk stripes. On close examination it was found that the "silk stripes" were also cotton, mercerized. Scarcely a week passes now-a-days that something new in the way of mercerized goods does not come before the public.

## A Fire Proof Tree.

The Chaparro tree of the United States of Columbia is credited with a phenomenal endurance of fire. The tree—botanically known as Prosopis obovata—grows to a height of fifteen to twenty feet, and its distorted trunk measures from nine to twelve inches in diameter. In Tolima where other trees are nearly all destroyed by the persistent burning of the savannahs and hills for renewing pasturage, the Chaparro not only resists the fire but seems actually to seek it. In the lower hills, reduced to sterility by the incessant burnings, hundreds of square miles are covered by growths of these little trees, which are as regular in arrangement as in a carefully cultivated plantation. The resistance of the tree is due to the structure of the bark, of which the outer portion, to the depth of half an inch is of peculiar composition and serves no vital function.

## A Noble's Goatly Nest.

Mrs. George A. Sammis, of Huntington, L. I., placed three pieces of rare old lace on the lawn beside her residence, one morning recently, to bleach. Each was more than a half yard in length and of medium width. In about two hours they were missing. It was thought that some person, knowing their value, had stolen them. Later, the servant girl remembered that she saw a bird fly past the window with something fluttering from its beak. Investigation in the direction the bird was flying soon revealed the lace. A robin had worked them up into material for the most comfortable nest imaginable. They were recovered somewhat damaged.

## But Well as Usual.

A quart of oysters contain, on the average, about the same quantity of nutritive substance as a quart of milk or a pound of very lean beef.

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Ladies' two-clasp and Foster lacing Kid Gloves in all the very newest spring shades, value \$1.00, special..... 73c

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The Westfield boy who wanted the circumference because he heard that it was three times the diameter of the pie will be fit to "promote" a trust when he grows to man's estate.

This from the Elizabeth Journal:

Though Bryan and Belmont, and Croker and Cohn Harvey are at sword's points, the Democracy is getting closer together. Hitherto they were divided by 16 to 1; now they are divided by only 10 to 1. The question of ratio has been superseded by the question of ratios.

Good, McBride; in fact, very good.

On Friday evening, April 7, a meeting will be held at the residence of G. H. Strobel, 5 Clinton avenue, near Broad street, Newark, at which all are invited who may be interested in securing Direct Legislation in New Jersey. We would be glad to see a good delegation go down from Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hoadley. May good luck go with you! When you get good and ready to come back there will be a warm welcome for you both; and a cosy cushion at the southeast end of Westfield's big open fireplace—and pie for breakfast. And the very same to those other good people, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Douglas; and to all others who, like them, leave good old Westfield with many a regret.

By the way, how often it happens that people, leaving Westfield for one reason or another, find their way back again.

Let us hope etc.

We have said much of the injuries effect of Alger's beef on our soldiers, but we had no idea that the private car in which Alger and his party went south would have the same effect on subsequent occupants even without eating the beef.

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitehead and E. J. Whitehead came from Florida last week, after gaining about 30 lbs. in weight, but occupied the drawing room in which Alger slept on his way south; result, sick all the way home and after they arrived. Alger is nauseating anyway and the American people will in some way let the Administration know.

We are glad to note that Governor Pingree has signed the bill recently passed by the Michigan Legislature authorizing the city of Detroit to purchase and operate its street railways. And we also read with satisfaction that the new charter of San Francisco authorizes the city to own and operate its street railways and other public utilities.

A New York newspaper commenting on the tendency on the part of the people to get their eyes open says:

When the cities reclaim these franchises, given away in many instances, and apply the profits to relieving the tax burdens, we will escape the impositions of monopolies, and not before.

Don't look to the Sun to take up the people's cause. It is controlled by the Goulds.

Don't look to the Mail & Express to take up the people's cause. It is controlled by the Vanderbills.

Don't look to the Commercial Advertiser to work for the people. It

is controlled by Collis P. Huntington.

Don't look to the Tribune to war against trusts. It is controlled by D. O. Mills.

Don't look to the World for consistency and sincerity. Meaning no disrespect to our Hebrew friends, it is a "sheeny," with all that the term implies.

Don't look to the Herald for loyalty to the people. The editorial force is kept on a red-hot griddle by its eccentric owner, who lives in Europe and hob-nobs with royalty.

Don't look to the Times as a battle-axe for the people. It is controlled by Tammany, and Tammany is controlled by Croker.

As to the Press, we don't know; except that it is an apologist for Alger and Eagan, and never criticises the Administration. Like all party organs it is color-blind, if not dishonest.

The Evening Post is a respectable, hoary headed old tory, foreign in its quality and without an American instinct beyond the Wall street idea.

The New York Journal, with its wild and woolly western ways, and altogether too yellow to exactly suit our own aesthetic qualities, is, nevertheless, loyal to the backbone, intensely American in every fibre of its being and stands pre-eminent as the people's champion and friend. It makes mistakes; but its integrity of purpose is beyond all challenge; with courage equal to any undertaking, with means by the millions and a prodigality that makes it appear to be the spendthrift of the entire newspaper race, it is, exactly, dominated by rare business ability; and, if it sows lavishly it reaps abundantly, as it deserves to do. Small wonder that jealous contemporaries call it names. But in spite of all it forges ahead, leaving others to follow as fast as they can. It is the one paper that gets into the hands of all classes. "The people" take it because it is their unquestioned friend; better than another daily it is their advocate and defense. The Hannas and Carnegies, and Algers and Armours and Morgans and Crokers take it, as it shows what the people are thinking and talking about, and to what extent they are "onto them."

It is the newspaper weathervane that shows the direction and force of the rising wind in favor of returning to Jeffersonian Democracy and Lincoln-Garfield Republicanism—one and the same thing; true to the foundational idea of Equal Opportunity.

That's why the People take the New York Journal.

That's why the syndicate conspirators take it.

That's why its circulation towers far and far above that of any other metropolitan newspaper and easily quadruples a combination of five of the newspapers mentioned in this connection.

The people are finding the Journal out; and the more they find it out the more they take it.

Other newspapers with a less worthy incentive are falling into line.

They are learning from the Journal that it pays to be good.

## The Madrid Museum.

After the social side of life in the Spanish capital has lost some of its novelty there are always the collections to see and admire. And, after all, the crowning glory of the place is the Museo del Prado, which, if not the finest in Europe, at least ranks with the Louvre and the galleries of Dresden and Florence, says a correspondent in the Chicago Record. The gallery is especially rich in portraits of the great kings of Spain, and its chief treasures are the works of Diego Velasquez, some 60 in number. The light of the gallery itself is perhaps poor, but the charm of being able to walk undisturbed and never crowded amid this marvelous collection of works by the masters is enough of itself to repay a visit to Spain. The royal collection of armor at the palace is as interesting as the Prado pictures, in a way, and after these collections come others less notable, but worthy of a great capital.

## Most Curious Clock.

One of the most curious clocks in the world is that which Amos Lane of Amides, Nev., constructed some time ago. The machinery, which is nothing but a face, hands and lever, is connected with a geyser, which shoots out an immense column of hot water every 98 seconds. This spurting never varies to the tenth of a second, and therefore a clock properly attached to it cannot fail to keep correct time. Every time the water spurts up it strikes the lever and moves the hands forward 98 seconds.

## ALL MATERIAL ORDERED.

WORK ON TROLLEY ROAD TO BEGIN AT ONCE.

No Opposition to the Cross Town Line at the Public Hearing in Rahway on Friday Evening.

