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### LITTLETON

Daniel Healey is having a two-weeks' vacation from office work and business trips and is incidentally making the acquaintance of his latest love, a fine Overland runabout. He has spent a part of his vacation at

The lumber for the new catholic church has arrived and has been taken to the church site by members of

Miss Mildred Flagg has been came ing in South Chelmsford with friends for two weeks, returning home today P. Corning Edwards has returned from the Catskill Mountains, where he was in camp with his New York choir boys, and will remain at the Ledges until September.

Barbara Priest has been visiting her grandmother in Waltham the past

Mrs. Edward F. Chamberlain and daughters, from East Orange, N. J. are guests expected at Everett Kim ball's next week Miss Hattie Shafter is enjoying th

hospitality of the George H. Kimballs in Newtown.

Mrs. J. N. Murray and daughter Hazel are at Point Allerton for ten

Mrs. Curtis W. Drew and daughter Kathleen and Marlon, have visited the Charles F. Butler family in Boston this last week.

Beulah Kimball goes today with her cousin, Ruth Suckney, to the lat-ter's home in Auburndale for a visit of two weeks.

Mrs. Everett Kimball was a mid-yeek guest of Mrs. John Ames in

fractured bone. She was taken home by John Pingrey in his cow wagon and given prompt medical attention, but conditions did not brighten for the suffering animal and she was re-lieved of her misery a few days ago.

Mrs. Arthur Drew had an ill turn ten days ago and is in care of a nurse. Mrs. Drew is making some improvement and it is hoped that with quiet and the good care she is receiving that her health may be restored soon.

Warren Fletcher has been slightly indisposed, but seems now to be in his usual health.

Miss Maude Mitchell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch and Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Fairfield to Rowe on Thursday for a stay of several days or possibly longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark, of Keene, N. H., have been the guests of Miss Edith Fletcher. B. S. Hager has gone to Winchen-don, where he is visiting his daugh-ter. Mrs. Helen Blanchard, at the new

Mrs. F. R. Ellis and granddaughter, Inez Mistele, of Chicago, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Allen Nye, and daughters at the Common.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. Littlehale, all of Fitchburg, are camping in W. L. Mitchell's cottage at Long pond.

The explosion of the powder mills last Monday afternoon was distinctly heard in Littleton and was taken for thunder by some of our residents. Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Barrow joined he Grange field day party in Ayer

Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, of Boston, Hon. John F. Fitzgerald, of Boston, is to come to Littleton and give the address before the lyceum on December 7. This announcement, which could not be made public last week with the rest of the course for this season, will be gladly received by the Littleton people, not only because his coming rounds out an unusually attractive program for the lyceum, but also because of their interest in Mr. Fitzgerald's career and their claim upon him as having sprung from this

spend a week, beginning Monday, in camp at Hart pond, South Chelmsford, accompanied by their pastor, Mr. Caulkins. Mrs. E. A. Flagg, their Sunday school teacher, will take them to the cottage.

The service at the Baptist church on Sunday morning was largely attended by members of the other congregations whose churches were closed for vacation. Mr. Gardner, of the Congregational church, sang in the opening exercises "The king of love." The choir rendered appropriate selections. The theme of the sermon was "The works of God."

No services will be held in the Bap-tist church the last two Sundays in August.

The Congregational church will be pen the last two Sundays of this

Miss Olive Thacher is entertaining her Northfield friend, Miss Dorothy Mills, of Middletown, Ohio.

N. B. Conant and family returned on Tuesday from Adams, where they have visited Mrs. Conant's mother and the brother's family.

Edward Robbins, of Fitchburg, visited his sister, Mrs. James Nixon, this week.

Mrs. Thomas Allen, member of the Mrs. Thomas Allen, member of the organization committee of the Massachusetts Anti-suffrage association, will speak in the town hall. Harvard, at eight o'clock on Friday evening, August 20, under the auspices of the Harvard branch. Mrs. Allen is a charming and able speaker, and all are cordially invited to hear her.

