#### No. 21. Price Four Cents

#### PEPPERELL

News Items. H. I. Whipple was the guest of friends in town over Sunday, coming

change is that he is contemplating matrimony.

Letters were received from Canl Pillsbury, by his parents, who are now at Middleboro, last Saturday, stated that the U.S. S. Wyoming had reached a foreign port. Carl was a Pepperell high school graduate, class of 1916, and scon after entered the navy, temp stationed at Newport. He was subsequently sent to Commonwealth pler, Boston, and then to southern waters. The letters received Saturday state he was well and enjoying the work. They were the first received for some time.

Mrs. M. R. Stratton, of Jamalea Plain, has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Stinerford. She came on Saturday to bring back her little granddaughter, Irone, in time for the

The Boston and Maine put on the regular milk car this week, the milk formerly going in the bagage car since the milk car was taken off last fall.

Albert Winoski, who has been employed on the paper machine at the little mill of the Nashua River Paper Company, left on Monday noon with his family for Seattle, Wash, where he has been promised a job in a paper mill, the agent for the firm being recently in town, with large inducements.

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Albert Pilisbury, one of our high school boys, who has recently been at the Middleboro state farm, was among the last draftees and passed the physical examination in class one. At the time of the first draft he was disqualified by a trouble with his feet, having fallen arches.

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fallen arches.

Miss Blanche Supernault was at her home over the need-end, from Nashua, N. H., where she is now employed in the Nashua Gummed and Coated Paper Company's shop.

Miss Audrey Burkinshaw resumed her school teaching in Groton this week, having been confined to her home the first two weeks of school by an attack of laryngitis.

Miss George W. Pierce attended the

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Balcom, of Chepachet, R. I. The parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Neal, are now living in Maynard, and ceremony occurred at the parson in South Acton on December 1 Balcom recently joined her hus

The William Mault house near the Fitchburg station has been rented by F. A. Parker and family, who moved there last week from the C. H. Jewett house, Main street.

The East Pepperell postoffice now closes at 7.30 instead of eight in the vening, as formerly.

dew days.

Miss Effie Winship, assistant in the dining room at the Middleboro sanatorium, recently had a promotion, and the position of matron of the building offered her, which she did not accept.

The Boston and Maine put on the formerly gains. Mrs. A. H. Harris and children spent Friday of last week at her old home in South Merrimack, N. H.

Albert Woods, who removed from this town to Woods Village, Shirley, some time ago, is among those who are forced to move, as their houses were in the limits of the artillery range, Camp Devens.

The high school basketball team went to Winchendon on last week Friday to play the Murdock school team. Pepperell played an excellent game, winning by the score of 26 to 21. It was a close, well-contested game, reflecting credit on both teams.

an attack of laryngitis.

A belated announcement is made of the funeral service of the late Mrs. N. W. the marriage of a former Pepperell Tarbell, a former friend and neighbor. girl, Miss Delia O'Neal, to Eugene C. in Nashua, N. H., Tuesday afternoon.

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Clearances

Miss Doris Boulia enjoyed her en-forced holiday, the five days of the in-

from Ipswich

W. G. Atkinson, formerly foreman
at the Keyes farm, and for some years
superintendent—at the state farm—in
Middleboro, it is understood will finish
his work there on February 1. It is
also stated that the reason for this
change is that he is contemplating
matrimony.

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been taken from the pond at the There were two fine birthday cakes Nokes' feehouse this week and supplied which were cut for refreshments to those filling private feehouses.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Mrs. Gaskill, daughter of Mrs. Park. et a. A notable feature of the recovery of the parsonage, on Wednesday afternoon, January 30.

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on Friday, January 18, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Granger, River street. This is their fifth son. Prudence Wright chapter was represented at the D. A. R. sale and entertainment at the Vendome, January 17, by Mrs. George V. Herrig and Mrs. Laura Kelley, of Somerville and Tufts. Mrs. Annis Bliss went to Nashua on Tuesday to attend the funeral service of the late Mrs. N. W. Tarbell.

At the regular meeting of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., on next Thursday evening Rev. D. R. Child will address the loage on the subject, "The letter of the law."

Theron Morrill came from Spring-field last week to pass the five-days' enforced holiday with his sister, Mrs. Annie Bliss.

L. N. Small, who has spent the early part of the winter at the Homestead, while looking for a purchaser for his Hollis farm, has now gone to Lan-caster to take a position on a farm. We note in the Westford items that Mr. and Mrs. Omar Cushaine, formerly

of this town, recently had a visit from their enlisted son William.

The Ladles Ald society will nold a baked bean supper at the Methodist vestry on Tuesday, January 29, at six o'clock. It is now proposed also, to hold the business meeting during the afternoon, to take the place of the

**10¢** to **\$1.00** per pair

to Nashua, N. H., Wednesday.

A pleasant birthday gathering assembled at the home of Mrs. B. W.
Parker on Thursday, January 17.
Members of the Oak Hill Woman's club, recognizing that Mrs. Parker had been a shut-in most of the winter, planned the little celebration. The attendance would have been much larger but for the intensely cold. ess turnishing not oyster stew, with the many pastries from ladies of the club. In the afternoon the children present sang patriotic songs and several churnden were enacted by them. Selections were read by members of the club. The next meeting, February 6, will be with Mrs. Charles Chapman.

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Mrs. Charles Chapman.

Russell Wright came from Canajoharle, N. Y., last week to pass his enforced vacation during the industrial shut-down. Also to return his questionnaire to the examing board at Ayer. He returned Tuesday night.

John Melonson was in town over Sunday, coming from Runford, Me., in order to appear before the draft board at Ayer, as a questionnaire and to pass the five days of enforced idleness.

Among those from Pepperell, who were recently called upon to make the questionnaire returns were Chester Card, Frank West, Georke Stone, Thos. Allen, Wilfred Leary, Sydney Tower, Ralph Shattuck, Russell Wright, Carroll Milan, James Cunniff, John Melon, son, Lester and Arthur Lavalley, Joseph Joyal, Ray and Thomas Murray, Bartholemew West, Fred Tarbell and Henry Messer. Some of these have already received notification of their acceptance in a certain class.

The Oak Hill Woman's club will

of the law."

Miss Janet Corbett, of Framingham, visited her mother, Mrs. Corbett, who has been rather ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Thorpe, Oak hill, last week.

Miss Florence Salter returned home last week Friday from a week's visit in New York.

Theron Morrill came from Springfield last week to pass the five-days' freshments will probably be enforced holiday with his sister, Mrs. evening.

#### Deaths.

Mrs. Sarah (Bancroft) Lamb, widow of the late Charles E. Lamb, died at her home on Townsend street last Sat-urday after an illness of just two

weeks.
Mrs. Lamb was the daughter of Edmund and Eliza Bancroft, who resided on the old Bancroft farm on Bancroft and Townsend streets. She was one of

of this town, recently had a visit from their enlisted son William.

A local Red Cross unit has been organized among the ladies of Mt. Lebanon and vicinity. The material forthe work is obtained from the main branch, Red Cross, at the Center. It is proof without question that the spirit of patriotic American womanhood burns brightly, for at the weekly meetings all have been present, except the iii, and have responded with great good will and heartiness. Needles have piled untiringly for the boys, "Over there." The first two meetings were with Mrs. Anna L. Bancroft and Mrs. W. C. Fuller, respectively. No refreshments are served, as this is a work purely for others. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. John Holt and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bannon, at their residence on Mt. Lebanon street, on Wednesday afternoon, January 30.

Mrs. D. R. Child and the three sons, Richard, Roger and Robert, are making good progress toward recovery from their recent liness with scarlet fever, under the efficient care of their trained nurse. Mrs. Child was allowed to sit up for a short time Wednesday.

The Ladles' Ald society will hold a baked bean supper at the Methodist wenty years ago, when she came to when you are supper at the Methodist wenty years ago, when she came to when you here and the charles with of the latter, about until the death of the latter, about until the death of the latter, about the twenty years ago, when she came to the came to the came to the part of the part of the propersion of the latter, about and the part of the part of the propersion of the part of the propersion of the latter, about the death of the latter, about until the death of the latter, about the death of the latter, about the part of the part of the propersion of the latter, about the death of the latter, about the part of the propersion of the latter, about the part of the propersion of the latter, about the propersion of the latter, about the propersion of the latter, about the propersion of the latter about the propersion of the latter a until the death of the latter, about twenty years ago, when she came to Pepperell to live, taking rooms in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shattuck, Townsend street.

Townsend street.

Many of her nearest relatives lived here and she has led a peaceful, happy life, visiting often at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Eliza Durant, who was almost like ancown sister; also, with another cousin, Mrs. Levi W. Phelps, of Ayer, un to the time of the death of the latter and with her cousin.

Interested.

Prayers were said at her late home at 1.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and the funeral service from the Congregational vestry at two o'clock. Rev. J. B. Lewis, the pastor, paid tribute the devout life of the deceased and read several selections from her own bible from marked passages and chapters in a sympathetic manner. Two favorite selections were sung by Mrs. E. H. Bliss and Miss Mary Wood. These were "Home of the soul" and "Gathering home." She was laid to rest in the family lot in Walton cemetery, the bearers being Deacons Mertiful, Pierce, Meriam and Anderson of the church.

Chapter of the said after supper will be served at 5.30, and after supper there will be brief response the society and church roll call. All members of the church and congregation are invited.

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Services will be neld at his late home on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. J. B. Lewis officilating and the body will be entombed, awaiting burlar in the family lot at Tewksbury.

The list of calisted and drafted Pephody will be entombed, awaiting burlar in the family lot at Tewksbury.

Church Notes.

The union services of the Congregational vestry. The sermon will be preached by Rev. J. B. Lewis. Sun-

another coused, Mrs. Levi W. 1 steeth of Ayer, us, to the time of the cousin, Mrs. Nellic Ames. Conant, in Melrose, and other relatives—her visits cherishing the construction of the cons Henry Dwyer, Matthew E. Powers, Arthur Rodier, Lawrence Baker, George S. Lakin, Amos Nalette, Frank Riley, James F. O'Toole, Frederic Wilson, George F. O'Toole, Albert Philsbury.

The names of the latest draftees examined has week and Monday are not included in the above list.

Pepperell, and she was looking forward to coming back to their home, which was closed temporarily, in the

in this and sur ounding towns, died at his home or South street early Thursely morniz of blood polsonias, resulting from at abscess. He had not been in his and seed in the seed of the conting to the control of the co

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Saturday, January 26, 1918.

#### WESTFORD

ing her absence.

Edward M. Abbot, chairman of the engineers of the fire department, sends the following communication:

"Mra Isles, the head telephone operator, tells me that in time of fire a great deal of valuable time is often lost because the persons giving the alarm tries to notify the firemen himself, instead of notifying the operator, who will get in touch with the firemen, etc., and can do this much more who will get in touch with the fire-men, etc., and can do this much more quickly than an individual can. Would suggest that you call this matter to the readers of your column." Among oth-er progressive improvements for fight-ing fires Mr. Abbot also recommends the purchase by the town of a Ford chemical engine which would be of especial benefit to those outside the water district.

In these days of uncertainties concerning public gatherings one hesitates to make announcements, but the meeting of the Tadmuck club is planned for February 5 and will take place as scheduled in the calendar on Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church vestry. Mrs. Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, of Boston, will be the speaker and there will be music by the club trio.

William D. Pitkin, who is employed George F. Walte, is very seriously

ill with pneumonia.

The regular meeting of the Red Cross and French Relief took place at the library this week. The fuel problem may make it necessary to hold these meetings at private homes. The coal supply at the library is very low and at the other public buildings as well.

The republican town caucus is posted for Monday evening.

Westford residents mourn the passing this week of George T. Day, one of her most esteemed citizens, a man of quiet courtesy and unassuming dignity, of sound judgment and keen insight, one whose council was often sought both by the individual and in matters pertaining to the welfare of his native town, where his long life was seent.

mative town, where his long life was spent.

George Thomas Day was born in Westford on Aukust 21, 1833, the son of Isaac and Betsey Proctor Day. The Day homestead was the house now occupied by Mrs. Edmund Day and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Watson, and the house where the deceased had lived for many years was built by him for his married home. He was educated in the Edson grammar school in Lowell and at Westford academy. Besides being a practical and successful farmer he has served as a member of Troop F. Cavalry, M. V. M., and was a representative in the Massachusetts legislature in 1859 and in 1863. He was also a selectman from 1863. He was also a selectman from 1865 to 1869, and from 1886 to 1896, and was a incember of the school committee during the years 1866, 1857, 1862 to 1867. He was a director of public schools for 1872, 1873 and 1874, and was a trustee of Westford academy. He was agent for burial of deceased soldiers and sailors from 1890 to 1896 and a commissioner of public grounds. He was agent for the board

ett, m.; Clyde Prescott, o.; Mrs. J. E. Knight, lect.; Mrs. Ckra Greig, chap.; Mrs. Aurilla Wright, sec.; Alonzo H. Sutherland, treas.; Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, la.s.; William R. Taylor, a.st. stew.; Bertram Sutherland, stew.; Alice Wright, Ceres; Mildred Fletcher, Flora: Marion Fletcher, Pomona; Clifford Johnson, g.k.; J. Willard Fletcher, e. com. 3 years. A bountiful Hoover supper was served.

Those who attended the farmers institute in Dracut hat week Thursday from Westford were Rev. L. H. Buckshorn, Leonard W. Wheeler, S. L. Taylor. The former was active in ques-tioning and discussion and leading off in the direction of much needed warm enthusiasm. It was more needed and useful than Garfield's fuel liberation.

enthusiasm. It was more necessary useful than Garfield's fuel liberation.

The historical sketch on Nashobah farm last week was just one valuable reminiscence of memories once so plain but obscured by the lapse of years. Just one unessential error.

Nashobah farm was not named after Nashobah spring on the farm and the spring on the farm and the spring on the farm and Nashobah brook were named after Nashobah brook were named after Nashobah blill that looms so prominently a mile and a quarter to the southwest. This hill is a boundary between Westford and Littleton, the line of the directly over the summit. Of Center.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. H. W. Hildreth have been absent during this week on a trip to Camp Meade, Md., to sea Harold W. Hildreth. This was supposedly a last opportunity to see Harold before he went to France. They expect to return the last of this week. Miss Mabel Drew has been taking Mrs. Harold believed hilldreth's place at the academy during her absence.

Edward M. Abbot, chairman of the engineers of the fire department, sends the following communication. Littleton station, thence by Nashobah

> Members of the Middlesex County Farm Bureau will be glad to welcome the son of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, who is in the limelight now as the federal fuel administrator. Mason Garfield, son of Dr. Garfield, and grandson of the former President James A. Garfield and the former president James A. Garfield and prandson of the former President James A. Garfield. the former Fresident James A, Gar-field, has recently purchased a farm in Carlisle. He bought a farm of Charles A. Skelfon on the River road and is already living on it. He came direct from Washington to take pos-session.

Littleton station, thence by Nashobah

suggest that you call this matter to the readers of your column." Among other progressive improvements for fighting free Mr. Abbot also recommends the purchase by the town of a Ford chemical engine which would be of especial benefit to those outside the water district.

The Ladles' Missionary society of the Congregational church met on Friday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. J. E. Knight for their regular monthly meeting. The president, Miss Loker, presided, and Mrs. H. A. Limcolin had charge of the program, continuing the study of Africa with "The soul of the black man" as the special topic.

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100th Birthday.

Westford has always had residents who have attained to full length of years. Within recent years there have been two women who lived to be over a century old. Mrs. Hildreth, the grandmother of Miss Ella Hildreth, lived to be over 101, and Mrs. Garvin, the mother of the late Mrs. Andrew Wright, lived to be over 102. Now we have another woman, a native of Westford, who was born here and always lived here, passing the century mark on Monday. Mrs. Sarah Hildreth, near Westford depot, was the center of attention from friends and relatives who called to give her their good wishes. Westford has always had resident called to give her their good wishes Such an event deserves more than passing attention, for it is given to but

passing attention for it is given to but few to pass the century mark. Mrs. Hildreth is in full possession of her faculties: reads without glasses, follows with interest the affairs of the day and the progress of the war. She is very jolly and still fond of a joke. She is doing her bit for her country by knitting for the Red Cross.

On Monday afternoon, dressed in black, with white lace at her neck, she received the callers who came to see her. There were two auto full of friends and relatives from Concord and

received the callers who came to see the her. There were two auto full of friends and relatives from Concord and tothers came from Somerville, Lowell, Dracut, North Chelmsford, West Chelmsford, Tyngsboro, Graniteville that and Westford.

Letters and cards were received from Connecticut, New York, Washington, D. C. New Hampshire, Vermont and places in Massachusetts, Mrs. Hilly dreth had many little gifts from friends, gold pieces, silver pieces, greenbacks, fruit, flowers, candy, five birthday cakes, one of which was made by a young relative of six years, and many other gifts. Our well-known baker, Friend Brothers, mado her all special cake with beautiful frosting and appropriate lettering.

The writer called again "the day after," when she was one day over one hundred years old, and she said the had not been tired at all by her celebration.

Forge Village.

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on Wednesday and Thursday after-noons and evenings. On Thursday evening the playlet, "The old Peabody noons and evenings. On Tevening the playlet, "The old pew" pleased a large audience

At the Sunday school session at St Catherine's church last Sunday new confirmation class was formed.

The usual cold snap visited us on tast Sunday with the mercury dropping to 14° below zero in the early lng. Will the powers that be inform us how we can conse mform us how we can conserve on coal and "keep the home fires burn-ing" when the bottom is trying to drop out of the thermometers?

have been recent guests here.

Miss Mollie Quinn, of Lowell, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Healy.

months, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Downing, of Salem, died after a brief illness of pneumonia on Monday, Mrs. Downing was formerly Miss Maybelle Moran, of this village.

Death.

Timothy D. Riney, a civil war veteran and an old and highly respected resident of this village, died at his home here on Tuesday morning after a brief illness of pneumonia, aged seventy-four years. He leaves four sons and two daughters, Frank D, of Lowell, Joseph of North Chelmsford, Timothy A. of Camden, N. J., Edward M. of Graniteville, Mrs. Alexander McDonald of Westford and Mrs. Hannah E. Harrington of this village. The deceased was well and favorably known

#### LUNENBURG

News Items. At the meeting of the Woman's club on last week Friday, at the home of Mrs. A. C. Ferry, the members engaged at sewing and knitting for the Red Cross. There was a good attendance and a large amount of work was accomplished. The next meeting will be held on February 1, also at Mrs. Ferry's, and the work will be for the same worthy object. A proposed amendment to Article 3 of the bylaws: providing that nine members laws, providing that nine members shall constitute a quorum, will be act-

The local Red Cross is proving itself an able and willing body of workers, as the following list will show: Since December 1, it has made and sent away 32 sweaters, 4 surgical shirts, 3 pajama suits, 6 mufflers, 11 pairs day socks, 28 pairs wristlets, 1 helmet and 1 head handage. 1 head bandage.