That trolley cars will be running between Plainfield and Elizabeth and between Westfield and Rahway by the fall of the present year is an assured fact according to the statement of Col. E. W. Hine, an officer of the Westfield & Elizabeth Street Railway company, which proposes to build the roads. Col. Hine said, to a STANDARD reporter, that all the material for the roads had been ordered and that the Pennsylvania Iron company would start to roll the rails on Monday (yesterday) and that as soon as they were ready for shipment they would be distributed along the routes. The contract for the building of the main line (Plainfield to Elizabeth) has been awarded to L. W. Sewell, of Plainfield, and work will begin at Scotch Plains at once.

There were very few citizens at the meeting held at Rahway on Friday evening for the purpose of giving a public hearing to the application of the Westfield & Elizabeth Street Railway company for a franchise to build, maintain and operate a trolley road on Westfield avenue in that city.

Clerk S. Rusling Ryno called the meeting to order and Councilman Bliss was made president pro tem, President Coates being absent. The chairman asked if there were any citizens present who would like to be heard on the question and Wm. Randolph asked what benefit another trolley would be to the city. Councilman Miller replied, saying that he had been a merchant in Rahway for the past 40 years and that a large number of his customers lived on the line of the proposed trolley; that there was at present no way for them to get to the store except walking or driving and that if the road was built it would help, nothing alone, but all the merchants in the city.

Councilman Osborn stated that he was in favor of the road, and that a town or city which had no trolley lines was slow and not up-to-date. In a long address he told of the old days when Rahway was one of the most prosperous cities in the state and told that, in his mind, was the cause of the decline. In 1853, according to the councilman, a commission of citizens decided to tax the people \$32,000 for the purpose of taking down the many mill dams about the city, claiming that the standing water was the cause of so much sickness that, unless this was done, the city would in a short time be depopulated. The removing of these dams destroyed some of the best water powers in the state. This and the war ruined Rahway and now Councilman Osborn thinks that the city should again do all in her power to get the people back, and this can only be done by having all the improvements to be found in other cities. The trolley is one of those improvements.

The other members of the council all expressed themselves as in favor of the granting of the franchise. Col. E. W. Hine appeared before the council and asked that the franchise be hurried through, one way or another, as the company wished to build at once, the sooner the better, so that they could get advantage of the late summer traffic. On the advice of City Attorney Ward the franchise was introduced and title taken of it. It will be brought up at the regular meeting this evening. Freeholder M. M. Scudder, of Westfield, and Freeholder King, of Clark township, were present and deeply interested on account of their large property holdings in Clark township on the line of the new road.

## STORY OF THE PASSION.

Special Musical Service Held at St Paul's Church.

There was a large and appreciative congregation at the special musical service in St. Paul's church on Wednesday evening of last week. The soloists were G. V. Steebe and Edward L. Hubert. Mrs. Armstrong was the organist. The music was from "The Redemption" by Gounod, and from the "Story of Christ" by J. Varley Roberts. The well arranged program was well sung and much enjoyed.

## Sensitive Clocks.

A Lewiston (Me.) merchant has in his store an old fashioned clock which is peculiarly sensitive. It sometimes stops, and if any one steps into the store or goes by it will start again, and if a horse steps on a certain spot in the street it will start.

A man who happened to notice it and who had one like it himself said that his would not run after he had started his furnace in the fall. In the spring, after he ceased to keep a fire, it would run all right.

## Great Lovers of Water.

The Spaniards are more devoted to the water than any other nation in the world. They are nearly always bathing, generally with their clothes on, and they never go anywhere by land if they can possibly go by water. The streets of Bangkok are like those of Venice, and the inhabitants say that their idea of paradise would be a town with canals where there were currents in both directions, so that they might be spared the effort of rowing.

## AFTERNOON TEA; EVENING DANCE.

Westfield Club Members Enjoy Themselves on Easter Monday.

The entertainment arranged for by the entertainment committee of the Westfield club took place yesterday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the ladies of the club gave an "afternoon tea." Mrs. Lawrence Bantable and Mrs. Charles D. Orth acted as the reception committee and saw to it that all had a good time. During the tea Prof. Harry Westervelt, of Newark, furnished music.

In the evening a dance was given at which Prof. Westervelt again furnished the music. The entertainment committee to whose efforts the success of the undertaking is due was composed of Frank S. Smith, Robert Carberry, Mrs. R. S. Wigs and Miss Nellie Bogert. This committee attended also the decorations, which were beautiful and showed great good taste. The stage and floor were decorated with stately palms and plants, while the floor was covered with handsome rugs of all colors and sizes. A round sent in the center of the hall with a large palm in the center was much admired.

## A RATHER WINTRY EASTER.

However, Large Congregations Attended All The Churches.

Sunday was observed in all the churches of this town by celebration of the advent of Easter and the commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. The church decorations were handsome and the music came off according to the programs published in the STANDARD on Friday. Communion was served in most of the churches and the pastors of the different churches preached most interesting and instructive sermons.

## VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

Joseph Perry Wins His Suit Against J. W. Singer.

A twelve-man jury in Justice Toney's court yesterday gave a verdict in favor of Joseph Perry and against J. W. Singer for \$138.42. Mr. Perry sued for the amount of an ice bill which Mr. Singer contracted while in the fish business. Paul Q. Oliver appeared for the plaintiff while Lawyer Swackhamer, of Plainfield, looked out for the interests of Mr. Singer.

## Woodhull &amp; Martin's Spring Talk.

Woodhull & Martin, of Plainfield, have their "spring announcement" in this issue of the STANDARD. Read it; it will surely interest you. There is no larger or more reliable house in central New Jersey than Woodhull & Martin's and purchases made there are satisfactory in every respect.

## Lecture on Oxford.

The managers of the Children's Home wish to call the attention of their patrons to the unique character of the lecture to be given for the benefit of the Home on April 13. The lecturer, Alfred M. Collett, M. A., is an Oxford University man; his lectures are the result of a life-long study of the great churches of England and the University towns. These lectures have been received with much favor in this country. The New York Tribune says of his Oxford lecture: "In his usual charming manner Mr. Collett described the historic old town and cathedral and its great University. Seventy slides were shown, among the most beautiful and interesting being the entrance to Oxford over Magdalen Bridge, the stone open-air pulpit in Magdalen College, the water walks with their avenues of stately trees, the river views, Brasenose College, the College interiors, and a fine colored slide showing Holman Hunt's picture, 'The Light of the World.'"

This lecture was recently given in Albany for a charity, and Bishop Doane was in the chair and afterwards wrote Mr. Collett, unsolicited by him, a letter speaking in the highest terms of his lecture and of the wrapped attention paid him by the audience and the beauty of the pictures thrown upon the scene. After one of his lectures a lady remarked: "One of the chief charms of this lecture is that, Mr. Collett, as an Englishman, is so at home in his subject and is so fond of it. An American could not be so interesting even if he knew so much."

Seeing many cannot have the pleasure of strolling through the streets of that historic town themselves the next best thing will be to view it as it will be thrown upon the scene on April 13. The town is to be congratulated upon having an opportunity to hear a really fine lecture without having the trouble and expense of going into the city to hear it.