Miss Jessie Smith will spend anothweek at Peak's Island, Me.

Miss Bemis, of Charlestown, is the uest of the Joseph Wainwrights of

South Littleton. Mrs. David Dickey, of Fitchburg, is visiting the J. Hartwell Whitcombs.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith of Cambridge, Mrs. George Dean and daughter Marion of Kansas City, Mo., J. W. Griffin and Fred Marsh of Lowell were auto guests at Allen G. Smithy. Allen G. Smith's.

Mrs. Thomas Moore, jr., Rupert Sanderson and Mrs. V. T. Esten were among the Grange party that attended the picnic in Ayer Thursday. They report a splendid day with tine speaking, singing and a profitable demonstration in canning fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and little daughter Louise, who are spending the summer at their Annisquam home are week-end visitors of their parents.

Successful Lawn Party.

The Baptist young people gave a very successful lawn party on Wednesday evening, being favored with real lawn party weather, the finest summer evening in miny weeks. The program was arranged and carried out almost entirely by the young people. The ice cream table was in charge of Whitney Caulkins and Miss Nina Dennison; candy table Misson

charge of Whitney Caulkins and Misses Nina Dennison; candy table, Misses Marjorle and Hannah Dodge and Ruth Robinson; punch table. Misses Evelyn Kimball, Ruth Flagg and Helen McCoy. Miss Ruth Robinson presided at the entertainment, of which a special feature was an orchestra consisting entirely of Littleton young people, Miss Olive Flagg, plano; Misses Mildred Flagg and Katherine Kimball, violins; Ellot Young, clarinet; Austin Hartwell, 'céllo; Warren Hartwell, cornet. This was their first appearance together and their suc-

rington Hall, of Lowell, rendered a number of humorous and other readings. For distinctly fovial entertainment Mrs. Hall is rarely surpassed. The attendance was large and a considerable sum was netted by the young people toward their fund for church improvements.

Death:

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Mrs Calvin Howard entered in the larger life Saturday morning. August 7, after a long illness, throughout which she enjoyed the affectionate and tender care of her devoted husband, and children and thoughtful attentions of her many friends.

Funeral obsequies were observed at her late home on Monday afternoon, her former and present pastors. Rev. J. S. Moulton of Stow, and Rev. O. J. Fairfield of Littleton, conducting the services. Floral tributes were profuse and beautiful and gave comforting expression to the sympathy and love of a large circle of friends, many of whom were present. As the remains a large circle of friends, many of whom were present. As the remains were laid to rest in the family lot at Fairview cemetery, Westford, the sun burst through the clouds in triumphant glory as a promise of hope for the spirit now free from the burdens and limitations of the flesh, exultant in the approaching fulfilment of promises to the faithful.

Mrs. Howard (Mary Jane Hale) was born in Stow on the fifth of August, 1848, and departed this life with the happlest memories of her last birthday which her dear ones made as sweet and beautiful last week Thursday as love could devise and willing

sweet and beautiful last week Thursday as love could devise and willing hands could carry into execution. Her early years were spent with the rest of the Hale family in her native town, and her district school education was supplemented by a coarse at Framingham Normal.

In 1832 Miss Hale became the wife of Calvin Howard and went to Westford to live. Their home circle increased until It was blessed by five children, the oldest of whom, Sadiedied at the age of eight years, Mes. Howard is survived by her husband and four children, John H. and Alice M. at home, Charles D. of Concord, N. H., and George E. of Littleton; two grandchildren, John Adams Howard Concord, N. H. The Franklin class of boys will spend a week, beginning Monday, in

Howard, of Littleton, and also a sixter, Mrs. Harriet E. Davidson, of Stow, and one brother, Silas W. Hale, of Mariboro.

Mrs. Howard was a woman who enjoyed life and kept close to her friends. She identified herself with leading movements and organizations that sought the welfare of the indileading movements and organizations that sought the welfare of the individual and the community in which she lived. Although she kept in close touch with her adopted home town, many of her interests brought her to Littleton. She was a member of the Unitarian church and Alliance, the Littleton Grange and the Woman's club. Previous to the infirmities that required her quiet retirement in the home she was in constant attendance at the functions of the above societies and entered heartly into their activiand entered heartly into their activi-August.