At the meeting of the High School Improvement league last week Friday the following officers were elected: Courtland G. Whitney, pres.; Stanley Brown, v. p.; Chrystal Whitney, sec.; Lorrathe Hayward, treas.; Thelma Brown, librarian. The remainder of the session was tilled with a few words of greeting from Rev. L. A. Whiston, prose reading by Lawrence M. Bigelow, Carl E. Brown, Jr., and Gordon L. Brown, and an original speech by Warren Barter, explaining the result of the Boston city election, a truly meritorious effort. At the meeting of the High School meritorious effort.

A caucus is to be held in the lower town hall on Friday evening, February 1, at eight o'clock. Emerson W. Baker has issued a call for voters, not members of the citizens' party, so-called. Mr. Baker will call the caucus to order and preside until an organization is, effected. The object of this caucus is to nominate candidates for caucus is to nominate candidates for the election which occurs on the first

ceased soldiers and sailors from 1890 to 1896 and a commissioner of public grounds. He was agent for the board of health for suppression of contagious diseases among domestic animals and inspector of animals and provisions, and was a member of the building committee of the J. V. Fletcher II. brary. Since the formation of the Westford Water Company, Mr. Day had not been in good health for the past few years and when the long companion-ship of years caused by Mrs. Day's death was broken he failed rapidly and death came on Saturday morning at six of the standard and sales and provisions.

Color of the Surgical Dress-tors, and son of Mahlon S, and Sarah E. Heath, died of pneumonia in Middleboro on December 29. His body was brown the ladies of north cemetery. He was aged 48 years active in its development and its president at the time of his death.

On January 8, 1887, he was married to Cornella A. Fletcher, who died on December 16. Mr. Day had not been in good health for the past few years and when the long companion-ship of years caused by Mrs. Day's death was broken he failed rapidly and death came on Saturday morning at six of the schools of the town closed.

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JUMPER SKIRT IS POPULAR THEY HAVE A DARK SECRET

Requires Blouse of Lord Fauntieroy Type of Which Exaggerated Collars and Cuffs Are Features.

If one is interested in the new jumper skirt brought, out this year by no less an authority than Docuillet, and jumper skirts have always been adored by both women and girls-equally appropriate to women and girls if they are of the proper slender build-then one must have special blouses to be worn with them. These are mostly of the ruffly, little Lord Fauntleroy kind. They are always becoming to a girl. They are so fresh and dainty. But some of the models are entirely new. For instance, there is one which is made without much fullness and fastened down the side front. It has a wide graduated knife-plaited frill which turns back over the front. Then plaited stuff, which surrounds the neck and a frill trimming the wide turned back cuffs. With a volveteen suit having a jumper skirt it would look very attractive.

Exaggerated collars and cuffs are features of all Docuillet's blouses. One is made of white wash satin and finished with wide Quaker collars and cuffs, the blouse made "kimono" sleeve style. A long streamer tie of narrow ribbon is worn with it. Another jumper suit has a blouse of flesh georgette with narrow turnover collar and cuffs which are tucked and edged with coarse silk tatting in flesh color. This is worn with the jumper skirt, which has a black satin sash starting inside of the jumper V at the front, crossing and tying around the waist at the back. All these blouses are high and round at the neck, none of them having the popular V effect at the front.

#### REFRESHMENTS NEXT TO GO

Food and Drink at Social or Business Gatherings Declared to Be in Opposition to Conservation.

Food conservation is being religiously preached, and we are being taught that it is a sin to waste even a cabbage leaf. This is all well and good, but nobody seems yet to have organized a systematic attempt to effect a ple expedient of abolishing the custom or fashion of "serving refreshments" on any and every occasion, in season and out of season, says the Woman's Home Companion. Whenever a handful of people get together, either for business or pleasure, refreshments have to be trotted out and passed around. In most cases, the consumption of food and drink on these occa sions is superfluous and a waste, pure and simple. Nobody needs the refreshments-all too often the persons indulging in them are full to repletion al-

Every patriotic woman interested in food conservation and thrift should consider this matter and appoint herself a committee of one to make this overdone, wicked and unnecessary practice unfashionable. Why not make it a matter of social ethics to eat only three meals a day during the war, and make it unfashionable or a breach of etiquette to waste food by serving refreshments at purely social func-tions? Entertaining friends at regular and established meals is not, of course meant to be abolished, but merely superfluous, unnecessary and senseless eating and drinking, just for the sake of indulgence.

### SOMETHING REALLY NEW



The seeker for something new in milady's clothes will surely be satisfied with this odd and unusual frock. The effect of the entire dress is decidedly new and every little touch accentuates its novelty. There is nothing about it that is like any other. The material used is black satin. The single revers and band are of moire in delicate sand color. The same shade is used in the delicate tracings of the silk embroidery on the skirt.

### **ABOUT ACCESSORIES**

Handout heads make delightful trim-

And many of the new dressy blouses show horse collars, Rubberized crepe de chine makes

vonderful sports coats. What do you say to navy and olive drab spats with brass buttons?

Reason and Emotion. What a mysterious conflict that is

between the reasoning power, which keeps pointing out the right road, and an ill-regulated emotional faculty, which seeks to draw one along the wrong road. Irrealging the wrong habits always makes the upward path so much steeper and the downward path so much easier How fortunate that man is whose farse steps are arrested by a friendly touch of common sense disguised in a fash of satire!-Sir George Reid.

Husband and Brother-in-Law Feast and Smash Piece of China, Which is Mysteriously Replaced.

Since the coming of the X-ray and the perfecting of the Bertillon system dark secrets have lost vogue. Yet occasionally one of them does escape the keenest vigilance and flourishes with all the old-time mystery, according to

Mrs. Miller has a set of chinaware the real creamy ware that the light shines through. It is very old. Mrs. Miller inherited it. She also inherited the proud right to boast that not one piece had ever been broken.

Mrs. Miller went away. Mr. Miller she was gone. There were other relatives that he might have entertained, but in an unguarded moment he chose his brother-in-law.

One night they made a feast. They baked a great number of things all in one pan. 33 when it came out of the oven it seemed to demand that it should all be served on one plate. Mr. Miller looked over the supply of dishes that had been left out for his use and there was really nothing that would contain it. A wild spirit of revelry seized Mr. Miller.

"We will do the thing up right," he shouted. -

He went boldly into the china close and brought out the very largest plat-

When the meal was ended, Mr. Mil ler's brother-in-law suggested dish washing. Mr. Miller did not favor the plan, but finally yielded to it against his better judgment. What happened was quite natural. The platter slipped and fell and

After all the years, after all the fam-

ily pride and care!

From that night on those two mer took up and carried about with them a dark secret, for this is what they did
-each carrying a piece of that platter, they went from one china store to another until they found its duplicate. They carried it home and brought in a woman to wash it and replace it on the shelf of the china closet.

Now when Mrs. Miller entertains her friends and one of them says: "How envy you these beautiful dishes, and it is so remarkable that not one has ever been broken," Mr. Miller and his brother-in-law sit with a far away look in their eyes and a dark secret in their

Servseifs Also Afloat.

There isn't a chance of dodging them any more, either on land or on The sailor boys on the U. S. S. New York form in line between decks and, tray in hand, select their food at the counter of the ship's servself. A blackboard over the counter-lists the bill and in all other respects except the presence of the grasping cashier the service is just like the midday lunch back home.

The new method, which is to be in stalled on all of the big battleships, replaces the old system of messmen and mess units, says Milestones. Then all of the food for the meal was piled on the plates at the tables by the messmen and the job of serving the entire unit was completed before the men were "piped down" to their cooling

Surely hot food, in the amount you want and of the kind you want, must be an improvement over the old mess, but juggling a tray loaded to the gunwales with beans and corned beef and bread and coffee, on the rolling waves must be something of a fine art.

### Our Pensioners in England.

In his way, John Davis, who died at his Bermondsey home in Blue Anchor Lanc-an appropriate address for an old sailor-did much useful work on behalf of Englishmen who, like himself, had fought in the American Civil war, relates a writer in the Westminister Gazette.

There are something like 150 of these men still living in this country; and John Davis was instrumental in rescuing many of them from the work house and getting them pensions, which the United States government was always willing to pay if it had

known where to find the men. On the last occasion I chatted with the old man in his little parlor, furnished like a ship's cabin, he told me of a rumor that the pensions were to he stonned unless the men returned to America, but he wrote later the say that this rumor was crite without foundation.

### World's Rubber Production.

Early in the war England established an embargo on crude rubber, and through her control of the far Eastern rubber plantations was able to make it effective. Rubber manufacturers later were permitted to obtain crude rubber on their written agreement to withhold shipments of rubber or rubber products from the central powers and certain neutrals. The shipments of crude rubber to this country is still contingent upon the observance of this agree

ment. The world's rubber production for this year is placed at 250,000 tonsabout double the production at the be ginning of the war. About 60 per cent is used in the United States.

Vain Thought. "You are looking thin, Gadspur."

'That's true." "Appetite poor?"

scales at 200 pounds."

"Very. I was just thinking that if my appetite for food were one-tenth as voracious as my furnace's appetite for coal, I would soon be tipping the

### The Arab as a Neighbor.

The Arab makes a good neighbor His love of the beautiful in architec ture is evidenced in a hundred cities where his handiwork survives. Every visitor to Granada knows what was left behind at the Alhambra, When the Arab met Rome, he produced Palmyra; having absorbed the Sassmian dynasty of the neo-Persian empire in 637, the Arab created Bagdad; in overrunning Spain, he worked magic at Cordova and Sccille.

## Jewelry Diamonds

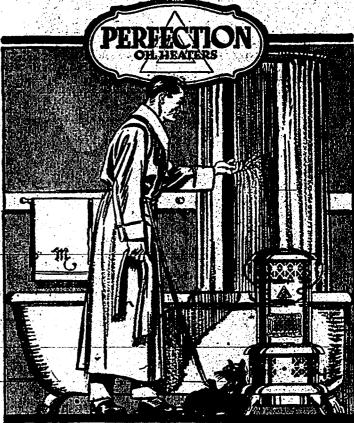
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Fire.

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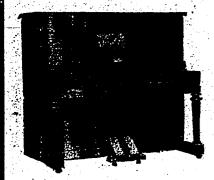
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were pleasantly entertained Monda afternoon at the nome of Mrs. A. I Howard. It was current events af ternoon and Mrs. George Hartford gav a most interesting paper on "The work of the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross in France" and Miss Alberta D. Barber in France" and Miss Alberta D. Barber gave a paper of much interest on the following subjects: A brief sketch from the life of the late Augustus P. Gardner; What the war has done for Harry Lauder; The progress of the war and the progress of peace. During the afternoon pleasing plano duets were rendered by Miss Maude Hyde and Miss Annie Griggs. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The net proceeds of the Red Cross benefit sale amounted to \$352.41. This includes the donations that were kind includes the donations that were kindly given by private individuals. The
name of Robert Copeland war unintentionally omitted as one of the band
members who gave his services in the
Red Cross orchestra at the entertainment last week Friday evening.

Miss Amy Rixford, a student Burdett's Business college, Boston, was at her home here with Mr. and Mrs. Downey for over the week-end.

Miss Harriet Kaiser, of Mason, N H, has been the guest of Mrs. Angi-tang. Miss Carrie Dorr, of East. Bos teans. Mes Carrie Dorr, of Last Boston, was the week-end guest of Mrs. Fred Ballou. Miss Eva Stearns, who is teaching in New Ipswich, was home for over Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. Stearns.

Burton Bruce, of Forest Hills, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Abble Bruce.

Mrs. John Piper, of Roxbury, came ome for the week-end to assist at the led Cross entertainment.

Francis Struthers, who has been home ill with the mumps, has returned to the Harvard radio school. His sister Charlotte is now ill with the mumps at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers. At the recent Middlesex-Worcester

At the recent Middlesex-Worcester Townsend Grange meeting the following Townsend Grange members were elected officers for the new year: Mrs. Minnle L. Knight, sec.; Mrs. Mabel Bracett, Ceres; Mrs. Lilla Seaver, Flora.

David G. Howard, lieutenant in the junior department of the U. S. N., who has been home on a furlough, returned to Annapolis on Monday. Soon after his arrival he expects to go on duty on the Battleship Kearsarge, after which no one, not even his wife, can know as to his whereabouts.

Mrs. Daniel Campbell, of Townsend hill, is spending the mid-winter months with her daughter, Mrs. Warren Truell. At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "Making man power." C. E. evening topic, "Christian Endeavor goals and how to reach them"; Miss N. Maude Donell, leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scales, of Ashburnham, and Mrs. Dalsy Beckford, of Ayer, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Iving Seaver this week; also, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane, of Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gates, of Waltham, spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. George Gates.

Mrs. Lillian Reed, of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Abbie Shirley and little daughter Catherine, of Swampscott, left this week for Orlando, Fla., where they will spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth, of this town, who are spending the winter there.

The Townsend Hill Improvement so-clety will hold their next meeting at the "brick college" on the hill, Thurs-day evening, January 31. Aaron Hind-has charge of the meeting and the sub-ject will be "Poultry."

Farmers' institute, in Hardy's hall Ayer, January 30. Public invited.

Junior Chantaugus. The Townsend Junior Winter Chau-The Townsend Junior Winter Chau-thuqua will hold their next meeting on Monday, January 23. This is to be the fourth meeting and the labor com-mission will be in charge—Francis Wright, Axfel Johnson, John Mosher, Marjoric Heselton and Elsio M. Clem-

are also getting practice in expressing themselves before an audience and in presenting their own ideas on given subjects of popular interest.

At the last meeting of the club it was suggested that, as a labor exercise, each one would earn a small sum of money; say ten cents, and during the program on January 28 this will be collected, and the various ways in which the children employed to earn it will be read. The monoy will go to the Red Cross according to a vote taken, at that meeting. The grown-ups are kindly invited to visit the meetings and see what the juniors are doing. Encourage the boys and girls in the carning of their ten cents—it is the work they do that will count, not so much the sum they earn, and always your encourakement in this junior civic enterprise is wanted and needed. Miss Marion Boutelle, who has been enjoying several weeks extra vacation at her home here on account of the closing of the Dorchester High school, where she is taking a business course, returned to the city Monday to resume her studies. her studies.

The Belgrade rug factory opened Wednesday after the five-days vacation required by the corenment and most of the stores in town closed on Monday, the grocery store being closed

very prettily decorated with the national colors and the flags of our Alleles, the arrangement of colors and costumes of the attendants representing the different nations. Conspicuous in the center and front of the stage was the U. S. Ship of State, representing food conservation, presided over by "Uncle Sam" (T. J. Harvey) and Miss "Liberty" (Alice Day), attractively costumed with three salioress hiss inderty (Ance Day), attractively costumed with three salloress
ttendants in white, with red, white
had blue sashes and caps to match.
The costumes of the attendants of the other booths were also very sugges-tive and unique, and represented the Red 'Cross, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, Japan, Cuba and the American Indian (tobacco booth). There was also a popcorn booth and a parcel postoffice, a novelty that proved

There was also a popcorn booth and a parcel postoffice, a novelty that proved a decided attraction.

Those who assisted the committees at the booths, whose names have not previously been mentioned, are William T. MacMaster at the tobacco booth, and R. F. D. Carrier Frank Jefts, who tended the parcel postoffice; Roy Brown, popcorn booth. Special mention and praise is given the following pupils of the grammar grade school, who designed and decorated the posters at the various booths: Louise Drake, Lillian Stewart, Katherine Saliminer, Esther Kalinea. Beatrice Haynes, Carey Swinnington, William Russell and John McDonald, During the afternoon the children were given entertainment and played games in the Memorial association room, in charge of Mrs. John Piper, Mrs. Wilbur Bruce and the school teachers.

At six o'clock many partook of the genuine Hoover supper served in the banquet hall, which consisted of scal-

At six o'clock many partook of the genuine Hoover supper served in the banquet hall, which consisted of scalloped potatoes, baked beans, brown and entire wheat bread, baked Indian pudding with whipped cream and coffee. At Intermission, between supper and evening entertainment, a fine concert was rendered by the Red Cross orchestra of the following members of the Townsend band: T. E. Flarity, R. A. Lancey, F. A. Woods and G. Glichrist, with A. G. Seaver as plano accompanist. These players kindly gave their services and their music certainly was appreciated.

Over 300 tickets were sold for the evening's entertainment, a motion picture show: The pictures presented were especially pleasing and entertaining to the audience. Dancing followed with music by the Red Cross cerebacter.

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orchestra.

The crowning event of the evening was the arrival of twenty-four soldiers with Capt. Schuite, from Camp Devens. They were given a royal welcome by the Red Cross president, Mrs. R. G. Fessenden, and a supper was served them in the banquet hall, after which they enjoyed the festivities of the evening. Three rousing cheers were given them and they in turn cheered the Townsend Red Cross. Their coming did Townsend people good and all honor was extended the boys in khaki. At the sounding of "taps" appreciative and impressive remarks were made by Capt. Schulte, after which they left for their camp in Ayer, making the journey by autoover the snow-drifted roads.

A prize of a five-pound package of sugar was donated by Fred Tenney, storekeeper, to the one drawing a certain number with a purchase of tobacco at the tobacco booth. Miss Ruth Arlin was the lucky winner of the precious sweet.

It is of interest to mention that the Cuban flag over the booth representing Cuba was donated by Mrs. Frank Miller, who lived in Cuba.

House Warming.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Irving Seaver on Saturday evening at their new home of Saturday evening at their new home

TOWNSEND

The Boy Scouts have received and will be interested in the country and over in France; it is hoped everyone of sont to the Red Cross Auxiliary and the sont the sont to the considered at married to the form of the sont to the considered at the breach in the sont the sont to the sont the sont to the sont the sont the sont to the sont t

Herbert Wise, who has been on the sick list with a severe cold for several weeks, is reported as improving Clarence L. Webster has recently received the appointment as justice of

party to the Center on last week Fri-lay afternoon to the Red Cross fair

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean re-turned last week Thursday from a visit to Winchendon, accompanied by Mrs. McKean's mother, Mrs. Wheeler, who will remain with them for the

paper.

New Advertisements

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU

Mrs. McKean's mother, Mrs. Wheeler, who will remain with them for the present.

Mrs. Edward Patch returned last Saturday to her home in Brookline, after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Although it was only 25° below zero last Sunday, which was mild in comparison with the recently 40° below zero cold snap, there was a goodly attendance at the services of the Baptist vestries last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Hamilton has been assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, while, Mrs. Hodgman has been out of town.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence returned last week Friday afternoon from a several days' visit to her mother, Mrs. William Adams, of Mason, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, of Leominster, have been spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Mills' sister, Mrs. Mary Tucker, returning to Leominster Monday evening.