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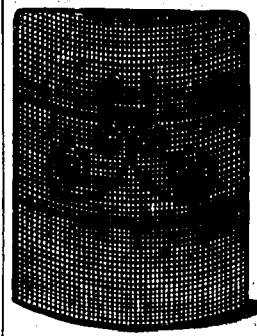
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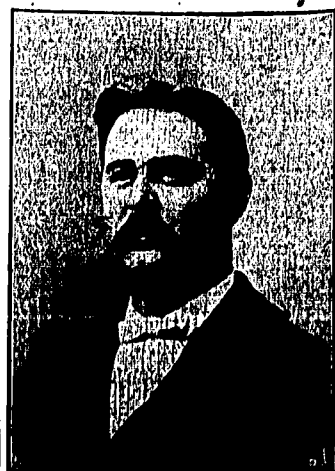
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# THE UNION COUNTY STANDARD

WESTFIELD, N. J., APR. 4, 1899.

## Wants and Offers.

**THE STANDARD** is on sale at Trenchard's drug store, on Broad St., C. F. W. Co. drug store, Elm and Broad Sts., Union News Co., at depot and from all news boys.

**FURNISHED** houses to rent for the summer. C. E. Pearsall & Co.

**FASHIONABLE** dressmaker wishes a few more daily engagements. Handy. 505.

**FOR RENT**—Stable, 4 stalls; 2 box, 2 others. Harness room, man's room, cold rent for storage. Dudley avenue, near Elm street. Box 365.

**FOR RENT**—Or sale, the Henry residence, on Elm street; centrally located, comfortable, well furnished, and extensive, beautiful grounds. C. E. Pearsall & Co., Agents.

**FOR SALE**—Flower piano, 2 bicycles—1 latest model, and 1 mattress. Cheap. S. A. Mallette, Kimball avenue.

**FOR SALE**—All my possessions in New Jersey, consisting of land, building, etc., etc. Send card for particulars. Ira C. Lambert.

**GENTLEMEN** or couple to board, large pleasant room with convenient, ten minutes walk from station. Dudley avenue, near Elm street. Box 243.

**HARD WOOD**—In lengths to suit your grate or stove. Ira C. Lambert.

**HOUSE** to rent, 7 rooms, \$14 month. North avenue, above Charles street. C. L. Weeks.

**IF YOU** have a house to rent or sell this spring, list it at once with C. E. Pearsall & Co., Real Estate Agents. See them about it at once.

**TO LET**—A first class modern dwelling, sanitary plumbing, house next to Shield residence, broad street. Address, John Ingram, Jr., East Stroudsburg, Pa.

**TO RENT**—Handsome 9 room cottage, every improvement, perfect condition, large lot, made fruit. \$30 month. Address P. O. Box 25.

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## Legal Notices.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order made for that purpose by the Orphans' Court of the County of Union, on the tenth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the subscriber as administrator of George A. Bayard, deceased, will expose for sale at public vendue, on the premises, on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the two parcels of land situated in the Township of Westfield, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, more particularly described as follows:

**THE FIRST TRACT, BEGINNING** in the southerly line of Orchard Street at a point therein distant one hundred and seventy-seven feet northerly from the intersection of said southerly line of Orchard Street with the easterly line of Elm Street, and from said beginning running northerly along the line of Orchard Street one hundred feet to the corner of a lot of lands now or formerly owned by J. Biddle; thence southeasterly along that line one hundred and seventy-nine feet and five-tenths of a foot to the line of the Presbyterian Burying Ground; thence southeasterly along that line and the line of land of the Baptist church sixty-five feet and less to a point in line of lands now or formerly of C. H. Moat; thence northerly along that line fifty-one feet to a point; thence southeasterly along that line twenty-three feet to a point thence northeasterly parallel with the second course be the distance more or less to the point or place of BEGINNING.

**THE SECOND TRACT, BEGINNING** at a standing oak tree on the southerly side of Orchard Street, said stake being the most northerly corner of J. Biddle's lot; thence binding on Orchard Street northeasterly one hundred and five feet and less to a stake; thence at right angles with Orchard Street one hundred and eighty-five feet to line of Presbyterian Burying Ground; thence binding on said burying ground southeasterly one hundred and five feet and less to a stake and corner of said Biddle's lot; thence binding on said Biddle's lot northeasterly one hundred and eighty feet more or less to the place of BEGINNING.

MILFORD M. SCUDDEN, Administrator.

Dated, April 4, 1899.

### Leading Shoe Store of Westfield.

Don't forget that we are selling shoes which we guarantee at prices as low as the same quality can be purchased in the city, and in some cases lower.

**JOHN O'BLENIS**  
Broad Street, Westfield.

### QUEER BURGLARS IN TOWN.

Upset Everything in House But Stole Nothing.

Sometime between Thursday evening and Friday afternoon a thief or thieves made a visit to the house at the corner of Elm and Walnut streets, which is occupied by Mrs. George B. Wright, Miss Grace Harned and Miss L. B. Hubbard, teachers in the public schools, and upset everything in the house.

Rugs were turned over, beds torn apart and bureau drawers ransacked but nothing was taken. The young ladies who occupy the house left on Thursday to spend their Easter vacation out of town and on Friday W. H. Chamberlain, the Westfield representative of the suburban Electric company, was around to that company's customers reading the meters. He secured the key to the house from a neighbor and went in, only to find everything in disorder. The thief or thieves secured an entrance to the house by cutting a piece of the glass out of a window. There is no clue as to who the guilty parties are.

### Plant Trees!

## LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

I wrote a playful sonnet to a charming Easter bonnet and I sold the little sonnet for a V.

My wife perused the sonnet and she went and bought the bonnet, and the truth laid upon it was four times the V.

—Arbor Day, Friday, April 28.

—Don't fail to hear the lecture on Oxford.

—E. R. Hoadley leaves this week for St. Louis, Mo.

—Miss Blanche Jones is visiting at Atlantic City.

—The wheelmen were out in force on Saturday and Sunday.

—Mrs. Chas. Dursh is spending several days in Brooklyn.

—Miss Riger, of Fanwood, has been visiting friends in town.

—A. L. Jimerson has leased the front flat over J. F. Dorvall's store.

—The Bayonne Budget issued a colored Easter edition on Saturday.

—E. C. Sanford is having an addition built to his residence on First street.

—Walter E. Smith has accepted a position in the employ of Tuttle Bros.

—W. H. Chamberlain has completed wiring the residence of W. G. Peckham.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Murry have moved from Dudley avenue to Trenton.

—The road bed on Dudley avenue at Prospect street is in a very bad condition.

—Charles Embleton has taken a position with W. P. Scriven, the bicycle dealer.

—Eighteen new members were taken into the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hunt, of Ross place, spent Sunday with relatives at Danellen.

—Miss Ruth Francisco, of Fairfield, is the guest of Miss Ruth Pearsall, on Carleton place.

—Mrs. A. A. Drake will soon remove to New York, having taken apartments in the Majestic.

—The Morris Journal, of Dover, observed Easter by issuing a 13 page paper on Friday.

—The Board of Education meets this evening at 8 o'clock in the Prospect street school building.

—The regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be held at Elizabeth on Thursday.

—The forty-second annual meeting of the Newark Methodist Conference opens at Newark to-morrow.

—The contract for painting the J. H. Vall house on Chestnut street has been given to Welch Brothers.

—J. H. Pencheon, who has been at Salt Lake City for several weeks, was a visitor in town on Sunday.

—The Central Railroad depot is getting to be a most popular place of recreation for the young people.

—Mrs. Octavious Knight, of New York, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knight, of Broad street.

—The Social Club wheelmen are making arrangements for a very enjoyable season of club runs and picnics.

—Dr. F. Gilpin, of New Foundland, Pa., spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. T. R. Harvey on Broad street.

—Mrs. E. R. Hoadley and Miss Mary Lee Cadwell will spend the remainder of the present week at Washington, D. C.

—B. W. Mulford, of Duluth, Minn., who is on a business trip east, is spending several days with Westfield friends.