The Congregational church will be open the last two Sundays of this month.

Miss Ruth Thacher has returned from a visit with the William Brown family at their cottage on Sandy Pond shore.

N. H. Whitcomb is equipping his buildings with lightning rods that are considered absolute protection during an electrical shower.

Mrs. H. S. Brown, of King street, and her granddaughters, Helen and Betty Gordon, have gone to Beach Blutt for two weeks.

Miss Emily Fisher, of Norwood, is the guest of her Walnut Hill school-mate, Miss Charlotte Sanderson.

Miss Olive Thacher is entertaining

### HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Dr. Ella Blaylock Atherton and sons left this week on an auto trip to Vermont and Canada. They will be gone until September first.

Albert F. Hildreth attended a fores hotel. In the afternoon the party were conveyed to Federal hill, where they inspected the look-out station. There were many fire wardens present and the meeting was one of interest. The look-out station at Federal hill is of a peculiar construction and was a surerise to many. It is a erai nill is of a peculiar construction and was a surprise to many. It is a pine tree with the top sawed off and a platform built out around on which to stand, and a thirty-foot ladder placed there on which to climb. The

attendant has a telephone and a pair of strong spy glasses at his command. Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hardy, Miss Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hardy, Miss Lousia Hardy, Graham Blood and Er-nest Woodin left last week Friday for Mt. Sunapee, N. H., where they were to be the guests of Mr. Foster at Camp Soangetalia. They will return this word.

Mrs. Lizzie Gilson spent a few days with Mrs. Warren Colburn the past

Charles Stark spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardy. His daughter Hazel remains for a more lengthy visit.

Miss Ida Clement was a disitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clement. On account of the many rains this

summer Silver lake is extremely high and there is no pretty beach this year as there generally is.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer and son John and Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Hardy are making their annual visit in town and are boarding at Mrs. Fred Muzzey's. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert McNayr and children, from West Townsend, mo-

tored to town recently and called on relatives and friends, Charles Clinton has returned to town after working in Ayer for a short time.

# OUR MID-SUMMER Clearance

Our Clearance Sale to date has disposed of a large amount of merchandise and we have a host of satisfied customers. We still have a good assortment in many lines left and we have made still further reductions in other lines in order to clean up.

When you consider the quality of the goods offered and the prices now asked you ought to feel some interest in the following list of price reductions:

#### MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS

The balance of this season's stock of Fancy lixtures and Fancy Worsted Suits-all new and fresh goods. The better grades of Suits come from the well-known house of A. SHUMAN & CO., of Boston. These reductions are made from our former low selling prices.

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	\$10.00	Suits	now	reduced	to	\$7.47
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UNDERWEAR BARGAINS We have taken several lines of our Summer

inderwear and marked them down for this sale. 25c. Men's and Boys' Balbriggan and Dark Gray Shirts and Drawers..... 50c. Men's Blue and Eeru Derby-ribbed Shirts and Drawers reduced to . . . . . 50e, Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, special for this sale..... 39c. grade Men's Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, price for this sale......

50c. Boys' Derby-ribbed Union Suits....

Monday, Forest Fire Warden Winslow
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making arrangements for the meeting. The business meeting was in the
morning at ten o'clock. Dinner was
served to the visitors at the Howison

25c. Boys' Shirts and Drawers reduced to 19¢ \$1.00 Men's Union Suits reduced to.....

\$1.00 grade of Men's Derby-ribbed

Union Suits, special price for this sale

#### SHOE BARGAINS

All our stock of Men's and Women's Tan Oxfords is reduced in price. Also, many discontinued lines in Gun Metal and Patent Leathers for Men and Women are marked down to clean up at this

#### Men's Tan Oxfords

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Several Discontinued Lines of Oxfords \$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Oxfords now \$2.98 \$3.50 Gun Metal Rubber Sole Oxfords \$3.00

#### Women's Oxfords

One lot Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords, in Button and Lace, were \$2.50 and. One lot Gun Metal Oxfords and Colonial Pumps that were \$3.00 and \$3.50, reduced to .....