The All-Ready class met on last Saturday afternoon for a social meeting at the home of their teacher, Miss Alico Seaver, with five members and a guest, Miss party was enjoyed. The first Judge of said Court, this twenty-indication to first prize, a writing tablet.

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a guest, Miss Persis Ormsby, present, and a fishing party was enjoyed. The fishers each received souvenir spoons and an instrument of the most fish. Miss Persis Ormsby without labor."

In these meetings the juniors are learning things—how to conduct a business meeting, how to preside over a program of entertainment. They

book their favorite songs. The February meeting will be held at the home of Miss Lucie Reynolds. Rev. Joseph McKean's topic next Sunday morning will be "What the bible teaches about heaven" and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Mrs. McKean.

HANDLING MILK IN WINTER

Many Farmers Relax Vinilance in Cold Weather and Low Grade of Milk Is Produced.

Many farmers who pay strict atten-Red Cross Sale.

Albert Wyman was called to Ayer on Monday on business regarding the correct handling of their milk and cream during the hot weathout and in Memorial hall on last week Friday evening under the efficient management of the Red Gross auxiliary with the present. Mrs. Robert Fessenden, general manager.

The booths around the hall were very prettily decorated with the national colors and the flags of our Allers, and owing to the surface on the natural coolers. The produced dams, afternoon at the home of Mrs. Coorge Adams, and owing to the surface on the natural coolers and not be placed on the natural coolers. The Laddes' Study Club will hold its naturally easy to produce good. Too regular fortnightly meeting on Monday, afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Adams, and owing to the illness of Mrs. Osour Lovering, Mrs. Frank Boutello will have charge of the meeting, her topic being "Modern France." chasers of milk often find it more dif-

Ernest G. Wilson of Canton Market has been spending a few days at his home here and his daughter. Miss Agnes Wilson, who is employed in the Waltham Watch factory, has also enjoyed a brief vacation at her home.

Chasers of milk often find it more difficult to keep the product from getting sour than they do during the hot weather.

Milk should be cooled to at least 50 degrees F. immediately upon being The Ladies' Whist club met on Tuesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Alexander Reed with a good attendance, the meeting having been postponed a week on account of bad weather. Mrs. C. J. Ross of the Center will entertain the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson. degrees F. immediately upon being drawn from the can and kept at that temperature until used. If the ordinary coolness of the atmosphere is depended upon for this, it may be hours before the milk reaches the required temperature, and in the meantime mi crobes have been multiplying which in a short time will render the milk unfit for use. To produce first-class milk the same care is demanded in the win-Mrs. McKenzie from the Center is caring for Mrs. Charles Morgan, who is on the sick list at her home on Main ter months as during the summer, cleanliness and a correct temperature being of cardinal importance at all times.

### regular monthly meeting on Wednes-day afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence. The reading of "The sons of Italy," their study for the winter, was continued. **GIVE SORE TEATS ATTENTION**

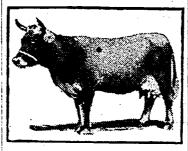
Where Trouble Results From Improp er Milking Ointment Made of Zinc and Vaseline.

An alarm for fire was rung on Tuesday evoning about, seven o'clock when a spectular blaze was seen on Bayberry hill and a barn-filled with hay on the Vattees place, now unoccupied, was burned to the ground. Members of the fire department drove to the scene with the chemical apparatus, but owing to the distance from the village and the bad traveling were unable to have any effect on the flames which had burst through the roof when discovered by Warren Elliott, who lives part way down the hill. The absence of wind and the fall of new When cows have sore teats caused by improper milking, applying an ointment made from 1 dram of oxide of zinc and 1 ounce of vaseline applied when the soreness is first apparent will probably be sufficient. If the teats break out in pimples which form scabs it is in all probability a case of cow pox, in which case the affected cows should be isolated from the remainder of the herd and due precaution taken to prevent the spread of the disease, which is very contagious and can be carried to other cows in the herd on the hands or clothes of the milker. Treatment consists in applying, three times a day, an ointment made by mix ing together 4 drams of boracic acid. 20 drops of carbolic acid.

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W. A. McKerrow of the agricultural of extension division of the University of Minnesota.

In answer to the question, Mr. Mc- he Kerrow says that 44 farmers in 9 to cow-testing associations in Minnesota odd have cream thieves, or separators with the waste butterfat. Out of 170 separators tested it was found that one in five was stealing from its owner.

To prove up on your separator, it is suggested that you take a sample of the state of the countries of the contribution of the University of Minnesota. Kerrow says that 44 farmers in 9 tion of permanently living apart, is must be well dressed, and designers cow-testing associations in Minnesota considered a married person living are doing their best to meet condidid have cream thieves, or separators with wife or husband. Their incomes that waste butterfat. Out of 170 sep- are to be considered jointly,

your skim milk from the spout and an unmarried person on Dec. 31 have it tested at your creamery or at the college of agriculture. There ecutor or admiristrator on or before

Give Cows One Pound of Cottonseed Meal Each Day and Butter Will Increase in Quality.

cottonseed meal daily with their bran for the year. And if there are minor or chop they will have no more churn- dependent children the full exemping troubles. The butter will increase tion of \$2000 may be claimed as the in quantity and quality and color and come so quickly as to surprise one.

The term rabbit was formerly more properly applied to the burrowing spe cles of the old world, Lepus cuniculus (menning to burrow), though by common usage our molly cottontall has so long been termed a rabbit that the name will now stand, as will that of jack rabbit for the big western hare of the prairies and Pacific coast.

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Division 4 with headquarters at Malden City Hall, covers Newton, Medford, Brookline, Wakefield, Malden. Watertown, Woburn, Arlington Waltham, Winchester, Melrose, Belmont, Lexington, Stoneham and Read-Deputy Thomas N. O'Keefe is in charge of the work. Division 5 has headquarters at

Murphy is in charge, Lynn, Haver-hill, Salem, Gloucester, Peabody, Newburyport, Beverly, and neighbor ng towns. Division 6 headquarters is at the Lowell Post Office, under the direc-

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tion of Deputy Collector Bart J. Shea Lowell, Lawrence, Fitchburg, Leom-inster, Marlboro, Methuen, Clinton and neighboring towns Division 7 headquarters are at the

Brockton Post Office. Deputy Collector Thomas M. Kenefick is in charge Brockton, Quincy, Framingham, Milford, Dedham, Wellesley and fifty Division 8 headduarters are at New

Bedford Post Office, where Deputy Collector T. F. O'Brien is the deputy in charge. New Bedford, Fall Fiver Taunton, Attleboro, Bridgewater, and forty towns nearby are included. Division 9 headquarters is at the

Worcester Post Office. Southbridge, Webster, and thirty nearby towns. Deputy Collector Ar thur J. Rutledge is in charge. Division 10 has its headquarters at

the Springfield Post Office. Deputy Collector John P. Coogan is in charge. Springfield, Holyoke, Chicopee, West Springfield, Ware, Palmer, and near-Divisions 11 and 12 have headquar

ers at the Pittsfield Post Office, with Deputy Collector Frederick W. Otto in charge. Pittsfield, North Adams, Northampton, Adams, Greenfield, Gardner, Athol, Easthampton, and seventy-five other towns are included. In deciding whether a Federal In-

ome Tax return is required, and in figuring the personal exemption which n individual may take on a Federal income Tax return for 1917, his or her status on December 31 is the determining factor. No matter what your status on the

other 364 days of 1917, you must consider just how you stood on Decem-

CREAM THIEVES ARE FOUND has left him, he is a single man in the expensive material of the garment gal separation has been secured is only, also. "Have you a cream thief on your ly, or that the intention of one or coat the wearer may point to the fact farm?" is a pertinent question at the the other while living part on Decem- that this coat covers a skirt that is

A married person who is traveling ploying a short or medium length coat. or visiting, or living away from hus-In answer to the question, Mr. Mc- band or wife without definite inten-Deceased Persons

In a case where the husband or To prove up on your separator, it is wife died during 1917 on any day up suggested that you take a sample of to Dec 20 the widow or widower was A return must be filed by the ex-

is no possible eveuse for cream sep-arator losses.

March 1 if the in one of the deceased hu-band or wife for the period of 1917 during which he on she lived was Colo or ever SAVE TROUBLE IN CHURNING was the discovery bushand or wife for the The income of perfolin mention must be considered separately and the full personal exemption of \$2000 is allowed on such clan plaids are represented. la return

The widow or widower in the above fashioned into simple models, If farmers who have trouble churn-ing will give their cows one pound of personal income was \$1000 or over head of a family plus \$200 for each dependent child under 18 years old.

Making Bulga - Milk.

The milk of the Bulgarians, well known all over the world for its superior nutritive quality, is made by exposing it to the sun, the rapid development of the germs under the action of the ultra violet rays being such that when it becomes dry they are in highly concentrated form.

An onlor sheed in and prior a basin cold water will absorb the smell of

## GAY HUES PREVAIL

Some Petticoats Match Trimming of the Millinery or Gown.

Many Women Refuse to Discard Garment Despite Coming of Narrow Skirt Into Fashion Again.

Petticoats are said to be going out of fashlon because narrow skirts are coming into fashion again. Nevertheless, there are many women who will never be prevailed upon, style or no style, to discard the most feminine garment of the war**g**robe.

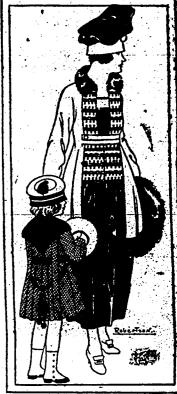
For them have been provided many charming models of soft silks and of chiffon taffetas. These materials do not add any perceptible bulk to the silhouette, while they give just enough backing or foundation to the dress to preserve the original lines. The black petticoat is a rarity. One

no longer considers the extremely practical phase of dress, but regards it more or less of a duty to wear cheerful clothes. If purple and scarlet, green and yellow are too pronounced for outer habiliments, then they may be merely glimpsed beneath the tailored skirtor the trotteur of serge or satin.

It is a pretty idea to have the petticoat match the trimming of the millinery or of the gown, if the latter shows garniture of a contrasting color.

Some women have the petticoat of a color corresponding with the hoslery; but if the former is very gay, it is questionable taste to extend its jubilant note to the ankles and thereby practically destroy the charming effect of the color suggestion in the under-

#### FOR MOTHER AND CHILD



The mother's frock consists of a fascinating coat of gray cloth, with a waistcoat embroidered in black, silver and cherry red soutache, and a small skunk collar. It is worn over a frock of black satin and gray chiffon. The little girl's coat is made of black-andwhite checked cheviot, with collar and sash of bright green jersey cloth fin-ished with wool balls.

### FUR TRIMMINGS SAVE FABRIC

Coat and Suit Manufacturers Conserve Materials by Using Only a Lining Underneath Very Deep Bands.

Thrifty designers of manufacturers employed as a trimming often use very deep bands of fur about the coat with only a lining underneath, so that: is economized and elbow deep cuffs on the sleeves may be set over lining

If extravagance seems to be present in the form of an ultra long suit: sheathlike as to width, and that could not possibly be a part of a suit em-

The fabric shortage and necessity for conservation are real; but women tions as they are.

### SPORT COAT, PLAITED SKIRT

Bright Red and Green Are Favorites-Tweeds, Both Plain and Checked. Made Into Simple Models.

For sports coats that are about three-quarter length, instanced in a Shaki color gaberdine on military mes, there are any number of plainted skirts to select from, to go with them, In one case it is a bright red-andgreen Scotch plaid, but many of the

Tweeds, both plain and checked, are

Only a few open all the way down the front-a sports idea characteristic, of last season's models,

All have pockets of the slot variety: inserted at varied angles and defined by tailored tuck effects, the patch pocket not being exploited.

Women Better or Worse.

Women, when they are bad, are worse than men and more disposed to commit crime. When the sex which is sweet by inheritance once becomes degraded it falls into greater excesses than the other. Women are always either much better or much worse than men.-Bonaparte.

It costs nothing to adjust your diet so that the more expensive flesh foods are not taken in excess.

#### OME DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

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Items of local interest are solicited and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

Saturday, January 26, 1918.

#### GROTON

Pine Crest Orchard farm had a handsome display of Rhode Island. Heds exhibited by J. H. Storer, from this town, a brother of "Bob" Storer, the former football star at Cambridge. These birds were big winners at the egg-laying contest in Storrs, Conn.

Harold Miller visited his mother Mrs. Alice Miller, in Keene, N. H. last week, going Saturday and returning on Monday.

Guy Swallow, of Nashua, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron P. Swallow.

Mrs. Carrle R. Bruce and Miss Blanche E. Sawyer, formerly of Groton, who went to California last fall for their health, have gone to Phenix, Ariz.; where they plan to remain for two months.

Mrs. Theophilus G. Smith has been enjoying a few days' visit with friends Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, chairman of

Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, charming of the state committee on conservation, urges that each housewife make a scientific study in household conomics and that all women use their influence in preventing unnecessary expenditures in the line of repairs or behave matters.

other matters.

Mrs. Blanche Brown will be the installing officer at the installation of the newly-elected officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge of Pepperell, which takes place on Tuesday evening. February 12. A telegram received last week by Edward Fitts, superintendent of schools, from the fuel administrator, states that the new fuel regulations designating Mondays as legal holidays, does not affect the schools, which will be in session on the usual days.

Clayton McKean came to Groton on Friday night and is making a five days' list at the home of his mother. Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyet, who have been boarding with Mrs. E. C. Leonard, have returned to their home on Main street for the remainder of

Rev. William W. Everts, of Roxpury, gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, at the Baptist church last Sunday evening, holding the close attention of each member of the congregation. Those who were unable to avail themselves of the opportunity of listening to him missed a fine talk on Bome of the benefits received by this received.

great world war.

At the installation of officers of Groton lodge, L. O., O. F., last Monday evening, one of the pleasant features of the evening was the presentation of a handsome past grand's collar to Charles J. Wright, the retiring noble grand, the presentation being hade by the deputy, George F. Buxton, of Shipley, in behalf of the lodge, Mr. Wight accepted the gift in expressions of delight and appreciation.

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Mrs. Charles Lawrence, who has been missed by her many triends during her absence from flown, has returned and is boarding, with Arthur A. Wood Whiting and appreciations.

although the winter has been trying with its intense coid, we must remember each week brings us nearer spring. The new seed catalogues are now being sent out and the time for early seed planting in boxes indoors is near at hand. The first of the coming month is the time to plant the tomato seeds.

Alt welve o'clock a bountiful turkey at twelve o'clock a bountiful turkey to make the bounded and the limits. The first of the coming month is the time to plant the tomato seeds.

Ar, and Mrs. Frank Patterson have returned from a visit of several weeks with their son William, who resides in Norfolk Downs.

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About twelve young men from the Groton School are giving lessons in military drill to the pupils of the Boutwell and Butter schools. They meet for instruction on Wednesday afternoons at 3.00 o'clock at the town hall. Plans are being made for variable. Plans are being made for variable. Plans are being made for variable. The school of young men employed as teachers your content whereby the services of young men employed as teachers. things later in the year in which young people take a keen delights

Members of Groton local, New England Milk Producers' association, who have not as yet skaned the new membership contract, order on deader, and subscription to The New England Drityman, are ursed to do so before Pebruary 1, in order that the new arrangement may be in force from the beginning of the year (old members do not pay any cash fee). Up to January 20 twelve members had signed up. Those who sell milk locally may make out their order for dues on the secretary of the local and will be expected to pay through him one-half of one percetn of what their milk would not be lost to the school through draft. There were about fifty principals and headmasters in attendance and appropriate resolutions were large and appropriate resolutions were drafted to be presented to the government.

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Mr. Munson and Lieut. Osborn have rented the cottage on Champney street belonging to Charles Dodge. Their goods were brought to town this week. Gerald Breckenridge, who has been working at the J. E. Adams' stable, is confined to the house with a grippe cold and neuralgia.

A pound party was enjoyed at Groton Grange meeting Tuesday grening which netted a nice little sum for the treasury. Each member was asked to bring a pound of nuts, fruit or comballs. Sisters not wearing aprons and brothers wearing winte collars were fined five cents. A short enteralment was furnished. Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Woolley sang a duet and Mrs. Hawkes prepared a paper on "What constitutes a good housekeeper." which was read by Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Wallace Brown presented the Grange with a service flag, which had uine stars-representing the nine brothers in service. The overseer, Tecturer and one member of the executive committee were installed by the past master, Mrs. E. P. Woolley. assisted by Mrs. George-Woods.

There will be a meeting of the Bird club in the lower town hall next Mon-

week with friends in Nashua, N. H.

In a recent letter received from
Stanley Sawyer he writes that he is
feeling well and likes his work very
much. He is a member of the Military
Truck Co. No. 388. Fort Ringsold,
Texas. There are four divisions in all
with 75 Officers in his company. He
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Everett C. Williams is recovering rom the second severe cold which he nas had this winter.

Mrs. Albert B. Furwell visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Alice M. Hussey, of Leominster last week.

Little Irene Farrell, who is staying with Mrs. McKean this winter, has been sick with a cold, but is at present more comfortable.

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The regular weekly drill of compnay K. M. S. G., was held at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening. After half an hour of close order, work the second squad was ordered to the in-door range for their quantitation shoot. The remaining squads, under their corporations were given practice in executing squads fight, left, and left and right about, taking interval and distance. After the company was dismissed a meeting of the Groton Rifle club was held at which the following officers were elected: Capt. Branigan, pres.; Corp. Torrey, v. p.; Sergt. Lawrence, sec.; Sergt; Sabine, treas. After some discussion the meeting adjourned to Wednesday evening, January 30.

Farmers' institute, in Hardy's half.

guests. The roll call was followed by current events and interesting readings. The afternoon was spent in so-cial intercourse, with knitting, and closed with refreshments and singing of patriotic songs.

Mrs. Ella P. Woodley spent the last week-end with her daughter in Nash-aa, N. H.

The floor director was George E. Lawrence, assisted by Arthur Woods, Lawrence, assisted by Arthur Woods, Charles Dodge, situated on Champney street, are both rented to soldiers from the evening.

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In the grand march, headed by Mr. Camp Devens.

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The names of thirty-live men are reported who have been connected with the school since Mr. Clouch took charge who have entered the service of the averagement. Mr. Clouch would Gladys Swallow has been enjoying a vacation from school duties in Somer-tille, spending most of her time at her home on Main street. She returned on Sunday.