—The electric light at the corner of First street and New York avenue has been "on strike" for several evenings.

—Welch Brothers have the contract to paint the house on Dudley avenue owned C. F. Conant and occupied by Robb Mackey.

—Mrs. Montville B. Sheppard, of East Orange, spent Monday as the guest of Mrs. N. W. Cadwell at the Presbyterian manse.

—The members of the choir of the Presbyterian church will give the sacred cantata "The Great Light" on Friday evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Newton Clark, of Boston, Mass., have been visiting Mrs. Myron Williams at her home on Kimball avenue.

—The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon.

—The Hotel Hunterdon, at Netherwood, is to be opened by Major Coleman, of Washington, D. C., as an all the year hotel.

—A new sidewalk in front of the residence of Mrs. Jane Williams on Dudley avenue is a big improvement to that part of town.

—The pool tournament at the Social Club is attracting a great deal of attention and proving a big amusement for the members.

—The Maps-Affleck sewer assessment matter will come before the township committee at their regular meeting on Friday evening.

—The Plainfield Courier-News issued a handsome Easter number on Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Darsh will move shortly to Baltimore, Md., where Mr. Darsh has accepted a position in architectural work.

—The Board of Trade and Improvement Association held a meeting last evening at which by laws were introduced but no action was taken.

—A rare opportunity to hear a good lecture illustrated by seventy pictures without going to the city. Oxford, April 18, Westfield club hall.

—The Rev. C. M. Anderson, D. D., of the Methodist church, is in Newark to-day attending a meeting of one of the committees of the annual conference.

—John Morrow leaves town to-day on a three months' business trip to central Mexico. The last 125 miles of the journey will be made by stage and on horse back.

—E. J. Whitehead has purchased a lot at the corner of Summit avenue and Park street and will soon commence the erection of a house to be occupied by H. H. Downes.

—A large number of friends of Louise Erbeck tendered her a surprise party at her house on Elm street last evening. The evening was pleasantly passed in playing games.

—Mrs. James M. Frazee was united with the Methodist church on Sunday morning by letter from the Presbyterian church at Roselle. Antonie Perrette joined on probation.

—Hereafter the Sheriffs of New Jersey will receive 23 cents a mile for taking prisoners to the State prison, but the expense will have to be borne by the county instead of the State as formerly.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Association was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Theo. McGarragh on the Boulevard. Mrs. Price, of Miconesia, made an interesting address.

—Elliott Howe, David Curtis and R. C. George, former members of the 71st Regiment, New York Volunteers, went to New York on Saturday to act as an escort to their dead comrades who fell on Cuban soil.

—Station Agent C. A. Brown spent Sunday with his brother, who is station agent for the Central Railway Company at Dover. Miss Geraldine Brown and Jesse Brown accompanied him and will spend the week there.

—James E. Folsom, who has held the position of baggage master at the depot for the past four years, is now filling a position at the office of the United States Express Company at Elizabeth. Mr. Folsom is succeeded as baggage master by R. C. George, of First street.

—Robert M. Crosby, the son of Benj. J. Crosby (secretary of the Board of this place), was united in marriage on Thursday, March 30, to Emma Helene Able, of Ironia, N. J., by the Rev. W. J. Hampton, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, at Dover, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby will make their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

—Those unable to attend the lecture on Oxford, for the benefit of the Children's Home, would help the object by buying one or more tickets and, giving them to some of the High school pupils who would find much to instruct and interest them.

—Mrs. Hannah Williams, widow of the late William Williams, died at her home in Mountaineer on Saturday, aged 83 years. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. George A. Francis, of the Baptist church.

—At the annual parish meeting of the Presbyterian church held last evening Charles G. Endicott and John S. Irving were re-elected trustees for three years. All the various organizations of the church made their reports and the results were very encouraging.

—Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller's lecture on "The Birds Our Brothers" before the Woman's Club promises to be very interesting. It will be given at the Social club assembly room to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. Each member of the club is privileged to bring one invited guest.

—Mrs. Hannah S. Ward, mother of H. A. Ward of the Westfield hotel, died at the residence of her son on Saturday after an illness of several weeks with the grip. The funeral services were held yesterday morning, being conducted by the Rev. Charles Fiske. Burial took place at Silver Mount cemetery, Staten Island.

—A despatch from Elizabeth states that Wm. H. Stitt and Adelle L. Stitt, of Westfield, have filed a suit in its pendence, praying for a partition of property in the old Stitt estate. The will was probated about two years ago and under its terms the estate was to be sold and the proceeds were to be equally divided among the heirs.

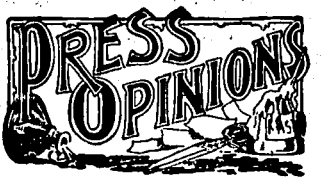
—Everyone is invited to the Methodist church on Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock. Corporal R. C. Pearsall will present by means of stereopticon views various pictures of camp life as he saw it, explaining each view. A kodak accompanied the Corporal to the different camps and the "snaps" obtained are very interesting. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Epworth League.

## GILDERSLEEVE'S Spring Fever

Is already warming your blood and shaping your thoughts. We caught it weeks ago. Symptoms of it are scattered all over this store. It breaks out in bright new wash goods, dainty spring dress goods, organdies and diverse spring fabrics; it shows in the new shirt waists. No department is free from its influence. We should like to have every lady in this vicinity see our stock, as we confidently believe it will be to our mutual advantage.

## M. J. GILDERSLEEVE DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS.

BROAD ST., WESTFIELD.



City Clerk MacMurray is anxious to change his official title to County Clerk, and to that end he is active and bona fide candidate for the Republican nomination to that office next fall.—Plainfield Press.

The Westfield Standard in its semi-weekly issue, is now two years old. Few thought Pearsall could do it; but he has. That comes from knowing how.—Plainfield Courier News.

The great curse of this nation is the great extravagance of Congress under Republican control, which has overstepped the billion mark some years ago, and the one that ended its career on the 4th inst. came mighty near the two billion mark, but was only saved by the warnings of a prospective bond issue, and we do not doubt we shall have the bonds issued soon anyway.—Dover Index.

Among the bills passed at the recent session of the legislature and which will be placed on the statute books we fail to find Assemblyman Horner's bill restricting the competition of convict labor. How easily the workmen are bamboozled by promises made for the purpose of securing their votes. Poor fools. And the men who duped them are laughing in their sleeves at the cute trick they played. "But it won't work again," they say. Bah!—Burlington County Democrat.

## To Whom it May Concern.

Having disposed of my Fire Insurance agency business to Mr. Chas. E. Smith and the appointment having been approved by the companies, I would respectfully ask that should occasion require, you will consult with Mr. Smith, who will have full power to represent the companies. Appreciating the favors extended me in the past, and asking that same be given to my successor, I am, Yours truly, IRVING R. DOUGLAS.

Westfield, N. J., March 25, 1899.

**CHARLES E. SMITH,**  
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1 Cake of German Sweet Chocolate, FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

Gold Dust, 4 lb. package..... 14c Lemon Wafers..... 5c lb  
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We have a beautiful assortment of Fancy Worsteds at \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50 and \$8.00. Anyone of these suits are fit for any one to wear any place. Blue Serges, the pick of the market, wide wales, shower proofs and Cheviot Serges, Italian lined, satin lined, \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$7.00, worth \$10.00 to \$15.00. Our Fancy Cheviots in light Summer effects are beauties, they sell from \$3.50 to \$8.00. About 50 styles to select from. Would cost you double elsewhere. You should see our Youth's long pants suits at \$3.50. We have others in proportion.