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS Men's White Handkerchiefs..... Men's Cotton Hose in Black and Tan colors, a regular 2 pairs for 25c. quality, price now..... Men's Police Braces, 50c, kind..... Men's Police Braces, 25c. kind...... Men's Police Braces ..... 134 Men's Boston Garters..... 17¢ Boys' Blouse Waists, collar on, 39c. kind 23¢

# MEN'S SUMMER SHIRT BARGAINS

One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, our regular 50c. quality, price reduced to..... One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, laundered cuffs, our regular \$1.00 grade, now One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, soft cuffs, some with collar attached, regular \$1.00 quality, now.....

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One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, "Arrow" brand, a regular \$1.50 quality, now \$1.15 One lot Blue Chambray Working Shirts, a regular 50c. quality, for this sale

One lot Boys' Blue Chambray Shirts,

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# Geo. H. Brown

45c. grade .....

A regular meeting of John H. Wor-cester W. R. C. was held in Grange hall on Tuesday afternoon. The meet-ing was called to order at 2.45 by the president, Bessie W. McEnnis. There were only a few present, due to the threatening weather and sickness in the families of some of the members. the families of some of the memoria. The general order of business was performed and a recitation was given by Mrs. Nellie Hardy. After the meeting closed the ladies of the corps visited the ice cream parlor at Locke's where they had been invited through the courtesy of Mrs. Mary E. and Louise Locke and partook of ice cream and cake which was greatly ap-preciated by all.

The annual supper and sale of the Reading and Charitable society will be held on Friday evening, August 27. Everybody seems greatly inter-7. Everybody seems greatly interested to make this affair a great suc ested to make this analir a great success. An entertainment will be given during the evening and fancy articles, home-cooked food, aprons and candy will be on sale, and all are earnestly requested to donate articles for the different tables.

Miss Lena Ladd was at home for a Mrs. John Beals, who died and who was buried at Milford last Sunday afternoon, was the grandmother of Luther Tarbell, of this town. A

The two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Converse was buried last a few weeks ago, but in some sections where the hall did not seem to strike three little Converse girls who have been sick are recovering.

A regular meeting of John H. Worders of Mr. A regular meeting of John H. Worders of Mr. Burton, who bought the Joseph Mayo place on Proctor hill, expects to have about 600 baskets and he has already sold several baskets of early Pictures were taken of the whole famely sold several baskets of early live then a four-generation picture of ones. Stanley Clarke, at Patch's Cor ner, also, expects to have a large

An auto truck full of Nashua peo-ple drove up and spent the day Sun-day at Silver lake.

Mrs. Walter Converse, who was a Mrs. Walter Converse, who was at St. Joseph's hospital for treatment has returned home much better, but she is still in a weak condition and was greatly depressed over the death of her little son. A trained nurse from Nashua, who has been in the Converse home for some time, has returned to Nashua.

Many of the hay-makers in town Many of the hay-makers in town have taken advantage of the pleasant days during the week and got in their hay. Much of it has been cut for some time and on account of the wet weather it was obliged to stay out, and therefore a great deal of it is practically spoilt. Farmers seemed doomed this year and many of them in this vicinity are blue and discouraged.

Ninetieth Birthday.

week guest of Mrs. John Ames in Somerville.