First aid work is being carried on by a number of the young girls at the home of Mrs. Fannie Sannpson, Wednesday afternoons. Any of the girls who are interested to take besons in thirst aid work are invited to join the class.

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Felton Stone has been called to be examined for the national army.

Miss Mae McKean recently spent a week with friends in Nashua, N. H.

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The Arts and Crafts department met as usual Thursday afternoon with a good attendance.

At the Baptist church Sunday at 10.30, "Christian peace" is the subject; twelve, Sunday school; 6.30 C. E. meeting; seven, "How God loves us." Rev. Arthur S. Burrows, preacher, of Boston.

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About Town.

bout Town.

The music section of the Woman's club met with Mrs. Ames on last week Friday afternoon. There were seventeen present much to the satisfaction of the hostess. A very pleasant nour was enjoyed, those present rehyarsing a cantata which is to be given in the spring.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church have voted to give un The Woman's Almance of the Chi-tarian church have voted to give up their February social. It must be ac-knowledged that they are helping in conservation work, as they had only planned for three during the winter. Mrs. Baldwin and daughter, from Fitchburg, visited Mrs. Lawrence E. Blood last week.

Miss Henderson, who taught the Moors school last year, has been a guest of the Leonards on Court street, and attended the firemen's ball.

Miss Irene Peabody was home from Framingham Normal over the week-end and attended a dance at Camp Devens. Albert Blood has been the guest of his mother this past week.

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Groton Grange held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, the three officers who were unable to be present at the last meeting being installed by Mrs. E. P. Woolley, past master, assisted by Addie M. Woods. Isabel Hawkes was not able to be present, but sent her paper on "What constitutes a good housekeeper." It was a well-written paper and much enjoyed. Each member was supposed to carry a pound of fruk, nuts or cornballs. There was a variety of pounds and everyone seemed to have a good time. The master, Mrs. Blanche Brown, presented a service liag to the Grange, there being nine Grange boys in the service. The thanks of the Grange were extended to the master. Visitors were present from Maine and one from Ayer.

on Wednesday the wind was high and the light snow of the day before drifted enough to make the traveling conditions uncomfortable.

TO A SCHOOLBOYS PICTURE From the Boston Transcript I look -- and once again I seem to see My youthful self as seated there with thee

onse of battle fills the landal as a funeral knell; eart leaps high with brave owers in war's behalf are cam-a dream, and some-

eth to me o'er and o'er. feelings, once my own, I cep upon thy wistful brow, and My Country, too, my our grandsire ventured all

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The engineers of the fire department wish, for two permanent firemen at a salary of \$1000 per year. Application should be made to A. Paul Filebrown

chief engineer. Miss Annette Gannon. commenced her duties as clerk at the postoffice on Monday morning.

Valuable records of Middlesex couty and of the Masonic fraternat we los: Monday night in a fire in Melro that destroyed the home of the Levi S. Gould, former chairman of t Middlesex County Commission, and fairs.

The Boston bound express train, N 320, from Montreal, due here at 6.0 in the morning, over the Fitchburg division, was wrecked in Middlebury. n-of-the line

W. Fuller, received fatal injuries.

The military whist party held under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance last week Friday evening in Hardy's hall was, as is usual with such parties, a very pleasant occasion. It was in special charge of Mrs. Ruth Fillebrown, Mrs. Verne Pillman, Mrs, Benjamin Taft and Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth. There were sixteen tables. The first honors were won by Mr. and Mrs, A. A. Fillebrown, Mrs. E. O. Proctof, and Mrs. Nellie Fox. and the consolations fell to Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. Cushing. Refreshments were served.

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A party of forty high school students went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Jackson at the Harvard Shakers on Thursday night. An informal entertainment was given and refreshments served. All had a designed time. lightful time.

The American Express Company's sled tipped over on Main street, near West street, this week Friday foremon, spilling the contents but the snow. No damage was done.

Lyman K. Clark, who has efficiently filled the office of selectman for the past two years, has declined to be a candidate for the office in the coming

well known by many of the second aviages of seventeen and twenty seven, are training to be seamen, fireages of seventeen and twenty-seven, who are training to be seamen, firemen, ollers, watertenders, cooks and stewards in the new American merchant marjne. The training ships are at their base five days a week and at sea two days each week. Enrollment headquarters are at the United States Shipping Board offices, twelfth floor, Boston custom house. Boston custom house.

A special communication of Caleb-Butler ledge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at seven o'clock sharp. Work—Entered Apprentice sharp. degree.

A special convocation of Bancroft-loyal Arch chapter of Masons will be teld on Tuesday evening, January 29, at seven o'clock. Work—Royal Arch egree. Lunch.

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Married in Ayer on January 19, by
Rev. J. W. Thomas, James P. Reale, a
soldier, and Georgianna E. Stewart, of
New London, Conn.; on the same day,
Walter Z. Hester, a soldier, and Miss
Josle Karmory, of Grayburg, Texas;
January 20, Royal A. Thomson, a soldier, and Miss Katharine E. Boutelle,
of Milford, N. H.

The pastor will preach on Sunday

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evening.

A new variety of stealing came to light during the past week when some Depot square jitney drivers were discovered to have taken gasolene from the tunks of other machines. One fellow used a milk can to get a supply from an automobile while the owner was temporarily absent from his car in soliciting passengers. These petty robberies have aroused the ire of the victims who threaten dire punishment for those who are caught in this work. Chauncey Davenport, who is in the

I look—and once again I seem to see My youthful self as seated there with thee.

My early home is present to my mind—A large bright circle round my seat I find.

All gathered by the winter's hearth—stene wide.

To view the scenes which Time can never hide.

And this is what, "Philip, my King." I see I saw the facety I sit down with thee—A war of half a century ago.

Has facet on my country with its woe. The call—To Arms" I is heard on every hand.

The aw'll cose of battle fills the land—The aw'll emarch, the soldier's last.

### LITTLETON

News Items. Several of our Littleton boys took the government physical examination at Ayer a few days ago, passed and qualified in different departments.

Mrs. Priend of Brookline is visiting Mrs. Paul Brown of Foster street. The same hostess entertained her nephew. Douglas Girdner and Mrs. Gardner of New Bedford last week end and they New Bedford last week end and they are now the guests of Mrs. Hartwell Whitcomb.

Mrs. Warren Fletcher has been confined to her room by reason of pleur isy, but has regained normal health. "Christian Endeavor goals and how to reach them" is the subject of the Sunday meeting of the C. E. society. Guy W. Green, John Connors and Harold W. Shepard were registered as voters Monday night. February '2, from noon till ten o'clock p. m., there will be another opportunity to quality as voters.

The people of the Congregational church and society are reminded of the annal business meetings and dinner at 12.30 o'clock saturday, January 26. wish, and yet I wish 1 12 30 o'clock saturday, January 26.

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an attack of suppe this last week.

Mrs. Ram-idi has been visiting her daughter. Mrs. George W. Whitcomb, returning her Thursday.

The Board of Supper this last week.

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Dr. Samuel Lane. Loomis definitely enters upon his work as associate secretary of the American Missionary association, a position in which he has substituted during several months for Dr. Ryder, who was incapacitated for service through illness.

Raiph Hill of Southbridge is at home

Miss Eleanor Hill has a position with the G. W. Armstrong Paper Co. and goes daily to her office work in Concord.

Thirty-two members of Littleton Grange enjoyed a sleighride to Ayer and the installation of officers in Ayer Grange Wednesday night. Clarence Brown took thirty of the party. Mrs. It. T. Barrow assisted Mr. White, the installing officer.

George Barker has recently been aised to the position of commander

Dr. J. D. Christle has gone to Nev York on business and Mrs. Christic accompanied him to Springfield where she will visit friends.

The Clifford fainly of Nashobah are certainly having their share of misfortune. C. W. Clifford lies with its limb-in a-plaster-cast, his mother is suffering from rheumatism and his father was knocked down by a coward intend and injured one knee.

Mrz. Fred Stiles mother, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is convalescent Mrs. Mary F. Robbins is sick with severe cold.

A son was born Saturday, Januar, 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lohnes A C. E. social will be held in the Baptist vestry next Tuesday evening to which all the young people are in

The pupils of Miss Olive Flagg gave tuck street this week Friday afternoor The Girl Scouts met Thursday afternoon. The captaincy has been conferred upon Mrs. Andrews in place of Miss Flags, who could not the mough time to the true without crowding her teaching duties.

Miss Edith Whitcomb is to be the loist at the next meeting of the Woman's club.

man's club.

Dr. Archibald Davis, Harvard '06, who succeeds Capt. Vernon Stiles as director of music at Camp Devens, is well known by many of our Littleton

and a large congregation is desired.

Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg, accompanied by husband and daughter, went to Stow Saturday, the former remaining for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Wheeler until Tuesday. Mrs. Gertrude Stone spent Tuesday with her aunts, Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Flagg, returning home with the latter.

Schedule of mails leaving Littleton depot daily—East and west 8.34 a. m.; west at 12.36 p. m.; east at 2.45; west at six; east and west at 6.27.

#### BOXBOROUGH

William Goodearl of the eastern part of the town, who has worked for Al-bert Littlefield for several years, is seriously ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Harriet Cobleigh has been quite sick, but is on the road to re

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins visited the Turner family at Waltham last

The four schools are planning an entertainment to be given early in february, the proceeds to be used in forming a junior Red Cross auxiliary.

Nomination of Town Officers, Nomination of Town Officers.

At the caucus held last Tuesday the following nominations were made: Moderator, G. W. Burroughs; town clerk, S. B. Hager; selectman, three years, S. D. Salmon 3d, two years, R. E. Whitcomb, one year, G. H. Burroughs; tax collector, J. L. Richardson; treasurer, Adbert B. Hartwell; school committee, three years, Mrs. Maude Richardson; auditor, Joseph Poland; board of health, the selectmen; library trustees, three years, Al-

Poland: board of health, the select-men; library trustees, three years, Al-bert Littlefield, Mrs. Augusta Nelson; tree warden. Charles H. Hichardson; constables, J. L. Richardson, F. W. Dodge; trustees of Peter Whitcomb fund, the selectmen; road surveyors, P. W. Cunningham dist. 1, W. H. Fur-bush dist. 2, R. Y. Nelson dist. 3, J. R. Priest dist. 4: assessor, three years, P. W. Cunningham. The attendance was small as there The attendance was small as there was some misunderstanding about the time of meeting. Albert Littlefield was nominated for selectman for two years, but refused to accept.

Church Notes. Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "Pray-er; and patriotism." Sunday school at er and patriotism." Sunday school at 12.5. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

The regular missionary collection for the month will be taken on Sunday morning.

The church council will hold the first meeting of the year in the vestry at eight o'clock, at the close of the evening service. All members are requested to be present. The pastor appreciates the beautiful birthday greetings that were showered upon him during the week.

Following the election of Mrs. G. W. Burroughs as Sunday school superintendent at the annual meeting, the other officers of the school, after the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, were elected as follows: S. B. Håger, asst. supt.; Mr. Missirian sunt home dept.: Priscilla Missirian, supt. home dept.; Priscilla Hager, sec. and treas.; Maria Steele, planist.

The church feels deeply the loss of the fellowship of one of her mem-bers in the death of Mrs. William Furbush, and invokes the divine comfor and peace upon all the members of her family and her related friends; particularly her. son, H. Flint Fur-bush, who is serving in the American forestry unit at Scotland.



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Awake my soul to industry; Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?" Saturday, January 26, 1918.

#### AYER

Nows Items.

Charles F. Bird, of Peppereit, form-rly of this town, died early Thursday norning of blood poisoning, resulting charles F. Bird, of Peppercii, formerly of this town, died early Thursday morning of blood poisoning, resulting from an abscess, aged seventy-two years. About twenty-live years ago the family left Ayer, where he was employed in the soap business, driving all through this section for Mr. Livingstone, having resided here for about seventeen years. He leaves a widow a son, William Bird, of Worcester, and a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Maynard, of Pepperell. Funeral services will be held at his late home on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock:

John Traquair and Lester Whitcomb have been appointed local directors for the Smileage Book campaign, which starts on Monday. This is to provide entertainment for the solders at the camp and the new Liberty theatre has been opened there. A local meeting will be called for Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Mr. Traquair's residence.

The following officers of Ayer Grance.

Francis J. Perry intends to reopen his paint shop on Central avenue soon, after a five-weeks' shut-down. Mr. his paint shop on Central avenue soon, after a five-weeks' shut-down. Mr. Perry was obliged to give up work on account of ill health at Christmas time and since then he and Mrs. Perry have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Hiram K. Slayton, in Mariboro. Mr. Perry expects to return to Ayer by the end of the week.

The federal income tax officials for this district have established quarters in the district court room. Their dutes end here this Saturday night.

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Town clerk, Guy B. Remick: selectmen and overseers of the poor, John

German measles.

The executive board of the Woman's club will meet with the president, Mrs. Grace Dickerman, Friday evening, February 1, at 7,30. The music de-partment will meet with the chalrman, Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher, Tuesday af-ternoon, January 29, at 2,30.

District Court.

Louis Parmenter of Shirley was held for the superior court on \$1000 bail by Judge Atwood Monday morning following a trial on a serious charge. John D. Carney represented the defendant as counsel. The chief witness against Parmenter was his eleven year old daughter, upon whom the crime is alleged to have been committed. Parmenter declared his innocence of the charge. The trial followed a raid on Parmenter's place last Saturday afternoon in which state Saturday afternoon in which state police officers, Frank G. Hale, Law-rence E. Schofield and Edward Mcrence E. Schofield and Edward McCabe and chief of police John H. Riley of Shirley took part. Purmenter was arrested as a result of statements made by his daughter and taken to the Shirley police station and later to the police station at Ayer. State police officers asked Judge Atwood to be allowed to place the girl in the charge of the Society for the Prevention of Crueity to Children, which the court considered an excellent idea.

Officer Schoffeld told the court that the conditions about the Parmenter home were extremely bad and justi-fied his request for placing the daugh-

ter in proper hands.

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save that of jumping freight trains. The youngsters were sent home with a warfing not to come here again.

Morris Blotiner, of Haverhill, formerly of Graniteville, was arraigned on the rule of the express company of blocking the company's teams from doing business at the station, the defendant being a local filmer driver, when the express company's employee asked the defendant to get out of his way. Blotiner is alleged to have told the driver to go to a warmer climate, Lyman Taylor, police officer, arrested the defendant.

This week Friday morning John Cush, of Pepperell, was arraigned on two complaints for larceny. His counsel, William G. Frinn, of Nashua, N. H., waived the reading of the companies that the defendant stole 700 pounds of coal, the property of James E. Dunn. Chief Smith of Peoperell testified to finding-tracks of a sled such as was found leading from Mr. Dunn's coal shed to defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of sled being found at the defendant's house, such a type of the matter, in which she is stated that her husband bought the

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Town clerk, Guy B. Rémick; selectmen and overseers of the poor, John D. Carney, Douglas C. Smith, Thomas H. Kittredge, Frederick T. Auld, Elwin H. Longley, Harry E. Fisher, Thomas J. Ryan; tax collector, Eil W. Carley; board of health, three years, Bertrand H. Hopkins; town treasurer, Elisha D. Stone; assessor, three years, Warren L. Preble; water commissioner, three years, George L. Osgood; constables, Benjamin E. Wilson, Albert A. Fillebrown, William Fitzgerald; school committee, three years, George H. Brown, one year, Theodore W. Barry; auditor, Howard M. Beverly; park commissioner, three years, Loring A. Carman; surveyor of lumber and measurer of wood and bark, Michael E. Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild gave a fine entertainment in the Odd Fellows' rendezvous on Columbia street last Saturday night for the benefit of members of the order, particularly for soldler members at Camp Devens, Other Ayer matter will be found on the opposite page.

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handkerchiefs, 8 pairs of wristers and 2 afghans.
On Saturday afternoon the exhibit of the work was made in the town hall. It was preceded by an entertainment which included songs by the pupils of grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, while the star feature was the work of Michael Farrell, a soldier of Company 11, 3rd Battalion, Depot Brigade, of Camp Devens. Mr. Farrell is an artist of great ability. His imitations of bird songs were remarkable and his singing possessed aftae charm that delighted everyone in fine charm that delighted everyone in the audience. The children were served with ice cream by courtesy of the reclative, every seat in the hall being

Installation of Officers.

'Ida McKinley chapter, Q. E. S., held to annual installation on Wednesday Parmenter was unable to furnish ball and was committed to the East Cambridge jail to await trial in the superior court, which convenes at Lowell the first Monday of March.

The continued cases of Elizabeth Thompson and Private J. J. Flemming, charged with serious offenses, were called Wednesday. It was found that the woman's name was not as given at the hearing last week, but that her real name was Susan Thompson Stevens. Both defendants lived in Hartford, Conn. Recent investigations revealed the fact that their offenses were much; worse than at first supposed. The woman was sentenced to the woman's name was heartened to the woman's mass function of the first worse than at first supposed. The woman was sentenced to the woman's mass function of the woman's was taken by her husband. Ball was furnished in \$500 for her appearance at the criminal session of the superior court to be held in February in Cambridge. The soldier was taken in charge by a military police officer.

A past matron's fewel was present-

son, causing the death of said Fatrick O'Meara."

Allens Must Register.

the following officers of Ayer Grange were installed Wednesday evaning by Willard G. White, past master, who was aboved by Mrs. Richard T. Barton, of Littleton Grange: Miss Kathrow, of Little

Marguerite Clark.

Under the management of the Girl Scouts, Marguerite Clark, in "The Amazons," will be shown at Page hall theatre, Monday afternoon and evening—three performances—three, six and eight o'clock.

In this play Marguerite Clark, one of the screen's fairest daughters, will be seen in a roaring farce. This production was originally written by Sir Arthur W. Pinero and the screen version was arranged by the talented Frances Marion, who has been responsible for so many successes in this line. A typical Clark picture, "The Amazons" presents the winsome little star at her best in a subject of rapid fire zons" presents the winsome little star at her best in a subject of rapid fire theme and hundreds of laughs. Never

them and hundreds of laughs. Never before has Marguerite Clark been given such an opportunity to display her own inimitable humor and various surprises are in store for those who visit Page hall theatre to see their favorite. "The Amazons" will add many new admirers to Marguerite Clark's already long-list.

There was much confusion last Monday about the time for the beginning of the afternoon show. Monday now being a holiday the show will begin on that day every week at two o'clock, beginning February 4. The order from Washington that all theatres should be closed on Mondays was modified last Saturday. The theatres will close on Tuesdays instead.

of the United States in their conduct of the war. Trouble also arose over a claim for pay for services by his secretary, which was supposed to be paid by the war department. The claim was submitted to Mr. Stiles, it is alleged, for approval. Discussion as to the proper amount to be paid has held up his secretary's pay since. Minor troubles completed the series of unpleasant happenings.