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## OUR FASHION LETTER

## SKIRTS THAT CLING WILL WORRY OUR WOMEN.

Made So Tight Their Wearers Cannot Bend With Comfort—How Heavy Skirt May Be Handled—Soft Cashmeres, Make Effective Spring Costumes.

Here is a big picture hat, with groups of ostrich tips and lacey brim. The hat has deep purple velvet streamers, which start from a rosette and tie under the chin in a graceful bow. The crown is made of plaited yellow net and stands up like a ruff. The transparent brim is of open work yellow straw lace, outlined with a fine black velvet cord. Around the crown is a band of deep purple velvet, and the full curly tips are jet black.

Most attractive are the spring costumes that are now being turned out by the gross—so attractive, in fact, that few women will be able to resist the temptation to buy more than one. To begin with, there are so many different styles, each and all appropriate to so many different occasions that it



will be extremely hard to refrain from buying a gown for each and every occasion. Of course, first on the list must come the coat and skirt style, the accepted uniform for shopping, traveling and all such occasions. These gowns are made in several different ways, the principal novelty in them being the skirts. There are several models of skirts, most of which are attractive; some, however, too exaggerated. There is one style made, as it were, in a half circular—that is, with circular sides and a seam down the centre of the back, but with absolutely no fullness until very nearly at the foot of the skirt. However, the seam down the centre of the back seems to relieve somewhat the very plain look that is given by the circular skirt that has no fullness and no break in the material. These skirts fasten at the left side, sometimes with an invisible fastening under a flap or fold of cloth. Others fasten under a piece of braid or straps of the cloth. Then, again, there are skirts made on this same plan that have the perfectly plain effect, but are relieved by little cords of trimming.

## The New Shade of Blue.

An attractive gown in light blue (the new shade of blue) is trimmed to represent an overskirt. This consists of lines of black satin bias folds not over a quarter of an inch wide outlined with a narrow white silk braid. They are put down the front breadth, turn around in a graceful line, come up at the side in points and then go down again to the bottom of the gown at the back. The skirt is cut with so much of a flare that this trimming gives the effect of an overskirt finished in points and is infinitely more graceful, because there is no flaring of extra material, as would be the case if two skirts were used. Another style—perhaps smarter—has the skirt cut with the same flare and is trimmed with bands of the dress material. The bands only show in certain lights and yet give a style that is most charming and exceedingly smart.

All the skirts are awkwardly bound the flaring flounce touching the ground everywhere. It is hard to hold these skirts up; women, however, are gradually acquiring the art, which consists of grabbing the centre of the back breadth, holding it up quite high and then with the disengaged hand holding the fullness that otherwise would fall on the ground at the left side. This can be made a most picturesque pose, but also an extremely awkward one. It calls for the daintiest of silk petticoats, for it must be confessed there is always more or less exposure of lingerie. It is said the bootmakers are rejoicing in this new style of skirt, for they say that it shows the feet far more, and consequently women are taking much more interest in their boots and shoes. It certainly does show the feet a great deal. Just here it may be well to say that colored stockings are coming in fashion again and can be shown to advantage with this style of skirt.

For house wear the long trained skirts are attractive and becoming. They add greatly to a woman's height, too, and have a look of elegance about them that a short skirt can never possess, but on the other hand, nothing looks worse in the street than a skirt that is allowed to trail along on the ground, cleaning up our dirty streets.

## Smart Gowns in Black.

Some of the smartest gowns are in black. One of light, smooth cloth for half mourning is made with the skirt so tight around the hips that it does not seem possible for the wearer to stoop to sit down; however, it can be accomplished if she will remember to pull the skirt up a little in front as she sits down. Below the sheath like effect around the hips the skirt flares

out so that it gives more freedom in walking than might be supposed. It is built on the plan described, with a seam up the centre of the back, and opens in front at the left side by means of hooks put on under the seam so cleverly that they do not show at all. The coat is quite short, fits tight, and is cut in round points at the back and trimmed with several bands of stitched cloth. These bands are stitched before they are put on. The double-breasted front is trimmed with small silk buttons fastened with loops of silk twist—not buttonholes. The coat can be worn open or double-breasted, as has been described, the revers being faced with a light gray silk stitched and corded. With this jacket and skirt is always worn a light gray silk blouse just a shade lighter than the trimming on the revers, the waist showing between the revers when the coat is worn open. The sleeves fit absolutely tight and, of course, the whole gown is intensely severe, but it is very becoming even to a woman without a figure, because the tailors can arrange to help out nature and give the desired lines.

## Effective Spring Costumes.

The soft cashmeres make most effective spring costumes; they are made not only in the princess shape, but also in waists and skirts. One of the smartest that has been turned out is a light brown, and has a close-fitting skirt, quite long, trimmed down the left side, where it is fastened with rows of narrow braid and ten crystal buttons. The coat is tight-fitting, double-breasted, cut short in the back like an Eton coat and in front with square tabs that fasten over each other with small crystal buttons. There are wide revers, round in shape, and a high round collar that can be turned over or worn standing, the latter faced with purple velvet, stitched in many rows, with an applique of brown cloth over the purple velvet. It is worn over the waist of the gown, which is strapped with bands of white lace over blue satin ribbon, put on to give the effect of a fachu crossed in front, and then going around at the back and fastening down under a most minute cloth belt. There is a V-shaped piece let in like a yoke in front of the waist and cuffs pointed in shape made of brown chenille. Trimming cashmere gowns with plain cloths, dotted with chenille, is one of the fads of the season, and it is sure to be one of the leading models.

## Beige Cloth Dress.

One of the most fashionable colors at the present moment is very bright beige, resembling certain shades of peau de Suede or peau de Saxe gloves. It is of the princess shape, but the skirt appears detached from the body, which forms a bolero crossing from right to left. The skirt, in the prevailing style, is comparatively tight around the body. In the back the corsage and the skirt are marked down sides by seams starting from the inset of the sleeves and extending in the form of a tunic to the bottom of the skirt. This tunic falls over an underskirt of violine taffetas, which is seen for a width of ten centimetres below the tunic, and is trimmed with a



shaped flounce slightly gathered, and gives the dress the effect of being very much widened at the hem. This tunic is fastened down the front slightly on one side, and the sides are ornamented with rounded festoons of white cloth, piped with white along the edges.

The violine silk appears between the festoons all the way down. The upper part of the bolero is cut low, over a small yoke of violine silk. The neck trimming with narrow black velvet. The sleeves are quite tight, and are trimmed along the outer seam with a narrow band of white cloth.

The hat that completes the costume is of felt, matching the cloth. The brim is crinkled across the front, and bound with black velvet. On the top of the hat is an ornament composed of black feathers and violine roses.

## Three Electric Fishes.

Of about fifty species of electric fishes, only three are of special importance—the torpedo, a kind of skate of the Mediterranean; the gymnotus or electric eel, of the Orinoco; and the malapterurus or thunderer fish, of the Nile. Interesting facts about the electric organ have been lately brought to light. This most remarkable of all batteries, whose results are said to be more economically obtained than any reached by man, acts only at the will of the animal, which also controls its intensity, and the discharge seems to depend upon some chemical process in the plate where the nerve filaments end. In the full grown gymnotus, whose shocks may stun a man, the voltage is probably between 800 and 900. A curious feature of the batteries is that they are without insulation. The discharge, which does not affect the fish itself, is used for protection and securing food.

A drop of oil in time may save many a gallon of perspiration.