A company of three auto loads of people enjoyed an outling at Nantale Place and Nantale Place Place

ered on the lawn for a social time. Pictures were taken of the whole family; then a four-generation picture of. Mr. Gates sitting in an old rocking chair holding his little nine-monthsold great-grandson, Robert Gould, the mother of the little one and her father, W. J. Gates, standing; also, a group of the great-grandchildren, Raymond Flanders, Ellen Gates and little Robert Gould, sitting on the grass. Mr. Gates received many bouquets of flowers, among them being a large bunch of white water littles several baskets of fruit and boxes of candy and a host of postcards from friends in and out of town. Late in the afternoon all returned to their homes after expressing their pleasure in being able to attend the ninetieth birthday of their father.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Santos, Brazil, now has a branch of The earliest record of any life in-surance policy bears the date June 185

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#### WESTFORD

Two new telephones have been add ed to the large circle of subscribers this last week—Mrs. John Burbeck 4-5, and Charles H. Shugrue 5-21. Mrs. Henry L. McCluskey has been a visitor at Charles H. Wright's for a week. Dr. McCluskey plans to come to Westford on Sunday and return with his wife to Worcester that day.

with his wife to Worcester that day. The sincere sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved Howard household at the west end of the town, and the Jenkins household at Chamberlin's Corner. Both deaths came on Saturday and both funerals on Monday, more extended accounts of both appearing in other columns. While many of the late Mrs. Howard's affiliations were in Littleton, she was well-known and had many friends in Westford Center, both she and her

cations of former days.

In Monday, more extended accounts of both appearing in other columns. While many of the late Mrs. Howard's affiliations were in Littleton, she was well-known and had many friends in Westford Center, both she and her daughter. Miss Howard, being members of the Tadmuck club. Her death comes as a release from long sickness and suffering, while Mrs. Jenkins comes in the midst of activity and usefulness, the result of a tragic accident.

Severe Electrical Storm.

The electrical storm on Monday afternoon is reactily acknowleged as the worst in many seasons. The streets were flooded with rain and catch basins overflowed. The already drenched gardens and fields received another withing. As the storm progressed a lively hall storm took places and it is considered for a few minutes. Lightning struck in numerous places and it is considered for a few minutes. Lightning struck the electric light wiring at the northwest corner of John C. Abbot's residence and a lively blaze started, which was fortunate that no buildings were really destroyed. Lightning struck in electric light wiring at the northwest corner of John C. Abbot's residence and a lively blaze started, which was fortunately seen at once by Motorman Citter and Conductor Clement. They rushed to the blaze and notified the storm and not wanting to use the blockness lines the old-fashioned freshold of ringing a general alarm with the church bells was recorted to, but by the time help had conserved the blaze was controlled to the blaze and had conserved the blaze was controlled. the electric light wiring at the northwest cerner of John C. Abbot's resistence and a lively blaze started, which was fortunately seen at once by Motorman Citter and Conductor Clement. They rushed to the blaze and notified the family and good work was done with life extinguishers. On account of the storm and not wanting to use the despine lines the old-fashioned facthod of ringing a general alarm with the church bells was resorted to not be the time help had conscreated the blaze was controlled. It was a threatening blaze and had in not been seen in its fleighence on Monday forenon at this not been seen in its fleighence on Monday forenon at children to the seen to its fleight of the town, had there were light mit of the holt going through the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other end. The men on the place were all in the barn and coming out at the other legitly dependent of the tributes of the

The thunder showers on Monday The thunder showers on Monday afternoon shook down half stones and let down water two feet deep on potates on the Frairie farm. The proprietar threatens to proceed against the potatoes with a "diving bell." Hay faither down the Stony Brook was floating in water that nearly submerged them. Splendid opportunity for water snakes and the tortoise to take a free ride to the beach.

Sixty inhabitants of Middles x-North Formona Grange went on the Pormona excursion to Concord and other interesting points of the universe last week Friday—140 did not go because the weather said they should not go.

Mrs. Wallace Johnson has been to

Boston and Lynn for two weeks. The Westford A. A. will do the town The Westford A. A. will do the town with a suramer evening enthusiasm and glee gathering next Thursday evening. Tabor's sixth regiment band of twenty-five pieces will furnish the music. The first bill of fare will be the band concert on the Whitney playground from 7.36 to 9.36. Dancing will follow in the town hall from 9.30 to one in the morning. This promises to be a rare and much-needed jingle for the town. It will be moonlight and the park will be lighted by electricity to aid the moon in seeing the good time. The music will be no cemetery slow march.