Those who were near the drill field.

Those who were near the drill field last Tuesday witnessed most unusual sights for this time of the year, when fifty soldiers were engaged in athletic contests. In a driving snowstorm, with the mercury near the zero point, two basebail teams, in regulation basebail uniforms, played a six-inning game. In uniforms, played a six-inning game. In another part of the field two football teams played a lively game. A third party of athletes played soccer and an-other engaged in a basketball game.

Forty-six men from Camp Meade, Md., arrived at the camp last week Friday afternoon.

The distinguished visitors at the camp last week were Crawford Vaughan, former premier of New South Wales, who spoke at the Y. M. C. 'A, auditorium on "The vigorous prosecution of the war," and Brigadier prosecution of the war, and Brigadier General Hibiki, of the Japanese army. The general stated that he had come solely to bring a message of good will from the Tokio association. He stated alos that Japan would not seek peace until the entente allies had won the

Discoveries have been made which strongly point to the suspiceon that drugs are being sold at the camp; an offense against the federal law which provides for a very severe penalty Recently a roldier was found near the camp with feet frozen and presented all the appearances of being a drug victim. The military police are on a sharp watch for people who practice

Voice culture for the proper giving Voice culture for the proper giving of commands by officers is now in vogue. A great deal of the success of an officer, according to army officers, depends on how he gives orders. The voices are adapted according to the number of men and the distance in question is highly important.

in question is highly important.

Enlisted men are complaining of discrimination against them—by two-Boston hotel proprietors who do not allow soldiers in their dining-rooms. The officers in several companies have been notified and official action is expected to be taken soon. Such exclusion is in direct disregard to military and federal laws.

Miss Louie Mudgett, readings. The the ordinance enlisted corps and re reader was at one time teacher of elo-

To prevent the spread of communicable diseases through movement troops; the war department less sat-urday ordered careful physical exam-ination of every man before the depar-ture of any unit from one camp or cantonment to another or to a port of ombarkment for transporation over-

Officers' wives and girl friends who come here to visit the camp find in the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House an ideal place to remain during their stay. They mprove the time by knitting and sew ng for the men in uniform and doing ther work about the house. Recent-y six officers' whys made all new cur-ains for the many windows in the

The National Board of Fire Under The Rational Board of rise Under-writers, who recently inspected the camp, say that the conditions there with regard to fire protection are ex-tremely hazardous. According to the board 800,000 gallons of water daily in board \$00,000 gallons of water daily in addition to the present supply are meeded for adequate protection. The fre underwriters were accompanied on their visit to the camp by Pro. Ira H. Woolson, an expert on building construction. As there is about \$10,000,000 worth of property at the camp the problem of fire protection to properly gafeguard it assumes the very first importance. More wells and tanks are needed to renedy-the situation for the installation of which approximately \$25,000 will be required.

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The lack of an adequate supply has long been known by officers at the camp. At the present time the water, except that for cooking and drinking purposes, has been shut off half the time. The entire camp is furnished with water from but a single well and a single system of main pipes.

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Fire-fighting experts say that a fire, accompanied with a high wind, when the water supply is low, would endanger the whole camp, consisting of over 2000 buildings. The well is capable of furnishing, a daily supply of 2,000,000 gallons; fifty-five, gallons is the daily allowance for each man in the camp.

This is not figuring on the enormous This is not figuring on the energ This is not figuring on the enormous demand of the heating plants, which with the extremely severe cold weather, make it necessary for so much more for heating. Neither is the amount named supplied to the remount station and the base hospital.

Two hundred and eighty men arrived from Rhode Island on Monday to fill the places of those from that state who were rejected in the first eighty-five precent quota. The coming of these draftees caused surprise, as Governor Beeckman had stated that he would not send them until the cold weather had ceased. had ceased.

It was announced last Sunday that men of draft age may enlist in the 33rd Engineers Regiment now form-ing at the cantonment. This regiment, ed labor of practically every kind is wanted for this branch of the service. Those who desire to enlist may apply at the headquasters of the regiment at the camp.

Two representatives of the Red Cross from Boston are completing de-tails for a convalescent building for the comfort of soldiers discharged This protection by Sir from the cantonment base hospital, screen verse talented being the plant of the building will be built at once. Brigadier-General Weigel, acting divisional commander, and Major Frothingham, commander of the base hospital, have approved the plan. The building will be a two-story structure with being don't he plant, recreation rooms with plant, game rooms and other facilities, the upper floor will be used for sleeping rooms. There will also be rooms for cooking and serving food.

One of the largest Sunday crowds for a long time came to the camp on last Sunday in spike of the bitter cold weather. A great many of the visitors came from Rhode Island.

Seven more men were discharged from the service on last Sunday, following claims for exemption in appeals to divisional officials. The mer came from cities in New York and Massachusetts.

Minstrel Show.

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The writer found it quite hard to get very much out of the boys up at Company C, 201st Field Signal Eattation, regarding the minstrel show they are giving in connection with the Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., January 20, in town hall, but after considerable snooping around we found out that the boys are working night and day whipping what is said to be an exceptional show, into the very best possible shape. We know this will please our Ayer folks for the boys have no endof talent. One of the boys asked us to mention his dancing and Some, assessor, three years, Warren L. Preble: water commissioner, three years, Loring A, Perble: water commissioner, three years, Loring A, Carmar, surveyor of intended to go with them, deferred their fourney owing to the iliness of Mr. Lynds, Mr. and Mrs. Luclus C. Fairchild gave a fine entertainment in the Odd Fellows' reindezyous on Columbia street.

Anyway the minstrel show opens at eight o'clock sharp and dancing begins at ten sharp. The C boys always put on great shows and this should be particularly fine, at least we think so particularly fine, at least we think so lon account of their secrecy) and the fact that it is in conjunction with the Ida McKinley chapter should assure everyone of a crashing good time. Fut away your slippers and hide the old pipe for your going bye-bye that night.

The following is the program in full:

First Part Interlocutor Inter-ocutor Seigl Frazier
Endmen-Corp. Bergen Priv. Norton,
Priv. Thorne, Priv. Cavanaugh, Priv.
McAuliffe, Sergt, Coleman,
Opening Overture
Entire Company

Private O'dara
How's Every Little Thing in Dix -?
Private Notion
Wreck on the Title of Time
Sergt, Frazier
It Takes a Long, Tall, Brownskin Gri.
Good Old U.S.A.
Private No. Sweet Emmaline

The Wild, Wild Women

Second Part

Company "B" Mandolin Club Corp. F. H. Sabourin, Leader March—Defend America Waltz—Over the Ways Duet—Alice in Wonde land Sabourin and Dodge Oddement—Danse di Capid Characteristic March Meteor

Songs-Private Rice 

Passed by National Board of Sanitary Ship Scene—Ayer town hall. Time--Week days. Note—Military etiquette. Enlisted me will refrain from taking part in the fir-dance number.

Union Services. Four denominations will unite again

Four denominations will unite again in one congregation at the Federated House on West Main street Sunday. At the morning service at 10.30, Rev. Angus Dun of St. Andrew's church will preach. Mr. Shattuck, the organist of the Unitarian church, will have charge of the music, and the special music will be sung by the choir of that church. At the service on Sunday evening, at 7.30, Rev. F. B. Crandall will preach on "Feeding the multitude," and Mrs. Graydon of the Federated church will have charge of the music. buperior court to be held in February Mrs. Verne Pillman; Mrs. William Saria Cambridge. The soldier was taken in charge by a military police officer in charge by a military police officer tried by court martial.

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Five more recruits were ordered discharged last Saturday, after having submitted claims for discharge for variding on freight trains. Chief Beatty expikined to the court that the boys expikined to the court that the boys emertal mino custody for safekeep-tries. Harry Clifton Perry, vocal ins. thou having committed no crime solos; Mrs. Madeline Sargent, songs; day and were assigned as privates in Washington street, at twelve o'clock.



MONDAY, JANUARY 28

# Marguerite Clark

## Page Hall Theatre, Ayer

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GIRL SCOUTS

In One of Her Best Pictures

## AMAZONS

If you were told to make a role both absurdly, swaggeringly masculine, and yet appealingly feminine at the same time, what would you "register?" This was what little Marguerite Clark, "the sweetest girl in motion pictures faced when she commenced rehearsals for her latest. picture, "The Amazons."

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Christmas time by the townspeople.

Union service at the Congregational church of the Universalist and Congregational churches—Sunday morning at 10.45; sermon by Rov. D. H. Corley on "Things that divide." Rev. W. P. Farnsworth assisting in the service. Union meeting of both Sunday schools at twelve o'clock. Song service in the avening of seven o'clock.

vestry in the evening at seven o'clock; sermon by Rev. Douglas H. Corley on "The problem of disability."

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The Ladies' circle will meet at the hame of Mrs. Greenleaf on Wednesday afternoon, January 30, at three o'clock. Richard Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning, of Upper Montcair, N. J., is slowly recovering from penumonia. He has passed the crisis and is doing as well as can be expected. Mrs. Manning is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

Farmers' institute, in Hardy's hall.

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Officers Installed. \_ \_

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Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge installed officers for the ensuing year at a special meeting on Wednesday evening. The installing officers were Neille L. Garland, d.d.p., assisted by Josie W. Miller, d.d.g.w.; Angie L. Wright, d.d.g.s.; Sadie Etewart, d.d.g.t.; Carrie E. Woods, g.c.; Harriet Holmes, g.g.; M. S. Cousens, g.h.; Essie P. Rugg, g.m., all of Leominster. At the close Carrie E. Woods, g.c.; Harriet Holmes, g.E.; M. S. Cousens, g.h.; Essie P. Rugg, g.m., all of Leominster. At the close of the installation ceremony refreshments were served. The retiring noble grand, Mrs. Jennie S. Knowles, was presented with a past noble grand's collar, the gift of the lodge. The presentation was made by the district deputy president. The officers installed were Bessie M. Dadmun, n.g.; Louise B. Baker, v.g.; Altie F. Howe, sec.; Agnes M. Holden, treas.; Beulah Brill, warden; Louise Adams, cond.; Etta Holland, chap.; Ella Lawrence, r.s.n.g.; Alice Birchstead, l.s.n.g.; Margaret Brockelman, r.s.v.g.; Josie Dunn, l.s.v.g.; Irena Churchill, i.g.; Flora Shepard, o.g.; Mae Watton, ra.b.; Agnes Holden, l.a.b. The committee in charge during the evening were Ella Lawrence, Rena Churchill, Mae Watton and Flora Shepard.

Cynthia Ellen Lynch, widow of the late M. Andrew Lynch, passed away at her home on Center road Wednesday morning of paralysis. Though confined to her room for the past twenty-five years, her conditions became decidedly worse less than a year are when it worse less than a year ago, when it was apparent to her relatives and friends that Mrs. Lynch was simply waiting for the final summons.

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Mrs. Lynch was born in Barnstead.
N. H., on May 17, 1847, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobia Roberts, of Cuba. She was married on March 13, 1873, to M. Andrew Lynch, of Boston. coming to Shirley with her husband nineteen years ago. She was a woman well-known in literary circles, having written several books and was well accomplished along educational lines in general. Though an invalid her cheerfulness and optomistic views of 'ife was a source of inspiration to her large circle of friends. She was especially fond of flowers and was kind and generous to the weak and helpless of every kind and class. Indeed, the passing of Mrs. Lynch will be a distinct loss to the town of Shirley.

The near survivors are a sister, Mrs. Adalada Farguson of Boston, and sey-

her for many years.

Funeral services were held from her

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the voters of the Shirley Village Water Distinct was held in Engine hall on Monday eventing. Frank H. Wheeler was chosen moderator. The report of the secretary of the water commissioners. Charles H. Weare, Jr. and the report of the auditor, Edward S Pratt. were read and accepted.

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Loan of 1900 Amount Issued Amount paid

Loan of 1909
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The notes of the loan of 1993, bearing Interest at 3½ percent, are held by the North Middlesev Savings bank. Ayer, and the notes of the loan of 1999.

\$30,700 00

Summary of Receipts and Payments for

Receipts
Cash balance Dec. 21, 1916
Received on construction account:
Service: \$2,197 69 count:
Service pipes—
Pipe sold
Services installed 24 20

\$63 S5 Received on operating ac-

Water rates Hydrant rentals Repair of meters

Payments

Notes payable—Notes paid: No. 15, loan of 1902 \$1,600 00 No. 8, loan of 1909 500 00 \$2,100 00 Paid on construction ac-Main pipes
Service pipes
Pumping station Paid on operating account: Interest

Taxes (on shop) town \$14 62 District 90 

Pumping 12 months \$1,128 93 Management 1,006 54 Renewals and repairs 225 03 Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1917 \$8.643 14

Balances December 31, 1917 \*\$59,101 91 2,252 00 Construction Cash

Notes payable Investment

town of Shirley.

The near survivors are a sister, Mrs.
Adelaide Ferguson, of Boston, and several nieces and nephews, among them Miss Mary A. Hobbs, who has cared for Average daily consumption 75.178 gailons (fallons per day to each in-habitant (on pipes) 38.55 gallons Funeral services were held from her late home this Friday noon, Rev. O.

J. Fairfield, of Littleton, officiating.

Buriol will be at Wolfborn, N. H.

Mrs. Lynch was a member of the Alliance and also of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R.

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Total cost of supplying water per million gallons figured on total maintenance and interest on notes

\$2.29

Mr. and Mrs. Tupper and family, of Woodsville, expect to move into the Mitchell place, daytimes, and will occupy their Woodsville home at night.

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The assessors reported a net amount The assessors reported a net amount of taxable property in the district of \$3945,907, an increase over 1916 of \$25,026. No new construction was undertaken by the district during the past year except what was occasioned

SHIRLEY

News Jtems.

Louis Parmenter, thirty-seven years old, was arrested last Saturday by Chief Riley and secret service men, charged with assault upon his cieven-year-old daughter Stella. He was arrested in the district court in Ayer on Monday morning and was held for the Grange and it were the plant of the Sanson Cordage of Monday morning and was held for the Grange and it were demandable to the men point from the grand Bury II e was taken to the companies and it was deemed advised by Chief Riley to award the management of the system, having a total length of 123 feet of one-management of the system, having a total length of 123 feet of one-management of the system in the close of the installation ceremony a duffer lunch was served. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a level of the companies of the installation ceremony a duffer lunch was served. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a level of the companies of the installation ceremony a duffer lunch was served. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a level of the companies of the installation ceremony a duffer lunch was served. A pleasing feature was the presentation of a level of the companies of the installation ceremony a duffer lunch was served. A pleasing feature was the presentation of the containing the plant of the view of

often enten. Those of the mesquite furnish the Mexicans and Indians with a nutritious food. The Creoles. of Louisiana, famous for their cookery, are reported to use the young buds of the sassafras as a substitute for okra in thickening souns.

New Advertisements

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH CUSHMAN late of Harvard in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FLORENCE CUSHMAN of Harvard in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on her bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a 
Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twelfth day of February A. D. 1918, at 
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same 
should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in 
Ayer, the last publication to be one day 
at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, 
Judge of said Court, this twenty-first 
day of January in the year of our Lord 
HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

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COMMONWBALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of CATHERINE DICKSON late of Harvard in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to WALTER F. DICKSON of Harvard in said County of Worcester without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twelfth day of February A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive week, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen [221] HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the es-tate of EMILY A. FURBUSH late of Boxborough in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument pur-porting to be the last will and testa-ment of said deceased has been pre-sented to said Court, for Probate, by WILLIAM H. FURBUSH who prays that letters testamentary may be is-sued to him, the executor therein nam-ed, without giving a surety on his of-

that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of February A. D. 1918. At nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Xnd said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Aver, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, thirty days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire First Judge of said Court, this fifteenth day of January in the year one thousand have bundred and eighteen.

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GRACE L. WILSON, Assign ...

FEED COWS WHILE MILKING?

Much Depends on Temperament of An-Imal and Person Who Milks and Attends to Her.

There has been some little discus

sion recently in the various furm papers on the matter of whether it is advisable to feed cows while milking. It would seem to me that little advantage can be gained from such a practice and there are several noteworthy objections to it; says a writer in an exchange. Of course, much depends on the temperament of the cow, and the person who milks and cares for her There are cows with a quiet disposition and not of a hoggish nature that will stand quietly while being milked. In fact few cows will not stand more quietly during the milking process if they have nothing else to attract their attention. If the cow is standing quietly she sees the milker when he approaches and steps in beside her. She also gives down her milk more freely than when she is attempting to eat at the same time.

On the other hand, if a cow has her head down in the manger she will probably not see the milker when he approaches, and the first intimation she has of his presence is when he speaks to, or touches her, and if she is of a nervous disposition she will probably jump back and then continue to annoy him during the entire process of milking.

PROPER QUARTERS FOR COWS

Suitable Place Must Be Furnished in Order to Get Best Results-Provide Ventilation.

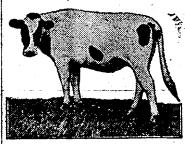
To give best results milch cows should be provided with suitable quarters for feeding and milking. Stalls should be provided for each cow and feed boxes and manger racks should be so arranged that they will be of easy access for cleaning at least once every day. Twenty-five dollars, plusthe labor, should fit any ordinary barn with stalls for five cows and the necessary feed boxes, mangers and gutters.

Plenty of ventilation is necessary, because the cow is somewhat like the human being, she thrives best where there is plenty of fresh air available. Provision should be made to take care of the manure. This can be done by providing plenty of bedding in box stails, or, if stanchions are used, by having water-tight gutters about 14 inches wide and 10 inches deep running full length of the stable

RATION FOR HOLSTEIN COWS in Addition to Hay and Silage Each

Amount of Grain.

Feed the cows all the clover hav and silage they will clean up well without waste. Holstein cows will, on the average, eat daily from 10 to 12 pounds of clover hay and 30 to 40 pounds of corn silage. In addition feed each cow one pound daily of the



Fine Young Holstein.

following grain mixture for each 4 to 2 pounds of milk she yields: Oats. 50 pounds: barley, 15 pounds; corn, 15 pounds; and oil meal, 20 pounds.

If the barley and corn cannot be obtained conveniently a grain mixture consisting of 70 pounds oats and 30 nounds oil meal may be used and fed at the rate of one pound daily for each 4 to 4½ pounds of milk each cow produces.

CREAM OF HIGH PERCENTAGE

Keens in Good Condition Longer Than Thinner Article-Easier Cooled and Handled.

Cream that tests from 35 to 40 per cent will keep in good condition longer. is more easily cooled, handled, costs less to transport, leaves more skim-milk on the farm than a thinner cream. On the other hand, with a heavier cream there is a mechanica MARCELLA A. DUREN and loss by sticking to the sides of utensits when handling, and a quantity may get into the milk while separating.