## JACK OF ALL TRADES.

## INTERESTING AND VARIOUS EXPERIENCES OF NEW YORK POLICEMEN.

A Single Day's Varied Doings of Dravary—Typical Example of Occurrences Which Combine to Produce the Finest Police Force in the World.

If anything happens in New York, it's "Call a policeman." He's the municipal jack of all trades. He goes to all the church weddings with feminine persistency. He attends about half the funerals. He escorts inebriated gentlemen to their doorsteps, and drags common "drunks" to the station. If there's a murder, he's on hand. If the cook "saucers" her mistress, he's invited into the mansion. If the mistress is out, he's invited in by the cook.

When there's a runaway he is much in evidence. When there is an accident he appears in force.

The policeman one hour is a diplomat, the next a prize fighter. In one block he is the tyrant, sending the pushcart men scurrying from the blows of his night stick; in the next he is the Solon, issuing wise orders to preserve the peace of the community. Now he is the Sherlock Holmes, stealthily trailing the criminal to his haunts; again he is a bidden but uninvited guest at the society function, keeping an eye on the silver spoons.

He is all things to all men and a hundred things in one. Every day he has to do things at which the average citizen would blush. Every day he does things, as a matter of course about which the average citizen, if he did them, would boast for a month. If he does not report the dead cats on his "beat" he is complained of at Headquarters and loses a day's pay. If, when he gets thirsty, he takes a drink, as ordinary mortals do, it's two days' pay if he is caught. Not a day passes but he risks his life. Sometimes he gets honorable mention or a medal. More often he gets only a spoiled uniform.

Here's just a glimpse at the policeman's life, a chronicle of a few of the things he did one day recently, illustrating the courage, quick wit, physical powers and qualities of heroism that make the Police Department of New York the finest in the world.

As it happens, the day on which these instances were noted was one of those times when the fire king shows his power. From midnight to midnight the firemen were answering alarms and the streets were seldom without the clatter of boots and the clang of gongs.

Five alarms had been sent in for a destructive fire in Sixth avenue late the night before. It drew the fire engines from a large section, and when smaller fires came later the firemen were much longer than usual in arriving. At the scene of the big fire were the police reserves from several stations.

Almost with the fire alarms came the call for reserves. There were eager, pushing crowds to keep out of the firemen's way, threatening walls to watch, reporters' questions to answer, heaped up goods from the burning building to protect, a hundred other things to do; and scores of tired policemen, dragged from their slumbers, did all these duties uncomplainingly until the morning broke.

But all the heroes of the force were not at the fire. One lone policeman was riding on the rear platform of an east side car. His watchful eye saw smoke issuing from a store on the ground floor of a Norfolk street tenement. It was only a second's work to dash to the nearest fire alarm box and call the engines, thereby bringing the firemen in time to rescue shrieking tenants whom the flames had cut off from the fire escapes and stairways.

Not many blocks away two policemen, a few hours before, had been violating that much transgressed rule about talking on post by having a friendly chat. On the opposite corner was a fire alarm box. An excited citizen ran up and opened the door of the little red box. He thought he had called the engines to a nearby fire, but he had not. It took the policemen only a second to discover that he had not "pulled the hook" according to directions, and they quickly remedied the delay that might have brought death to many in a tenement.

Over on the west side, in West Fourth street it was a little girl, playing with fire, ignited a sofa. The house was in a panic. Tenants scurried hither and thither, helpless from fright. Some one had presence of mind enough to turn in an alarm, but before the engines arrived came a cool headed young policeman. The sofa was blazing merrily, but nothing else had caught. He hung up a window, tossed the sofa out into the street and went back to his post. He had saved a building from the flames, but what's a policeman for?

Further up on the west side a fire started on the third floor of the house. Up on the fourth floor was a poor woman—a consumption victim—with her baby, six months old. She heard the shrieks of the other tenants as they ran from the building. None thought of her. Picking up her child she sought to escape by the stairway. Weak from illness, the smoke overcame her. A big policeman found her there, and tenderly carried mother and babe to a place of safety. But that's only an ordinary thing for a policeman to do, and the station house blotter will not even tell you his name.

And while all this was going on thieves were being arrested, intoxicated men taken care of, pedestrians guided through Broadway's mazes, strangers directed to stores and ferries, attempts at suicides being investigated—all by policemen.—New York Herald.

## THE DOG NURSE.

I Couldn't Take No Dog En Treat Ie I Would Be Child.

All the experience isn't on the side of the lady who goes to look for a servant, but many a servant might "a tale unfold" of how she went to look for a place.

"Shut yo' mouf, or I'll knock some er you coons into de middle ob next week if you say anudder word to me 'bout er dog nuss! I never took de place, nuh I ain't going to. 'What 'n? Ye'm; er lady actually sent for me—answered my 'ad.' to do anything—and offered me er place as dog nuss. No'm. I didn't take it. I tole her; mum, as how I wanted work es bad es er boss wanted oats when 'twas hungry, but, humb! humb! I couldn't take no dog en treat it es I would er child. kase I loves children en I hates dogs.

"Well, den, de lady said da's all she could offer. She wanted de dog taken out every morning when 'twas fair, en every afternoon, en she wanted it 'washed, en brushed, en fed jest es you would a child! One er dese yers long hair dogs—half most techin' de ground and all coverin' its eyes, sort er gray hair—expensive dog, cost \$25 or \$125, or somethin'; en she'd give me \$12 er month to take beer of it. Cose, no'm, I didn't take it.

"I hear er one lady er two—mother en daughter—who had a dog, and it was sick and lay up on dey bed all day, and they had fine linen, cambric pocket handkerchiefs for it. An' th' woman lay sick close by but they never went near nor saunt nothin'. They had no time fum dey sick dog.

"If ever I get sick I'll sutlinly do what I wants to wid my money, but none uv it would go for cambric handkerchiefs nuh nusses for sick dogs—nuh yet well ones.

"Yes'm, I'll go wid you to de country. I like de country. I ain't yit got de New York distemper."

As we went along she told me more, but, bard time though I'd had finding her, I decided mine wasn't the worst time, and the best of it is, she is a good woman, well trained, extremely neat, orderly, prompt, an excellent cook and a perfect laundress, and we all count ourselves lucky dogs that are having our day.

## He Never Had 'Em.

A story is told of one of our amateur warriors who had his home in a small town near the Mississippi river, and who had been chosen to command the local company because of his political influence. The ladies of his town had organized a Red Cross Auxiliary society, and among their contributions to the comfort of their absent heroes was a case of homemade pajamas. The box containing these was sent to camp, but no acknowledgment of its receipt was returned. So the good ladies telegraphed:

"Anxious to know if you got the pajamas last week."

Now the captain had been sitting up with the boys the night before, and when the dispatch was handed him he was trying to reduce his swollen head with a wet towel and his mind was somewhat confused. So the ladies of the relief society were astonished by the receipt of this dispatch:

"Story is a lie out of whole cloth, probably made up by my enemies to ruin me politically. Admit am not a total abstainer, but never had the pajamas last week, or at any other time."—Army and Navy Journal.

## Well Supplied with Alibis.

The late Sir Francis Lockwood, of England, was at Saratoga, in 1896, with Baron Russell, Lord Chief Justice of England, and won great prominence and popularity while there.

At a dinner party one evening he was relating anecdotes of some of his early experiences, and told of once defending a man for murder. One of the strong points he made was an alibi, and later, in conversation with the judge, he asked him what he thought of the alibi. The judge said he thought it doubtful if the jury accepted it, and then Sir Francis replied:

"That's too bad, for I had half a dozen other alibis just as good that I could have used."