The next meeting of Westford A. A. will do the town march weeks vacation, started on Monday works, vacation, started on Monday morning for a three-weeks trip through the Admondacks. He will spend one week with his grandfather and take a few lessons in trout ish ing from him, despite that the latter is eightly-eight years old.

Miss Catherine Connell and Miss May Shugue, have recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation spent at Hampton Beach. Miss Christina Connell has returned from a pleasant visit spent with friends in Got's Falls, N. Y.

The next meeting of Westford Grange will be held at the town hall on Thursday evening, August 19. As this meeting is in collision with the entertainment by the Westford A. A.

Burns Prove Fatal.

here from Mrs. McVicker, wife. Hev. R. H. McVicker, pistor of the M. E. church, who with Mrs. McVick here from Mrs. McVicker, wife of the Mrs. R. H. McVicker, paster of the Mrs. R. Church, who with Mrs. McVicker and Mr. McVicker's mother are stopping at Saranac Lake, N. Y. is the effect that Mr. McVicker stood the trip remarkably well and already shows much improvement in health. His appetite is better and the brache mountain air appears to be working wonders with him. This is cool news to his many friends.

Boy, and Mrs. U. H. Leeten, et Live

Rev. and Mrs. U. H. Legten, of Livernore Falls, Me., are stopping at the home of Mrs. Layton's perents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furbush.

The outing party which the Ladies Aid society were to have this week has been postponed until September 9
Vernon Fletcher, who is on a four

Annual Picnic.

After many days of rainy, dismal weather, last Saturday blossomed forth with sunshine and summer heat, this meeting is in collision with the entertainment by the Westford A. A., the meeting will commence promptly at 7.30 and is very liable to early adjournment. The question, "Does the European war indicate that christianity is a failure?" has been postificated until a more convenient season.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks had a delightful visit last Sunday afternoon from Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lawrence and son, who is a student at Dartmouth college, Mrs. Warner of Groton and Miss Martha Kimball of Littleton. It was a too selfom modern illustration of "angels unawares."

The scattering hall stones in the shower of Monday afternoon in the Stony Brook valley and other nearby hill-tops got the concentrated move on it. In the towns southward, Billerica and Carlisle, they report con-

siderable stripping and puncturing of vines and other greens.

Read all about the children's pagant in the Harvard news.

\* The pointed to take up the burden. Both players did good work considering the lack of practice, Spinner retiring in the sixth in favor of Gower. McClure

Read all about the children's pageant in the Harvard news.

William C. Edwards has bought of the estate of Mrs. Susan A. Butterfield the Shepley swamp lot at the upper waters of Nabnassett pond, containing thirty-one acres. Hon. George J. Burns, of Ayer, is administrator of the estate.

A special train, preceded by a pilot train, carrying ninety-two tons of gold from England by way of Hallfax, passed over the Stony Book railroad on Tuesday by way of Ayer for the banking house of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Two members of the Old Oaken Bucket farm and one member of the New Stony Brook annex to the Old Oaken Bucket farm have been invited to referee a joint debate at Tyngsboro next week Friday evening.

Josiah Denton Crosby, of Arlington, is enjoying the sea breezes of the Stony Brook at his aunt's, Mrs. F. W. Banister.

West Chelmsford Grange is alive with plans for a lawn party as soon as the weather shows symptoms of something more than the umbrelia variety.

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Cards are out annonuncing the marriage of Miss Rita G. Bickford and Anthony E. Anderson of West Chelmsford at the Village church on Tuesday evening, September 7. Miss Bickford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Fickford, West Chelmsford.