**COWS FRESHENED IN WINTER** 

Nothing Better-Than Legume Hay and Silage Mixed With Few Pounds of Concentrates.

For cows that freshen during the vinter months nothing is better than legume hay and silage mixed with three or four pounds of concentrates. The successful dairyman feeds his cows when dry, with as great or greater care than when fresh, and this prepares them for safe calving, and maximum milking period.

The reindeer is said to be able to endure more fatigue than any othe draft animal except the camel It has been known to pull 200 pounds 10 miles an hour for 12 hours.

Endurance of Reindeers.

Climbing. You can climb no higher than Juji with your feet, but with your mind you may inherit eternity.-A Japan ese Philo-opher.

## PARISIANS PLACE **BUSTLE IN FRONT**

No Woman Designer Had Anything to Do With Creation of New Feature.

STYLE ACCEPTED BY PUBLIC

There Seems to Be Not the Slightest idea of a Return to Fuliness in Either Frocks or Coats.

New York.-France puts a bustle in front of a gown, and America puts it in the back. Such is the interesting struggle going on between designers. Two men, one of this continent and one of that, were responsible for the 1917 bustle, and it may be confidently

part in its creation or development, It took the public just six weeks to level the fashion to the commonplace. It is because of this public acceptance that the style must be dealt with generously by the reporters

asserted that no woman designer had



Suit of green velvet and cashmere, with jacket that has the upward tilt at the back and is finished with a high waisted belt. Walstcoat of bottlegreen suede. The gown was made for descendant of the famous Annie Lau-

of fashion who usually can give only passing attention to each new idea as t is shot across the battlefield of apparel. One man's idea attracts at tention, but that attention is deflected by every other man's idea, but when this individual idea is multiplied a thousand times by buyers and sellers hy women who pretend to be fashion able and by those who care nothing about the word, then the fashion becomes "the style," as we term it in this country.

If you talk earnestly with those who deal in exclusive clothes, you will hear them say that the silhouette must change and that it is more than probable that the bustle will become more of a feature in the spring among highclass designers than it is today.

There is no disposition on the part the American woman to save buying of clothes despite all the propaganda on this subject, and no mat-ter what comes later, if the war continues, the process of buying goes on merrily today.

No Return to Fuliness. There is not the slightest idea of

a return to fullness in frocks or coats. There are two good reasons for this announcement—a scarcity of material in certain quarters and the wish of the various governments of the world for strict conservation, and also the fact that we have been over-surfeited with fuliness in clothes and the very sight of such a gown gives, us a squeamish attack of sartorial indigestion. It is almost unbearable today to look upon a looped, panniered, befrilled or beflounced costume. We wore hoopskirts, even though they were disguised under the name of the farthingule, until we felt ashamed to look at a barrel, and it is not possible for either the French or the American designers to compel us to turn our attention to such clothes in the immediate future.

We want slimness, we look our very hest in slimness, and we are quite willing to wear less material than since the Civil war, but we are tired of tu-Our trouble is that we don't want a return to the small waist, we will not have more material put into our clothes and we insist upon a straight line from armhole to hips, but something must be done with our skirts if our palate for clothes is to be 'tickled any further.

tience and annoyance with a continulty of line in clothes, there is no FINDS HIS LOST SHEEP WITH AIR-

Under the influence of this impa-

Stanley Smith, millionaire sheepman of Martindale, Mont., has placed an order for a \$5000 airplane with which to search for lost bands of sheep in the high mountain pastures. Smith aiready has two ninety-horsepower planes, and is known as "the flying sheepherder." Smith says the airplane method of finding lost flocks has saved him a small fortune and the lives of countiess sheep. The time saved in locating them has allowed them to be rescued by his employees before the flocks starved or froze to death. froze to death.

reason why something approaching the tie-back skirt and the bustle of 1870-80 should not appear quite gradually over the horizon for the better class of clothes.

Nothing More Than Soft Drapery.

You know by this time, of course that the bustle is nothing more than a hideous word for a bit of soft drapery arranged to break the tight and often inartistic line across the figure at the end of the spine. This drapery is the saving grace on certain types of broad, stout figures. It may be almost impossible to believe that among this race of flat-hipped, longlimbed, slim-chested, blg-waisted American women, which the last ten years have produced, there are still women, and many of them, who have all modernists aspire, but what the dressmakers mean by the phrase is the 1880 figure, which has never been controlled or suppressed or even treated with contempt by a certain segment of American women. Chests out, stomachs in, hips rounded and waists tightened is the artificial figure that was stamped upon three generations of American women and has not en-

tirely died out. There are other women who have long since forgotten that they ever had a waist, but they cannot submerge the flesh around their hips and back and they look their worst in chemise, tunic and sandwich gowns. Therefore, the bustle drapery is for them. If the dressmakers can handle it in a manner that suggests novelty and ichieves artistic results, we shall probably see it in the foremost fashions.

Now as to the French bustle-it was copied from the Directoire period and taken, like all the Directoire clothes, from the fashions of a century before Napoleon aspired to control of France It merely transposes the drapery as the Americans use it, from the back to the front.

Bulloz is the apostle of this bustle. if you can call the drapery in front by that name. Bulloz, through his color schemes and his daring, has assumed something of the widespread authority in clothes that Paul Poiret held, undisputed, until he went to war. Bulloz dips his-hands deep-into-history, pulls out anything his fingers can grasp and puts all that he finds into the most modern of clothes. Two years ago his efforts were not taken seriously in this country; today, all the designers over here who wish to cater to an exclusive patronage, buy freely of Bulloz.

The hallmark of his work this season is that drapery across the front of the figure below the waist. It is deftly done. This drapery really sinks into the surface of the skirt and drips down into the cascades that run be low the knees at each side.

Uplifted Line in Skirt.

The entire dressmaking world of Paris was a bit touched with this fashion. When you look at all the new gowns that smart women appear in. and when you gaze at the shop windows to try to choose the frock you would like to wear, you may notice that a common thread of idea runs through them all in this uplifted line in the front of the skirt.

This trick, as you remember, is not new to the twentieth century. It belongs to the days out of which Goethe created Faust. Throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, there was a disposition to drag the clothes up in the front and tle them in loops and drapery below the waistline by running a cord under the full-

It looks as though a revival of this fashion were upon us. The skirts are dragged up so definitely in front either



This ermine cape was designed for afternoon wear. It is short in front. long in back and has ripple sleeves. The fronts cross to the back and tie. the long ends finished with ermine

by the cut of the hem or by the placement of the lace or fur, that we have become accustomed to watching for that upward tilt in every new frock that appears. The house of Callot has always tilted the movement of her skirt at its hem upward in the middle of the back or the middle of the front, but this is a different type of-fashion and it is taken from more

primitive days. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspa per Syndicate.)

To Remove Smoke Stains.

This suggestion will be beneficial to housewives who have not the conven-Stanley Smith, millionaire sheepman lence of electricity or the modern gas fixtures. Frequently the ceiling above an old-fashioned gas jet becomes discolored from smoke and heat. The discoloration may be removed if a layer of starch and water is applied with a piece of flannel. After the mixture has dried it should be brushed lightly with a brush. No stain or mark will remain.

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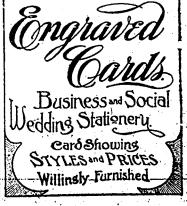
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COMMONWEAUTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of RETER TARBBIL late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by ABEL PUTNAM TARBELL who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person, the executrix named in said will having deceased.

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Your are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-eighth day of January A, D.
1918. at nine o'clock in the forenoon,
to show cause, if any you have, why
the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is hereby directed
to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week,
for three successive weeks, in Turner's
Public Spirit, a newspaper published in
Ayer, the last publication to be one
day, at least, before said Court, and by
mailling, postpaid, or delivering a copy
of this citation to all known persons
interested in the estate seven days, at
least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First Judge of said Court, this third
day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.
3ti9 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OP MASSACHUSETTS. Middesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of, kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARTHA REBECCA PRESCOTT late of Chicago in the County of. Cook and State of Illinois, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, by LOUIS J. STONE with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will and testament of said state of Illinois duly authenticated, representing that at the time of her death, said deceased had estate in said County of Middlesex, on which said will may oberate, and praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of said County of Middlesex, and letters testamentary thereon granted to ELLIOTT S. RICE and EDWINA PRESCOTT CADMUS the executors therein named without requiring sureties on their bond, and in case after being duly cited for the purpose they neglect to accept the same or neglect for twenty days after the probate of said will, to give bond according to law, then that letters of administration with the will annexed be issued to said petitioner.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper nublished in Ayer, the first publication to be thirty days, at least, before said Court, this twenty-seventh day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Still F. M. ESTY, Register.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of CHARLES A. SPAULDING late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

LYMAN E. WILKINS, Adm. 176 Elm St., Cambridge, B, Mass. December 28th, 1917. 3t18 MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

IN TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS For his "deal" looked fine.

By virtue of a power-of-sale cor tained in a certain Mortgage Deed given by ORION A. BURGESS, of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachustetts to HAPTIE B. THAYER, of I make my pile on the deel." he mut-Ayer, in said county, dated Januar 12, 1914, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3868, page 14, will be sold at public auction day, the fourth day of February, 1918 at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by sald Mortgage Deed and therein described as follows:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Northerly part of said Townsend on the Easterly side of the old road leading from the house of William S. Dud-ley to the house formerly of William Smith, and bounded as follows: "Beginning at the North-west cor-

of the premises at the end of an old wall, it being a corner of land of Alexander Reed; thence running Easterly by said Reed's land about fourteen (14) rods to a stone wall; thence Southerly by said wall about nineteen (19) rods to a corner; thence turning at nearly a right angle and ruming Easterly by said Reed's land about twenty (20) rods to an angle; thence on Easterly by said Reed's land about twelve (12) rods to a corner near a epring; thence Southerly by said Reed's land about twelve rods to an angle; thence on Southerly by said Reed's land about thirty-four (34) rods to a corner; thence Easterly by said Reed's land about twenty (20) rods to a stone bound at a corner of land of U. S. Adams, it also being a corner of land owned by B. & A. D Fessenden Co., formerly known as the Austin place; all the above described lines run as the fence now stands; ce Southerly by land of the said B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., about thirtynine (39) rods to a stone bound at land of William S. Dadley, thence South-westerly by said Dudley's land to a corner; thence Westerly, Northwesterly, and Northerly by the afore-said road to the place of beginning."

Terms: A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) will be required at time of sale. The premises will be sold subject to any unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale. S P. PENDLETON.

Assignee of said Mortgage. Townsend, Mass., Jan. 10, 1918.

FRANK T. SWEET, C. E. Surveying Batter Boards

Civil Engineering Office with HERBERT J. WEBB Main Street Ayer, Mass.

DEAL AND IDEAL

By RUDOLPH TRESSINGHAM.

Clancy Wyeth had a deal in mind and process. Joseph Trull an ideal. The for mer was popularly designated as a keen, practical business man, the latter as a visionary and dreamer. Nature had formed both with strong in-

dividual intellectuality. Clancy Wyeth was floor broker for a big firm on the grain exchange. Its offices were a rare giltter of gilt and GIVING MILK TO DAIRY CALF plate glass. Joseph Trull had a desk and narrow office in an obsolete business block, where he did translation work for the foreign departments of

"I have a pretty idea in mind." he told a friend one day. "You know our to the dairy calf is expensive both from the fact that irregular amounts often cause discative troubles and hefrom the city of Fendale, is mine. It often cause digestive troubles and behas not been occupied for two years. They have built up some palatial quently fed." This statement is quoted homes near to it, and I have been wait. from Circular No. 202, published by ing, expecting to get a good offer for the Illinois Experiment station. Ur-Well, the house is old, but it can bana, Ill. be made habitable. There are fifteen bearing cherry trees in the orchard. I'm going to have a crowd of these litcherries are ripe."

"Excellent! grand!" commented his

"I shall pick out fifteen of the most deserving children," continued Trull, "and apportion to each a tree. It will be their tree to dream over, to long for, weeks before the visit. I will keep the fifteen for a week, hire a cook and a nurse. One week end the mother of each little one will come out and pick one tree, and I will see that the cherries are delivered by wagon at the city home.

Just this plan Jasper Trull put into operation. The mothers who came out with the little ones, were provided with ladders and baskets, and went home happy and content. There was one little tot, the youngest of the group, a girl not yet three years of age. She and the others were allowed to roam freely about the place.

"I cannot find little Dora," the nurse informed Trull one afternoon near dusk, and he started off in search of her. Nearing a high hedge that separated the grounds from those of a fine mansion occupied by a family named Crosby, he caught the echo of voices, and paused. He noticed a hole. in the hedge, and peering over its top his eye took in a lovely picture. Upon the grass was seated a beauti-

ful young woman, whom he doubted not was Miss Eunice Colby. She had little Dora in her lap, and had woven a garland of flowers for her. prattling tot was beaming with de-

light.
"Please excuse me," spoke Joseph, "but the nurse is anxious about this wandering little charge of hers, and I promised to find her."

young lady, arising and kissing little Dora and then handing her through the hedge. "I have heard so much of your noble work. Will you not allow this sweet little mite to come over again tomorrow? The rest of the family are away, and she is rare com-

Joseph promised. The nurse herself the next morning took Dora to the hedge and consented that she should

Now, by a strange freak of fate, Clancy Wyeth visited the Colby home that day. He had only a casual acquaintance with Miss Colby, but he had her in view as a prospective heiress, and hoped to make an impression.

"The little brat!" he fairly hissed after devoting an hour to Miss Colby, he found her devotedly engrossed in

make my pile o

"Please keep a little back from the hedge, Miss Colby," Trull said one eve-"Little Dora is down with fever. The doctor says it is infectious, and that we must quarantine the house. Do not run any risk. I will have the nurse keep you informed as to how Dora gets along."

But there was no nurse the next day They had taken the alarm, as well as the cook. Both had departed. Trull had cooked the breakfast himself, and was attending as best he might to the three who had come down with the fever, when a knock at the door sent him thither. He opened it to confront Miss Colby. She had a suitcase in her hand and started to come in.

"You must not," he told her. would be only to expose yourself to the contagion.

"But I have come to stay," persisted the determined little lady. don't scold or deter me, Mr. Trull," she pleaded. "I have sent for two nurses in the village, and, if you will isolate and care for the well ones, we will attend to the sick little charges."

One month after that, Clancy Wyeth the man of the deal, found that the information he had paid for as to the potato crop was a fraud. The market broke, his firm failed, and his dream of opulence ended.

About that same time there was s grand jubilation at the Trull homestend, for Epnice Colby and her aids brought the invalids safely through their ordeal.

-"You-have-wrought n-blessing," Jasper told Eunice, and love as well as gratitude impelled the sentiment, and in the depths of those beautiful eyes he read a mystic response that thrilled his soul to hope and happiness.

Nova Scotia's Fish Army. Nova Scotla is literally "the land of fish"-cod, herring, mackerel and the giant albacore or tuna. Nova Scotia is so much a land of fish, says a writer, that it produces over one-fourth the of the entire Canadian catch, or \$9,166,851 worth. Every tiny haven around the extensive Bluenose Land coast harbors fishing smacks galore while Lunenburg, Canso, Liverpool and Chester are home ports for hundreds of fleet-winged deep-sea banking



Quesswork in Apportionment is Expensive in More Ways Than One -Good Rule Is Given.

"Guesswork in apportioning milk cause more milk than necessary is fre-

A general rule is to feed one pound of whole or skimmed milk to each eight pounds of live weight, rarely tie ones out for a week, soon as the feeding in excess of 12 pounds of cherries are ripe." by the Illinois station calls for four



Splendid Dairy Type.

pounds of whole milk to a Jersey calf the first two days; six to eight pounds from third to twenty-eighth three to four pounds of both skim milk and whole milk from twentyeighth to thirty-fifth day; eight to ten pounds skim milk from thirty-fifth to fifty-sixth day, and ten to twelve pounds from fifty-sixth to ninety-first day. A holstein calf is given some-"Oh, you are Mr. Truli," spoke the though rarely does the total fed go what more milk at a younger age. above 12 pounds.

### PROPER GROWTH OF CALVES

Puzzling Question to Gray Heads I Calf Business-Much Depends on Ration Furnished.

How fast should my calves grow? hedge and consented that she should remain all day in Miss Colby's charge, heads in the calf-raising business. This will depend to a large extent on the kind of ration fed, but in order for any ration to be considered a definite success the calves should show a gain of at least a pound a day each day for rangement of the back. the first six months. Many ordinary dairymen are getting a pound and a half gain daily.

In height these same calves should increase from one and one-half to two inches per month for the first half year. The height and weight have a definite relation for average sized calves during this first period. After six months this relation gradually changes and the month of age a normal calf of any breed weighs, approximately three pounds for each inch in height, but at the end of the six months' period the weight has increased to six and one half pounds for each inch in height. From that time on there is a continued widening in the relation of weight to height until maturity.

### BUTTER MAKER SHOULD KNOW

Must Handle Cream and Churn in Such Manner That He Will Make Best Quality of Butter.

The farm butter maker should know how to handle his cream and churn in such a manner that he will bake the best quality of butter from The cream must be ripened evenly and then churned at the proper temperature. If too warm the butter will come quickly, but will not be firm and granular. If too cold it will take longer to churn., Generally churning will require from 30 to 35 minutes when cream is at the proper temperature.

### BARREL CHURN IS EXCELLENT

Permits Concussion of Cream Against Sides Separating Fat Globules It is Best Way.

It has been found that the type of churn that permits concussion of the cream against the sides of the churn s best, because that in the easies and best way to separate the fat glob ules of cream, so they may be collected. A good example of this type is the barrel churn which is common ly used in some modified form.

Studying Plant Life in India. In order to encourage arboriculture and the study of plant life the government of India has offered a series of valuable prizes to be awarded to those who are most successful in various lines in connection with the growth of trees and shrubs on government land.

Wrong Side Up. "Why didn't you toss a coin to decide which to do?" "I did, but the darn thing didn't come down the way wanted it to."—Buffalo Express.

## SAVING OF FABRIC

Conservation Idea Carried Out by

New Style Feature Can Only Be Used to Advantage in Connection With Bustle Silhouette.

the "Wrapped" Skirt.

Two style features of the season are portrayed in the sketch here shown. One is the "wrapped" skirt and the other is the bustle silhouette. These two are really properly shown together, inasmuch as the "wrapped" skirt without the aid of the bustle flare would be rather too narrow and close reefed, whereas topped with the bustle a very attractive silhouette is the result.