## Battered.

Little Appleton, aged seven, has grown to be a very serious boy of intelligence and says he is going to be a preacher when he becomes a man. This is comforting to the members of his family, who are all devout churchmen. Therefore they were the more shocked by the way he concluded his nightly devotions recently. After saying: "Now I lay me, etc. God bless mamma, God bless papa, God bless grandmamma, God bless Uncle Appleton," and so on through the list of his immediate relatives he rose from his knees with this sotto voce remark:

"I have to be bothered this way every night."

## When the Minister Anaxied the Things.

An English clergyman was called suddenly to preach before the students of a well-known college. He hurriedly chose out of his "barrel" a sermon and, without reading it, went to the college chapel, the congregation of which was wholly composed of male students.

He got along famously until near the close, when he amazed the boys by beginning his peroration thus: "And now a word in conclusion to you who are mothers."

## Prompt for Once.

"Queer about Ole a's wedding with that plumber."

"What was queer?"

"Why he came to get married at the day and hour he said he would."—Detroit Free Press.

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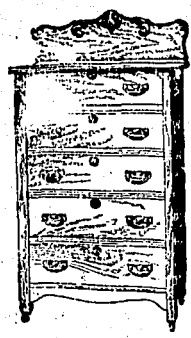
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## ABOUT THE COUNTRY

### CRANFORD.

The Standard is on sale Tuesday and Friday at the Union News Co.'s stand.

Walter G. M. Hemming has leased the Lent house on Cranford avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kelsey will shortly move from New York to this town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Henderson and family have removed to Stapleton, S. I. Mrs. W. B. Judd, of Bernardsville, is the guest of friends in town for a few days.

George Ely is improving his property by having a new flag stone walk laid in front of the house.

A township attorney will be appointed at the meeting of the township committee on Tuesday evening.

Leonard Ott has moved with his family to New York, where he is engaged in the wholesale fish business.

Miss Sadie Hecker entertained the members of the Junior Patriarchs at a pink tea Friday afternoon.

The road board held a regular monthly meeting in the town rooms last evening, but nothing of importance was done.

Miss M. Edith Blake will give her entertainment for the benefit of the public library to-morrow evening at the Presbyterian chapel.

The Cranford Music club gave an informal musical last evening. There was a large attendance and the music was much enjoyed.

The new organ factory which it is now proposed to locate at Garwood will be in Cranford township and not in Westfield as some have stated.

### FANWOOD.

Fred, Smith has recovered from his recent illness.

Miss Cora Miller entertained a number of friends on Wednesday evening.

William Hollingsworth is spending his Easter vacation at his home in this town.

Miss Lulu Robinson is entertaining Miss Browning of the Trenton Normal school.

The Thursday Afternoon Euchre club met last week at the home of Mrs. William Maguire.

### Force of Habit.

"Of course you can't imagine what curious experiences we have with sick people," confided a trained nurse. "I have just come from a very interesting case—a dear old lady, lovely in every way, but utterly unmanageable and unreasonable the subject of early rising. The dear woman cannot turn over in her bed or put her hand to her head—she is fatally ill, poor creature—but she wakes me every morning at 5 o'clock to have her face and hands bathed and her cap changed. 'Oh, I groan, it is only 5 o'clock, Mrs. Lorrimer; that is too early for sick people to get awake! Let us have another little nap.'"

"No, no," she always answers; 'my father reared me to get up at 5 o'clock. I can't disobey my training. You must make my toilet. I mustn't sleep any longer.'"

"So I have to get awake, prepare the dear old lady for the day—80 years old she is, and weak and sick—just because she was reared by a father with abnormal ideas of rising time."—Indiana Journal.

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### RAHWAY.

City election one week from to day. Mr. and Mrs. Fred. C. Hyer are enjoying a stay at Old Point Comfort, Va.

The postponed assembly dance will take place Friday evening at the Elderau club house.

James M. Silvers, the democratic candidate for mayor, has refused to run for that office.

The Ladies' Sewing Society of the Second Presbyterian church will give an Easter supper in the lecture room this evening.

If you are not registered you cannot vote. See that your name is on the list. The registry board meets to-day from 1 o'clock until 9 o'clock p. m.

### ROSELLE.

C. V. Barta, of Chicago, is visiting in town.

The borough council meets Friday evening.

Sheiman Connell, Jr. O. U. A. M., meets this evening.

W. G. Lawrence has returned from a business trip to Baltimore.

Charles Dean has returned from his health seeking trip to Lakewood.

The funeral service of Mrs. Caroline Laux took place Saturday morning from the home of her son, G. P. Laux, and were conducted by the Rev. R. W. Elliott.

### The Appetite of a Goat

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose stomach and liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bowel habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25 cents at any drug store.

### Froze the Quicksand.

"When I was out among the hills of northern India," said the major, "I had an experience that I wonder didn't turn my hair gray. I was camped all alone on the side of the Ganges and had occasion to go for some water. Before I knew where I was I had stepped right into a quicksand. I knew what was up at once and knew that I was gone. As I stood there with that horrible sand dragging at me like some living monster I turned colder and colder. Do what I could my teeth would keep on chattering, though I knew that every vibration of my jaw was shaking me farther down into that ready made grave. Suddenly I noticed that I had stopped sinking."

"Struck the bottom, eh?"

"Certainly not; I had grown so cold from horror and fear—I may as well admit—that I actually froze the water in the quicksand."

### If It Hadn't Been Sunday.

"Had it not been the Sabbath day," said a Perthshire preacher to an elder "between the preachings," "I would just have asked ye how the hay was selling in Perth on Friday."

"Well, sir," said the elder, "had it not been the day it is I was just as tellt ye it was gann at a shillin the stane."

"Indeed! Well, had it been Monday instead of the Sabbath I would have told ye I have some to sell."

"Umph, aye, on aye, sir! And had it been Monday, as ye say, then I was just as tellt ye I was gann at the market price for it."

The elder's carts were at the manse early on Monday morning, and the preacher's haystack vanished like a highland mist.

### George's Teeth.

The American Journal of Dental Science for 1843 states that George Washington lost most of his natural teeth at an early age, relying upon the art and skill of one Mr. John Greenwood, a distinguished dentist of New York, to make good the deficiency.

Washington's artificial teeth were manufactured from the ivory of the tusk of the elephant, the only material at that time employed for the purpose.

### An Episcopal Joke.

The Isis tells a story about the bishop of Oxford. The bishop was at a meeting engaged in auditing the accounts of a sectarian school. Among the items was one of £50 for an "occasional monitor."

One of the persons present asked the bishop what an "occasional monitor" was. He is reported to have answered, "I suppose that is the nonconformist conscience."

### A Lost Advantage.

Hicks—There's Grilley. What a pity that so fine a looking fellow should be deaf and dumb!

Wicks—The dumb is all right, but if he wasn't deaf, what an agreeable person he would be to converse with!—Boston Transcript.

He who would pass his declining years with honor and comfort should, when young, remember that he may one day become old and remember when he is old that he has been once young.—Addison.

Four sweet lips, two pure souls, one undying affection—these are love's ingredients for a kiss.—Boose.

### He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Benick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from rectal fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed, but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest cure on earth, and the best salve in the world. 50 cents a box. Sold at the Bayard drug store.

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## AMUSEMENTS

### WALDMANN'S OPERA HOUSE.

One of the features at Waldmann's is their superb orchestra under the able leadership of Ed. Mueller, who is constantly getting up something new and catchy. In securing Mr. Mueller as musical director Manager Robie has one of the finest musicians in the country for orchestral work.

### ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

"The Old Homestead" opened for a limited Spring engagement at the Academy of Music, New York, Monday evening, the 27th, and as usual the great playhouse was tested to its capacity by the admirers of Denman Thompson's pastoral drama. It would be reasonable to say that there was not a person in the house who had not seen it before, and many were familiar with its every line and situation; yet the welcome Uncle Josh received on his appearance nearly raised the roof, and fairly took the kind hearted New England farmer off his feet. The regular matinee will be given on Wednesday and Saturday.

### Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, from Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold at the Bayard drug store. Guaranteed.

### NEW CURE FOR COBRABITES.

A Yarn That Will Shake Up American Snake Story Inventors.

American inventors of snake stories must look to their laurels. The educated Bengali has entered into competition, and judging from the sample given in good faith by a native paper at Calcutta he will be hard to beat. Some time back the lovely daughter of a wealthy Zemindar was bitten by a cobra and died in the course of a few hours. As her remains were being conveyed to the Ganges for sepulture a passing patriarch of revered mien proposed that he should be allowed to experiment with resuscitation. As he bore a high reputation as a professor of occult science, the sorrowing relatives readily consented.

These then obtained three covies, and after praying very energetically threw the shell on the ground. Instantly one disappeared, and the spectators were wondering what had become of it when a huge cobra burst out of the adjacent jungle, bearing the missing covie on its forehead. It must have been a humble sort of reptile, for when ordered by the sage to suck the wound on the deceased lady it at once complied, and then died to save further trouble. Within an hour its human victim had quite recovered, and went off merrily with her husband and relatives, none the worse for her little adventure.

"Such was the marvelous treatment," says the narrator, "of the peasant, Moula Bux, professor of the occult science, which, with the spread of the so called western civilization, has almost died out of the land." What we cannot understand is why snakes committed more atrocities when occult science was in its prime than under western civilization.

### Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co. of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at the Bayard drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

### A Lucky Cross.

The Princess of Wales possesses a cross which is supposed to always bring good luck to its owner. It was formerly the property of the king of Denmark, having been discovered years ago in the grave of the beautiful Queen Dagmar. Besides its superstitious interest, it is a fine work of art, and was given by the king to the princess on her marriage day.

### Very Human.

Teacher—Once upon a time there were two rich men, one of whom made his fortune by honest industry, while the other made his by fraud. Now, which of these two men would you prefer to be?

Tommy (after a moment's hesitation)—Which made the most?

### Just Where He Was Wino.

Solomon is reported to have been a man of great wisdom, but we have no record of his ever having been questioned by a 6-year-old child.—St. Louis Star.

## USERS OF MORPHINE.

THE DRUG RAPIDLY ENLARGING ITS CIRCLE OF VICTIMS.

Women in New York. Says a Physician of That City: Are Worshipping at the Shrine of the Death Breeder in Great Numbers.

"The amount of morphine used by women in New York is increasing at an alarming rate," said a physician. "I do not give the drug at all, save in extreme cases, for I believe we doctors are largely responsible for the spread of the evil. It seems such an easy, merciful thing to relieve acute suffering by a dose of morphine, and it would be all right if the patients couldn't get the drug themselves. They can get it. There's the trouble."

"I was called to see one of my patients last week. She is a wealthy woman. She developed the morphine habit two years ago, when she had a serious illness. Since then she has had periodical sprees with morphine, in spite of all we could do to prevent her. She always says that the deplorable state she gets into is due to other causes, but I can tell, as soon as I see her, whether she has been taking morphine. Last week, when I went to see her, she was a nervous wreck and said she had been agonizing with rheumatism. 'Rheumatism is a handy thing,' a doctor can't swear that a patient hasn't got it. I accused the woman of having been on a morphine spree. She denied it. I appealed to her husband. He searched her bureau and chiffonier and found 200 morphine pills. She had bought them all at one time, but wouldn't tell who sold them to her."

"Of course there's a law against selling morphine except on prescription, but a morphine fiend can always get it if he is persistent, and generally he is so. Any physician can tell a habitual morphine taker at a glance. So can a druggist. The latter reads the unmistakable signs in a man's face and, if he hasn't a conscience, will sell the morphine victim what he wants. The druggist knows that the purchaser will guard the secret quite as closely as he could. But, if a person with no symptoms of the morphine habit wants to buy the drug, he will probably have great difficulty in getting it. No pharmacist, even if not particularly reputable, wants to take the chances of being hauled up for a breach of the law."

"I am constantly running across cases of the morphine habit, especially, as I said, among women. The life they lead when active socially uses up their nerves, and they take morphine for neuralgia until they can't get along without it. Usually they are ashamed of the habit and conceal it carefully, but sometimes they are quite open about it, take their morphine regularly and will not listen to reason. Not a month ago a beautiful young woman showed me a new chateleine ornament she had just bought. It was a remarkably handsome gold case, studded with jewels, and looked like a vinaigrette. The top opened, and inside were a tiny hypodermic syringe and tube of morphine. I said something more forcible than polite and tried to make her see the insanity of the thing, but she only laughed and told me she carried morphine pills in her chateleine bonbonniere, so that she would be all right if she happened to be where she couldn't use the hypodermic, which she preferred. I threatened to tell her husband, but she said he knew about it and didn't care. She didn't bother him, and he didn't bother her. I went to the husband, and he merely shrugged his shoulders and said he never interfered with his wife. Then I relieved my mind again and told him what I thought of him—and now there is one family less on my list of patients."

"That was an exceptional case, I admit. Usually relatives and friends of a person who takes morphine do everything possible to break up the habit, but a morphine fiend is remarkable for cleverness. A great many women who don't want any one to know that they have the habit work the physicians for morphine. I know women of good family who never go more than two weeks without terrible attacks of neuralgia or rheumatism or something else that causes excruciating agony. The doctor is called in and tries to relieve the woman, but nothing relieves her until he tries morphine. If he is clever enough to see through the thing and too conscientious to help out the little force, he gives up the case. Another doctor is called in and another, until one prescribes what is wanted. That's an old, old game. Many a struggling young doctor has thought his fortune made because a wealthy woman in his neighborhood called him in, but when she is seriously ill she goes back to her old doctor. She only wants the new one to prescribe morphine for her neuralgia."

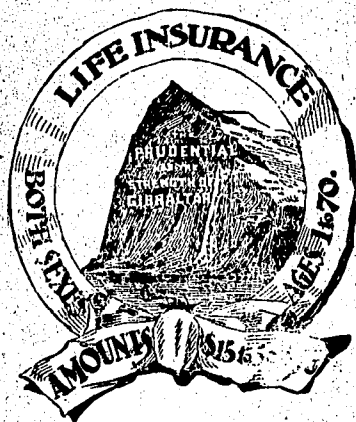
"There's no excuse in the world for a doctor acquiring the morphine habit. He knows better. Yet some of the doctors do it. One famous old New York doctor used to take his morphine as regularly as he took his breakfast, and whenever he gave a hypodermic injection to a patient, he took one himself while he had the syringe out, just for sociability, I suppose. He never went to pieces under it, but I presume he would have done so in time."

"No one but a physician can realize how this special vice is increasing and how serious a problem it presents. As a class the medical profession takes a strong stand against it, but I confess I'm feeling rather discouraged. The person who takes a dose of morphine for anything within the limits of endurance is a fool—but the world is full of fools."—New York Sun.

### An Illustration.

Teacher—John, illustrate the difference between sit and set.  
Bright and Patriotic Boy—The United States is a country on which the sun never sets and the rest of the world never sits.—Detroit Journal.

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