The "wrapped" skirt is of necessity rather narrow at its hem or lower edge, inasmuch as a section of fabric cut the right length for a skirt is sim-



The "Wrapped" Skirt.

ply draped about the figure and drawn high at the back, where it is tucked in and puffed to form the bustle, with one side of the section of fabric hanging straight to form the skirt proper.

Many of the latest Paris evening gowns feature this skirt, and it accords very well with the government suggestion for fabric conservation. It can only e strongly recommended as part of an evening gown or for a "hostess" gown.

For the gown shown a rich brocaded silk was chosen. The bodice, with fullness let in at either side, fastens invisibly in the center back.

fills in the space between the shoulders and the speeves, elbow length and finished with a deep ruffle, are also of tulle. The front of the bodice is fitted basque fashion and cut in a little point at the waistline. A little V-shaped vest or yoke of tulle is also let in to the front of the waist, matching the arrangement of the back.

This gown is extremely simple and could-be made at home. Its grace and beauty depend upon the care used in arranging the drapery.

To make this gown for the average figure five yards of material 36 inches wide will be required.

All with the German measles during their absence.

Mrs. Olive Hall, of King sricet, left home dwist, with the germes and Mrs. Dunnklee, of Ayer, have both been ill with the German measles during their behalf of Nrs. S. E. Abbot. Rev. Chester A. Drummond, of Someria, will be the speaker and it is exhibited the will give a book review. The several of their number, including the data several of their number, including several of their number, including the data several several of their number, incl

### SPATS POPULAR FOR WINTER

Pronounced Majority at Horse
Show in New York.

Spats are going to be worn again this winter, if indications at the horse show at Madison Square Garden are to be followed, says Women's Wear.
Ties and pumps were almost the only types of footwear seen, accompanied in nearly every case by spats.
There were a few laced boots of dark tan with lighter tops, and one young girl were tan oxford and worsted stockings in a gray heather mixture. Gray, almost bordering on rose taures

The lechouse at the depot was filled last week. It was teamed in single layers.
Cliften Ewing has been home recuperating. He returns the first of February to Camp Gordon and reports for duty.

Charles W. Clifferd, a workman at Dell Dale farm, fell on the ice, and upon examination by N-ray was found to have sustained a fracture of the socket of the hip joint. He is under the care of Dr. Christie and is being treated at home.

Carl Stewart was severely bruised with Miss Ellen Sawtelle on Wedness day.

The Ledies' Aid meet on Tucsday with Mrs. He is under the service and and the home of Fred A. Hall, lee cream and cake were served and there were fourteen present. The club held its regular meeting on Sat near with Mrs. Because of the extreme cold weather the services hast San ay were held in the vestry. There were aloust lifty present.

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### NOTES AND NOTIONS

The fashionable suit is rather sererely tailored. Hats with flowers are promised for the future.

Tassels are popular on millinery. All draperies should fall in perpendicular folds.

Tailored shirts favor the masculine shirt bosoms.

Chinese embroidery.

instead of round. Black velvet and white duvetyn are charming together.

### Nature Is Outwitted.

The man who invented the sewing machine achieved what he was after when he stopped trying to imitate the human hand. If you go into a factory you will see machines doing things which only human skill could do but a short time ago, but the processes are quite different from the manual method. The inventors have risen superior to the formulae that nature would seem to have laid down for them.

It costs nothing to stand erect and making nightly breathe and walk properly. Intely,

#### LITTLETON

News Items.

The Odd Laddes met on Monday evening, and the deputy and the grand hady were present. The pink degree was worked, but the installation of officers was postponed for one week.

Louis Desilvio recently learned that his brother, who was in the Italian army, has been killed. At the same time Mrs. Peter Desilvio was informed that her brother, Frank Demas, formerly employed at the Littleton webbing factors. netory, was among the Italians slain n battle.

The webbing factory has been closed o meet the requirements hald down by ne fuel administrator. With the closing of the hall and the

time cookery," instead of the subject announced in the calendar. She will give a demonstration and this will be followed by a discussion. The meeting will be open to the public and a large audience is desired. Bring pencils and paper, and if you have found any receipts that are especially helpful in these times of food conservation kindly write them out on cards to be posted in the auditorium, where they can be copied. Get your neighbors interested, and make this a practical and profitable afternoon. Come. Get and give a new thought.

L. W. Chase has bought a gasolene.

L. W. Chase has bought a gasolene engine and is sawing wood for himself and his neighbors. Large quantities of wood and lumber are yielding to the action of saw and axe on the Harwood estate, near New-

proved slightly since he was taken to the hospital.

ed two weeks ago. Wood thieves have been out helping themselves to a little from several piles of wood in the West End during the night time recently. Suspicions are placed, and it is not unlikely that the district court will figure in the reckon-

ing that is pretty sure to follow. George A. Cook was housed with a evere cold the first of this week. Farmers' institute, in Hardy's hall, Ayer, January 30. Public invited. \* Mrs. Olive Hall, of King srteet, left

pressing much appreciation of the hospitality enjoyed at Newport.

Sally Kimball was the week-end guest of Betty Gordon in Newton.

A carload of stove coal was received by Conant Company last week and found ready customers, who were glad to team it from the car.

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Sunday,

Rev. J. W. Ballentyne, of Stafford
Springs, Conn., peached another excellent sermor, from the Congregational pulpit last Sindae. He was the
over Sunday guest of Mr., and Mrs.
George A. Cook

Received Prizes on Birds Shown, Richard G. Harwood, an ordent fan-cier of fine fowl, was a big winner at the Boston poultry show last week, taking first on a conserve, first pullet and third hen. Out of the ten bird he entered all were placed. He also had the best colors in maintain Wyan.

Bustles or bustle effects are increasing in number.

Many of the smartest frocks have blirds, devotes the rail state in last Sunday's Blouses are showing necks elliptical natead of round.

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ducks have been shut up at night, this silent murderer has concentrated his attentions on the qual. Mr. Harwood and his assistants are on the watch thievery.

Unitarian Church Notes

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The service flag of the Unitarian society, presented by the Young Deal ple's Religious Union, will be infinited and dedicated at the church service Sunday morning. Sixteen of the Young men of the society are already in the service and as the flag is unitaried the roll of honor with recalled, with a statement of the kind of service in which each one is engaged and their probable present whereafords. It is hoped that representatives of the families of all the men will be present at the service, A special program of the fuel administrator.

With the closing of the hall and the conservation of coal by the churches there is very little diversion for the bays. The girls have their scout and camp fire meetings, and the women and girls have devoted time and service largely to the soldiers at Camp Devens, our boys in the navy and those across the sea. The lads at home are engaged in business of some kind; all have leisure evenings, and would appreciate the recognition that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Some of our good women are ready to open their homes of an evening occasionally to them and thus break the monotony of dull life now prevalent. A new organization is thought to be unnecessary, but a little entertainment for two hours in the evening now and then might contribute to the happiness of our young people by making up for the social loss they have sustained in recent weeks. Think it over.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be honded in the congregational church vestry on Monday afternoon, January 28. The program will be in charge of the household economics committee who have had the good fortune to secure as speaker, Miss Alma Halbower of the Middlesex County Bureau force, who will discuss "Wartime cookery," instead of the subject announced in the calendar. She will give a demonstration and this will be followed by a discussion. The meeting will be possible present and will be followed by a discussion. The meeting will be possible to Mifford, where she is employed in the lines who have had the good fortune to secure as speaker, Miss Alma Halbower of the Middlesex County Bureau force, who will discuss "Wartime cookery," instead of the subject announced in the calendar. She will give a demonstration and this will be followed by a discussion. The meeting will be possible to the paper and the will be personal.

Laura Larder, who has been assisting at the home of Will Shattuck, has gone to Milford, where she is employed in the linen shop.

Capt. Warren Barnaby, who is sta-loned in Philadelphia, has been ill with the mumps. Mrs. Lewis Popple is detained at

L. S. Powers and son Harry are employed at the icehouse.

A small herd of shorthorn cattle housed at the U. S. quarantine barns will shortly be shipped to the owner, F. W. Harding, of Wisconsin. Another consignment for Mr. Finch, of Idaho, is expected immediately at the quarantine yards.

Mrs. Thomas H. Stephens visited her daughter, Mrs. Frink Plummer, in Marblehead, from Friday of last week until Tuesday, going in season to attend the Woman's club guest evening entertainment.

Mrs. Frink Smith's below here.

Mrs. Frank Smith's baby has imroved slightly since he was taken to
ne hospital.

Henry J. Couper has bailt an iccouse around the stack of ice harvestil two weeks ago.

Went to Center Harbor.

The recent snowstorm has caused
much inconvenience in filling the icenouses. Ten more horses are expected
to come from Somerville. Mr. Larson,
and Mr. Emery were both in Boston
this week in the interest of the company.

Mrs. Belle Hall is slightly improved a health since our last writing. George Farwell is carrying the chool children from the west part of

school children from the mass rule the town.

Mrs. William Hall was called to Cambridge, Mass., on Saturday on account of the very serious illness of her son Herbert. Mrs. Minnie Grove is caring for Mrs. Hall's home during her absence.

ed stockings in a gray heather mixture,
Gray, almost bordering on rose taupe,
was the keynote of this entire costume, one of the smartest there.

The sult was of gray duvetyn; the
skirt plain, the coat knee length and
gathered in by a loose belt of the material. The small toque was of the
same material, with a short visor effect. There was no trimming on either
hat or suit, but a taupe fox scarf was
thrown across the shoulders.

Carl Stowart was severely bruised
On account of the string on Tuesday the meeting of the field cross was
omitted. The regular meeting was
held on Fillags and fifteen members
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TOWN OF HARVARD

The Board of Registrars of Voters the session in the Selectmen's Recan for the purpose of registering covers to the coming town election,

Saturday, January 19, 1918, from 7,30 to 9,00 o'clock P. M.

Saturday, January 26, 1918, from 12 M. to 10 o'clock P. M.

CHARLES H HASKELL, PERLEY BEARD. SPURGEON M. PARNSWORTH, JAMES L. WHITNEY,

Don't Neglect your stomach. Keep it strong and well. When food disa-grees with it, strengthen it with

# BEECHAM'S

Registration of Voters



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

Thursday, January 17, 1918, from 7.00 to 9.00 P. M. Saturday, January 26, 1918, from 12 M. to 10 P. M.

Registration will close at 10 P. M., Saturday, January 26, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election. except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registering, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill, or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1917. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

> PETER B. MURPHY, FRANK J. MALONEY, LOUIS H. CUSHING, GUY B. REMICK, Registrars of Voters.

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Saturday, January 26, 1918.

#### PEPPERELL

Special Aid Society. ,

The regular monthly meeting of the executive board of the Special Aid society was held on Monduy afternoon at three o'clock in the office of the Shirley Electric Company by invitation of Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Appleton, chairman, presided, and the reports of same as the books of the library. Shirley Electric Company by invitation of Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Appleton, chairman, presided, and the reports of the various officers were read and accepted. Mrs. Appleton stated that the meeting was principally to consider the future work of the society for the Pepperell, boys in the service here and abroad: Mr. Hamilton, who has acted as agent in distributing supplies to the Pepperell boys, was present and recepted. Mrs. Appleton stated that the meeting was principally to consider the future work of the society for the Pepperell boys in the service here and abroad. Mr. Hamilton, who has acted as agent in distributing supplies to the Pepperell boys, was present and reported forty-seven boys were taken care of through his personal effort for the society. He reported that out of a list of seventy-six names of Pepperell boys enlisted in the service, sixty-six had already been provided with one outfit from the Special Aid society. This leaves only ten boys to be provided of for up. to the present time and This leaves only ten boys to be provided for up to the present time and draft. The society voted to expend fifty dollars for wool to continue the work, and the ten remaining boys will be looked after directly as well as those registered in February and future drafts. This report seems to side-track the remarks that the Special Aid has "gone to pieces." Its existence is quite in evidence.

#### Wedding.

The following is taken from the Asheville, N. C., Citizen of January 19, and will interest Pepperell people as Rev. J. Brainerd Thrall was a former

the wedding of Aliss Edizabeta Edizabeta Thrall, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Brainerd Thrall, of this city, and William J. Russell of Minneapolls, Minn., which was celebrated last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents on Merrimon avenue. The lower floor of the large house was most artistically decorated with potted paims, ferns and quantities of pink roses and carnations placed in every available spot. As Mrs. F. Will Hallock softly played selections from the "Tales of Hoffman," the groom and his best man, George H. Thrall, a brother of the bride, entered the drawing room and to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, Miss Peggy Hallock, the bride's maid and only attendant, wearing a dainty frock of rose colored satin draped with rose chiffon and carrying a large arm bouquet of pink roses fied with a fluffy bow of pink tulle, entered followed by the bride, who walked hand in hand with her mother, the latter giving her in marriage. The bride's mass strikingly pretty in her girlish gown fashioned of ivory satin and draped with tulle. She wore a short tulle veil arranged with a coronet of seed pearls. Her bouquet was an immense shower of bride roses.

Mrs. Thrall's gown was of plum colored chiffon over satin with embroidered panels. Robert Turnbull and George Thrall served as ushers. The bride's father, Rev. J. Brainerd Thrall, performed the ceremony, using the severe cold that is affecting so many.

The sudden death of Mrs. Mary Thorndike, of Auburndale, last week Friday, was a shock to her many Still River friends. Mrs. Thorndike was brill River friends. Mrs. Thorndike was brill River friends. Mrs. Thorndike of human, was a shock to her many Still River friends. Mrs. Thorndike of human, was a shock to her many Still River friends. Mrs. Thorndike of human as a girl (Mary Whitney, of Providence, R. I., and relatives in several towns. She was much beloved by many Still River friends. F. Wr Bater fill River friends. She leaves one brother, Edward Will River friends. She leaves

George Thrall served as ushers. The bride's father, Rev. J. Brainerd Thrall, performed the ceremony, using the Episcopal ring service in the pres-Episcopal ring service in the presence of forty or more relatives and friends of the couple. Palms and roses banked en masse formed an artistic background for the bridal party. Immediately after the ceremony Rev. and Mrs. Thrall entertained with a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Russell. In the dining room where refreshments were served, Miss Mary Thrall presided at the coffee urn. Miss Peggy Hallock, Miss Mariam Thrall and Mrs. James Valentine Martin assisted in serving. There were a hun-Miss Mariam Thrail shed and none "in sight" except some nut coal which is not much good in large heaters. The past two months of severe winter weather has drawn dired invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Hussell left for California, where they will motor through the southern part of the state for several weeks before going to Minneapolis, Minn. where Mr. Russell is engaged in business.

Appointed Secretary.

Congressmen

residence in Lowell. He is a son of Robert McKinley, of Lowell, and a nephose of the late state senator. James H. McKinley. Mr. McKinley's wife was Miss Lena A. Brown, of Pepperell.

Although this appointment as secretary to Mr. Rogers wishes it to be understood that the appointment does not at all mean the replacement of his secretary. N. A. Delisle, who now is with General former of the appointment of the secretary. N. A. Delisle, who now is with General informed of the appointment of the pershing in Preuce. Mr. Delisle has been informed of the appointment of the Preshing in Preuce. Mr. Delisle has been informed of the appointment of the Priversalist church at Brock. Mr. McKinley.

HARVARD

News Items.

Twenty three members: Halvand Grance enjoyed a scalking porty of the Universalist church at Brock. In the surper and institution at Ayer Granme. The committee appointed the Girls Canning club, appoint an advisory committee to consist of a general supervision of the Harvard Canning and Evaporating. R. Schultz, Mrs. Lucy West, Miss Blanche Dadmun and Mrs. Harvey C. Gerrill. Through the efforts of the Grange and others co-operating with Mr. Schultz of the Fair Bureau, it was in these two towns that Mrs. Sophia received her collings worth mill, Groton T. After a time Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Gerrill. Through the efforts of the Grange and others co-operating with Mrs. Schultz of the Fair Bureau, it was in these two towns that Mrs. Sophia received her education. Just before the breaking out of the Grange and others co-operating with Mrs. Schultz of the Fair Bureau, it was been an Agent as before the breaking out of the Grange and others co-operating with Mrs. Schultz of the Fair Bureau, it was been engaged by her father as bookkeeper. They were married although there is still a deficiency in the school will be held during the school wi

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Monday the music study cluss gave a very interesting program. On Mon-day, January 29, Mrs. Jessie D. Hod-der, superintendent of the reformatory women in Sherborn, will address club on "The immediate develop-

ment of the reformatory. Mrs. Julia B. Davis is among the sick ones.

Franklin M. Hynes was taken sick on last Sunday with what come very near being a case of pneumonia. He is reported as much better, though still confined to ble onfined to his bed. ending to the rural mail service during his lay-off.

Irving R. Jones, who for the pas two years has been living in town, restoring his health, has completely recovered and on Wednesday returned to Boston to take up a position as a bank glerk, a position he previously held for seventeen years.

The Harvard Philharmonics are re rearsing weekly, consisting of Ken-reth West and Nancy Harlow, first vioins; Miriam Harlow, second violin LT, West, clarinet, and Mrs. Harlow

At last reports John H. Cleaves was very sick with pneumonia, but with good care his many friends expect to see him pull through.

The Congregational Men's club held their first regular supper and social at the church vestry on Sunday evening. Rev. G. M. Missirian gave an extrement in the conditions in Armenia, a subject he is thoroughly conversant with.

Through the effort of Charles B. Bigelow: Jr., there has been placed in the public library a collection of music studies with piano and violin arrangements. He intends to add other parts later. These may be taken out the same as the books of the library.

Hanna. Nomination papers are out in abundance and there will certainly be plenty of excitement before the police are closed on February 4.

Miss Eula Whitney is taking a cours in the Fitchburg Business college, staying with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Whitaker Shirley.

Rev. H. B. Mason, who has accepted a pastorate in Tewksbury, will preact his farewell sermon at the Congress, lonal church on Sunday morning. Mrs with Arthur T. West in the song serv

Harold Lockwood will be seen the motion picture show this Saturday evening in "Under handicap," a seven-act play of western life. You have wanted a western play and here it is —come and see this one.

Farmers' institute, in Hardy's hall Ayer, January 30. Public invited.

Still River.

the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Eliot church last Sunday owing to the pastor Thrall, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Brainerd Thrall, of this city: and William J. Brainerd Thrall, of this feeting so many

Charles Willard is the latest grippe | roll their "r's."

S. B. Haynes returned to his duties at the railroad station on Monday after a five-days' lay-off on account of sickness.

The milk car that has run on the morning train between Sterling Junction and Boston for many year, has been taken off and the milk is loaded into the buggage car. What troubles the milk raisers most is that the empty cases are not returned until the one o'clock train, so that an after trip has to be made to the station to get cans. Before, the cans were in the milk car, so they could take them home in the morning.

morning. The fuel situation looks bad. Mr. Willard has but little on hand at his shed and none "in sight" except some

dett died at their home in Brooklyn, N. Y. Soon after Mrs, Burdett with her daughter came to Townsend. where she has lived the greater part of the time since.

O PRUSSIAN DONKEY!

Do we not all recall the monotonous assurances of Prussian professors that this war would be the signal for every colony to throw off the British yoke Alas, poor Prussia! When God distributed his gifts to the races of mankind he gave onick wits to the Yankee. laughter to the negro and infinite patience to the Chinaman. But to thee. as to the donkey, he gave an impene trable hide and total absence of humor writes Poultney Bigelow in World's Work. So go on with the war-it has made the Boer and Briton march to gether like brothers against the man who wrote the Kruger dispatch; it has made Canada and Australia glad to pour out their blood in the trenches of France but above all O Prussian donkey, I bless thy pachydermatous propaganda for thou hast at last opened the eyes of this good-natured nation to the snakelike quality of thy professions and the deadening effect of thy kultur. The war is costly; the war is deadly and the end is not in sight but however costly in death or dollars it can never be a price too high to pay if it restore to us our dignity as a nation and our manhood as Americans.

It is not a sordid association, patriotism and food. It can be as fine as the spirit of democracy and as enobling as the struggle for democracy. For in these days it is in truth, an essential part of each. If we cannot organize our efforts in this world crisis by the individual initiative, spirit and consent of the people, then democracy is a faith on which we cannot stand, or autocracy has shown that It can or conize its effort: It does it by impos ing organization by force from the top We must do it from the bottom und voluntarily, writes Vernon Kellogg in Atlantic Monthly. The administration of food is a test of what our form of government is worth. If success in it did no more than insure its immediate aim-providing our allies with foodit would be wholly worth while. But it will do much more than that; it will prove our faith in ourselves.

"Foist," "thoid," "woild" and many other words that are strictly New Yorkese, are to be wiped out of the language of this little town, according to a campaign that has just been started by business men. They are planning to make the English language safe for the growing generation, says Pittsburgh Dispatch. Patient schoolma'ams have been battling for years to eradicate the New York way of pronouncing words, but with little success. So now the shopkeepers are going to take a hand in it. A number of employers are getting ready to start English classes in their shops and in time they believe that all of New York will know how to

It is not the outcome of the final decisive struggle between the United States and Germany that is in doubtthat cannot be doubtful while Americans constitute a free nation. It is the length of the war that is in doubt, caused by the inability of the average intellect to appreciate the fact that the war marks a crisis in the life of every man, woman and child in the United States. When the average man in America begins to feel the reality of the war as sharply as the average man in Germany feels it, America's tremendous force will exert itself and the end of the war will be in sight.

Americans are enthusiasts and they like to spend money. The present system of taxation is being met without a murmur by the general public, and pride in the nation's army permits hero worship in its most wholesome form

Appointed Secretary.

Congressman John Jacob Rogers has announced the appointment of Ben H McKinley, of Lowell, as his secretary and Mr. McKinley promptly took up his duties.

Mr. McKinley was born in Lowell and seed at the Pawtucket ville grammar school and also took a course at a commercial college. From 1966 to 1916 he was page in the Massachusetts sentate and from 1916 to 1916 was assistant clerk in the legal document division at the state house.

At the same time he studied law and in 1915 was graduated with the degree of LL. B., and in 1916 was admitted to the bar and since then has been practicing in Lowell. He is a son of Robert McKinley, of Lowell, and an apphore of the Missachusetts sentiated for the bar and since the has been practicing in Lowell and Boston, with his positioned in Lowell. He is a son of Robert McKinley. Mr. McKinley's wife was Missingly to Mr. Rogers has announced the account of the football boys who had wen a letter in the fall sports. Although this appointment as secretary to Mr. Rogers has a permanent one.

Although this appointment of Ben H McKinley is in the losses of other men's sons is high. A youngster, for seums and very a with disastor.

Harbor.

On Monday Mrs. Charlese Josselyn and they have demand a nethed for Washington, D. C. On the party as given in her honor, in her honor in heating and man enormous scale. The army is costing billions, but looks more than left for Washington, D. C. On the party and the Lowel man do n an enormous scale. The army is costing billions, but looks more than left for Washington, D. C. On the party and the Lowel man do n an enormous scale. The army is costing billions, but looks more than on the more.

It has been lamented that the Term worth the money.

It has been lamented that the Term to the hold against the recent lament of a noted German official that Germany base of the football holy with the destitute of a proper sense of humor, but this charge in the firm and on an

with disaster.

Even the people who have regarded the war as something merely to talk about must realize that there is something serious the matter when they east buy any sugar at the corner groerrs.

Kaiser Withelm composed music and made his courtiers listen to him sing it. This custom is supposed to be the origit, of the policy of shrecklichkeit, so enormously developed.

Another difficulty about the smoke less day would be the calamitous odors of possible substitutes for tobaccocubebs and cabbages.

Our most important captures will be the alien enemies we take from our midst.

Aspen Wood for Matches.

Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden as it is easily out and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

Word From Brer Williams. "Pay as you go" is a mighty good Cigarette paper to the value of approximately \$20,000 was invoiced for the Philippines during the first six months of 1917 compared with \$1612 money an' holler: "Keep de change!" -Atlanta Constitution.

Oriental Ruby.

The oriental ruby consists of nearly pure alumina-i. e., oxide of aluminum -in a crystalline form, containing but I per cent of oxide of iron and one half of I per cent of any other sub stance. The specific gravity of this precious stone is higher than that of many other gems, ranging from 3.9 to 4.2. Aluminum, the metal, has, when cast, a density of 2.56; when forged, of 2.67, or only one-third of that of forged steel or a fourth of that of silver The melting point is about 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Human Friends.

Do you idealize your friends? Sometimes a person who has worshiped at the shrine of a teacher or schoolmate is shocked into cynicism by the dis-covery of a flaw in the one who was funcied perfection embodied. Human nature is faulty, and it is always dangerous to identify the virtues which demand our fealty with any human being. Keep on loving and honoring truth and kindness, even though you detect some acquaintance in a falsehood, or are treated unkindly by a friend."-Exchange.

To Renew Linoleum. When linoleum becomes worn, polish it with prepared liquid wax. Dampen an old piece of woolen underwear with a tablespoonful of the wax and rub the linoleum with it as if you were scrubbing the floor. Polish with a dry woolen cloth until it shines. This renews the faded colors. After the first coat of wax, the lineleum may be polished daily with a waxed cloth fastened to a mon handle, thus saving the housekeeper from scrubbing the floors

Keep Griticism to Yourself.

When you feel an inclination to criticize, remember that you weren't born to set the world right. Just murmus to vourself that, after all, it's a pretty nice little old world, and that perhaps it would be even more difficult to get along with people if they were all quite perfect, which they certainly aren't. Just keep your critical faculty to yourself; it will have all the exercise it needs - Exchange.

Does Not Reduce the Price.

A pipe has been invented which fills as fast as the tobacco in the bowl is consumed. How Mark Twain would have appreclated this modern convenience'l - While Mr. Clemens was n young man, it is said, he contrived pipe, consisting of a can of tobacco placed on the floor, to which a long rubber tube was attached. Then he would light the whole can and smoke

Heel Not to Bear Weight.

The weight of the body must never be borne on the heels. In walking, the leg is thrown forward from the knee acting in harmony, heel hip, touching the ground first; but the weight should be so quickly transferred to the ball of the foot that the heel makes no noise. One who walks noisily is always walking incorrectly and of course cannot be graceful.

A Legal Pun.

"A petition for an injunction, based upon a somewhat doubtful assertion of fact," says a New York lawyer, "came before one of the justices of the supreme court of this state. After consideration of the affidavit of the petitioner, the justice remarked: 'In this case an injunction will not lie, even if the relator does."-Case and Comment.

The Real Thing.

It makes a fellow step higher when some big man says of him: "He is the smartest man in this town!" But that is nothing by the side of having a little chap snuggle up to your side and whisper softly, "I like you! You're so good to me!"-Farm Life.

Expensive Gold Fish.

The rarest and most expensive gold fish in the world is the Chinese brushtail, a pair of which sell for \$1,500. Probably there is no other living thing of its size and weight that is worth

Some Early Candles.

The candles of the Romans were composed of string surrounded either by wax or pitch. Splinters of wood covered with fat, were used by the English poorer classes in 1300.

P True Affection.

A youngster, fond of visiting mu seums and very affectionate, startled his mother by remarking if she died he would stuff her so that he could sit in her lap all the time.

Never Met the Man.

"Them newspapers," complained the politician, "are charging me with bowing the knee to Baal, and I never met the man in my life."-Boston Transcript.

Inducing Birds to Bathe. To induce a canary to take a bath sprinkle a few seeds upon the water. This added attraction will make the bath become a habit.

Clothes-Cleaning Device. On one end of a recently patented clothesbrush is an absorbent pad to enable cleaning to be done with any

desired liquid.

Time for Strategy. There is no such thing as returning to the days of one's youth. If there ere and we were asked if the teacher licked us, our reply would be "Not ex

actly; we made a strategic retirement after almost losing the seat of our trousers."-Houston Post. Cruel Enlightenment. He "You seem to think I couldn't

yes, there is one; your widow."

FOLLOW CAMPAIGN OF JOSHUA

British Army Duplicates Victory of Head of Israelite Hosts, Marching Over the Same Ground.

And now the British Mesopotamian army has captured Hebron, 20 miles from the birthplace of Christ, observes the Wichita ((Kan.) Beaton.

More than 33 centuries ago Joshua, at the head of the Israelite hosts, marched over the same ground cap-turing Hebron and putting its king to death. In one of the battles he found the time was too short and so he commanded the sun and moon to stand still while his men fought.

Forty years before, Moses was leading the children of Israel out of Egypt to this promised land of Canaan. sent out snies, who were overswed by the glant sons of Anak whom they saw at Hebron. All but Joshua and Caleb gave unfavorable reports, and the Lord was displeased at the perverse ness and the credulity of the Israelites, and decreed that they must wander 40 years in the wilderness. "How are the mighty fallen," mourn

fully sang David as a requiem for his friend Jonathan, nearly 3,000 years ago, and then he asked the Lord for guidance. God commanded him to go to Hebron, and there he was anointed king of Judah and reigned seven years before going to Jerusalem. And almost 40 centuries ago Abra-

ham built an altar at Hebron and there bought his first land. There was buried his faithful wife Sarah, and also Isaac and Rebekah and Jacob and Leah and Joseph.

The bones of the shepherd patriarchs, of David, the sweet singer of Israel; of Joshua, the mighty warrior; have crumbled and mingled with the sands of the centuries, but the world fights on over its ancient battlegrounds, and mankind, like Sisyphus, rolling the great burden to the top of the hill, sees it roll back and create another task.

But mankind has learned. Upon reaching Hebron it refuses to be awed by the glants who bar the way to the promised land of world peace and

It is a strange and wonderful drama that is taking place on earth today.

Guineas Get Ride.

Any of the young blood of Indianpolis will testify that "chickens" (in ne of the later acceptances of the word) are very fond of street car and automobile riding, observes the Indianapolis News, but it is not often that four guineas of the common or garden digging variety have an opportunity to disport themselves in or on a city street car.

Amid a chorus of squawks from about 100 coops of turkeys and other fowls in front of William Locks' fish and poultry place at 1027 Virginia avenue, the other day, four guineas escaped from a coop, and a series of hops, flops and flights landed them on the trolley pole of a street car headed for Washington street, where they evi dently regarded it policy to sit tight. At any rate they were not tempted from their perch by downtown window displays or moving picture theaters On the back trip the street car stopped in front of Locks', and the motorman "Here are your guineas." shouted: Eager hands helped them to slight and they were taken back home.

Danish Statistics.

Very few European countries only were in a position to proceed, since August 1, 1914, with their normal quinquennial census. Denmark is one of the exceptions, says an exchange. On February 1, 1916, the little kingdom counted 2,920,000 inhabitants, i. e., an troop in Shirley. Members of the increase of 163,000 souls over the cenices to the Girls' club to assist at an

The distribution ratio is 75 inhabitants to the square kilometre. The Copenhagen Frederiksberg county contains 605,000 inhabitants. i. e., more than one-fifth of the total population The 74 other cities number 604,000 people. Rustic population, 1,711,000.

ahipad The three princips Copenhagen, are: Aarhus, 68,000; Odense, 45,000, and Aalborg, 38,000. The present war increased the importance of the seaport town of Esbjerg (19,000 inhabitants), which hardly existed 50 years ago.

Concerning Gasoline.

The war department has estimated that the daily gasoline needs of America for war purposes will be 959,000 gallons for the next few years. Government figures show that the total daily gasoline production in the United States is 6.849.000 gallons.

The Bureau of Mines has authorized the publication of a bulletin which states that a saving of 1,500,000 gallons of gasoline may be effected every day by Americans by the careful observation of certain simple sugges tions. The bureau of mines would conserve a half million gallons more of gasoline daily than will be demanded by the government to operate its necessary war equipment or to carry on its other necessary industries during times of war.

What Americans need to learn at this time is to conserve gasoline judiclously and sensibly.—Peoria Journal

Turn Out Limbs In 48 Hours. Two Clyde shipbuilding firms have been turning their attention to the manufacture of artificial limbs, says a Glasgow correspondent, and have produced in 48 hours a limb at a moderate cost which is said to be far superior to any other produced in the country. One thousand maimed soldiers have already been fitted, and 9,000 are on the waiting list.

A Question. Why don't we get dimples instead of wrinkles?—Louisville Conrier-Journal.

Rabbit Hair Supplants Wool. Rabbit hair is supplanting wool in the felt hat making industry of Australla, where there are thirty factories in operation at present making use of rabbit fur for this purpose. It is said to be superior to the finest merino, and millions of rabbit skins make any woman happy." She-"Oh, are made use of annually.

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Celery Root ..... 25c. lb. Cranberries ..... 19c. quart SMOKED SHOULDERS 27c. lb. TEA and COFFEE DEPT. White House Coffee . . . 35c. lb. Shredded Cocoanut .... Good Formosa ..... 33c. lb.

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Roasts of Pork 30c. und 33c. lb.
Pork Chops 30c. und 35c. lb. Pork Chops ... 30c. and 35c. lb. Dried Beef, sliced ....30c. lb. BUTTER DEPT. Best Tub Butter.... 50c. lb. Elegant Sage Cheese... 33c. lb. Imported Swiss Cheese 52c. lb. Lard Compound ..... 27c. lb. Kelly's Peanut Butter. 23c. lb.

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GIRL SCOUTS

There are now three patrols in the

entertainment to be given in Odd Fel-lows' hall, Saturday, February 2. Re-hearsals are under way. Last Sunday the senior patro; and Miss Nelson, national field captain, at-Wheeler's residence. quested to sing scout songs.

as the closing dance of Mrs. White's class was held on the latter evening. The executive board of Girl Scouts in Groton held their first meeting this week to discuss plans for the local

There was a good attendance at the troop meeting on Wednesday. Mrs. Jonathan Harwood, local director, was present and conducted a drill. It was decided to invest the funds now in the treasury in thrift stamps. It is recommended that all those interested in Girl Scout work read the article published in the last number of the Literary Digest, entitled "The best Girl Scout in America."

Meet Trouble.

Rise above small things. The woman who lets small things worry her will be completely undone the first time she meets with a really big problem. It is disintegrating to your mental and nervous condition, not to mental and nervous condition, to worry. There was a good attendance at the

More Scout news would have been published this week but for the fact that quite a bit of this news reached the publication office too late for insertion. The earlier in the week this copy is in at the office will better insure its insertion.

THE COST OF BEER IN COAL

The Internal Revenue reports to The Internal Revenue reports for 1917 show that there were brewed in New York state during the year 9,635, 744 barrels of beer. This, reduced to pints, makes 2,365,856,512. E. D. Jeach, assistant food administrator of Ohlo, investigated this situation some lime ago, and the figures which he is used show that the yearly output of beer averaged a consumption of approximately are pound of coal to each pint of year program of the coal to the coal the figures which he is not show that the yearly output of beer averaged a consumption of approximately are pound of coal to each pint of year the Circus Maximus, and an mately one pound of coal to each pint of beer. Now, taking these figures for the entire state, this would amount to the entire state, this would amount to 1,182,923 tons of coal for the year, or 3240 tons per day during the year. This coal would heat 131,600 homes with an allowance of 100 pounds per day for a period of six months, which is more than the ordinary period in which heat is required. In other words, it would heat for that period all of he homes required in a city of 658,000 people.

It may not be a choice between movies" and beer, but if it comes to that we recommend saving the "moves!" and putting the blame where it

THE VALLEY AND THE SHADOW

"We have no music when marching into action. We cannot smoke—we are warned to be silent. There is only the muffled sound of many boots as they are lifted and pushed forward and put down. It is too dark to rend the expression on a commide's face until we meet the hostile glare of the enemy's alarm—then there is action." Here we have the test of fortitude—he nervous strain under which some break down, not because of cowardice but because of nervous weakness or the strength of imagination.

Often Destroyed by Fire. Time after time, together with the The Girl scouts of Ayer are to sell the city of Moscow, the Kremirest of the dity of Moscow, t rest of the city of Moscow, the Kremenjoy it. The Girl Scouts and their friends are working hard to make a great success of this opportunity afforded them by Mr. Poulius, and in addition to the feature picture there are to be some Girl Scout pictures and songs by the scouts. It is hoped that the regular patrons will attend and all others interested in the Girl Scout movement.

Scout movement.

Hingrations in all parts of the city. It may be indeed these fires which forced the little corporal to commence his disastrous retreat across the snow-bound steppes of Russia. Napoleon had his headquarters in the Kremlin, and while the flames were not so destructive there as in other parts of the city, yet they forced evacuation:

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Great Mangrove Swamps. Mindoro, one of the larger islands of the Philippine group, is a province by itself and contains 3,983 square miles. It is distant from Manila a little more than 100 miles. Along the tended the community sing at Mrs. the more than 100 miles. Along the Wheeler's residence. They were reshores of this island are more than 80. 000 acres of mangrove swamps, with The troop held their meeting on large trees in practically virgin growth, fonday, instead of Friday, this week, conservatively estimated to yiel 000 tons of bark readily convertible into approximately 17,000 tons of cutch. Just why this growth should have remained untouched for so long

is not explained.

tion your physical condition, to worry. You needn't be resigned to fate nor slip your troubles off as the old friend. duck's back throws water. But you can meet troubles with a will to conquer them or adjust them-and, after. that, "they should worry," but not you.

495, near the Circus Maximus, and an altar of the god existed near the Porta Capena by the side of a well. His festival was celebrated on May 25, and chiefly by merchants who visited the well near the Ponta Capena to which magic powers were ascribed.

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