Elder Thomas Bartlett, of Manchester, N. H., formerly of Brookside, proceedings from start to finish. The different committees worked hard for the success of this affair and were well rewarded by good weather and the co-operation of a large, friendly crowd, whose good nature was the prevailing feature. The pastor, Rev. Before I. Scott, were present the afternoon and evening and there was not a hitch in the attennoon and evening and there was not a hitch in the attennoon and evening and there was not a hitch in the former committees worked hard for the success both in the afternoon and evening and there was not a hitch in the success both in the afternoon and evening and there was not a hitch in the proceedings from start to finish. The different committees worked hard for the success of this affair was one.

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Forge Village.

Roy. Arthur L. Bumpus, of St. Michael's Episcopal church, Brooklyn, N. Y., former vicer of St. Andrew's mission, with his little daugnter, visited friends here on Monday. St. Andrew's mission is closed un-til September 5.

Miss Eva Pyne and Mildred V. Pre-cious were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tibbetts, of Man-chester, N. H. The Misses Lottle and Mildred Par-rot have returned from an enjoyable

vacation spent with relatives in North Hal Cougle, of Yonkers, N. Y., re cently was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Cougle. Mr. Cougle is still confined to his hed by illness.

Mrs. Fennimore Morton has been called to Nashoa, N. Y., by the serious illness of her brother-in-law, William French. Mrs. Henry Byron and children, of Fitchburg, together with Mrs. Joseph Leelere and children, of this village, have returned home after two weeks of camp life at the Parrott cottage on the shores of Forge pond.

Miss Anna V. Keefe, of Townsend Harbor, who has been the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael, has returned home. After a rest of-several weeks at the home of her parents, Miss Keefe will resume her duties as telegraph operator in Winchester. ator in Winchester.

Misses Bertha and Ethel Collins have returned after a very pleasant visit spent with relatives in Haverhill. Harry Brown and Burton Griffit are spending a few days in New York Miss Edith Spinner entertained Miss Jennie Kimball on last Saturday and unday.

Miss Myrtle Healy is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Emerson, of Issington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, of Wor-cester, have been enjoying the pas-week visiting relatives here.

Mrs. James Whigham and children spent Wednesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Blodgett, of Gro on Ridges.

William Baker and daughter Lile lian have returned from an enjoyable visit with relatives in Amsterdam, N. Y. Misses Marion Lord and

Bertha Collins are spending this week at Hampton Beach. Francis Sullivan, of Nashua, N. H.

is enjoying his vacation at the hom of Mrs. Margaret Wilson. Edward Blodgett, of Medford, has been the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, during the past week.

Forge pond is the highest it has een for many years as a result of the outlinged rains in this section.

Miss Alice Walsh and Veronica Smith are cliests this week of friends n Lowell The Misses Christina Lowther, An-the L. and May H. Cherry spent the week-end as guests of relatives in Somerville.

Monday afternoon a severe thun

her storm struck the village, only the met with a second storm withinking unusually bright. The storms lasted over two hours. Cameron park was the scene last Saturday of one of the largest crowds ever gathered on the green. The attraction was the annual picnic of St. Catherine's parish, West Graniteville and all the surrounding towns and cities were well represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kershaw and family, of Lowell, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Precious.

Mrs. Hugh Daly and daughter Gladys spent a few days at Hampton Beach last week. Ellsworth Rose, of Belmont, has been a recent guest of his grand-mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Splain.

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LITTLETON

News Items.

Joseph A. Harwood, of Littleton.
A. B. Harvard '02, has been elected principal of the Lunenburg High school to succeed Claude A. Gray, resigned. Mr. Harwood was engaged in graduate work at Harvard in 198-9, taught three years in Ashland, Ky. and attended Harvard summer school in 1914. Littleton, friends are very glad to have him locate near home as his interests and activities have ever expressed a deep and gratifying illoyalty to his native town.

In the absence of Judge Keyes, of Concord, Judge Elihu Loomis, of Bedford, presided at the district court last week.

Katherine Proctor and Sally Kimball services in Miss Marshall's.

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Miss Sum Brown is sending out attractive wis advertising her tearnoom and salventism her father on Foster street.

Mrs. Concord, Judge Elihu Loomis, of Bedford, presided at the district court last week.

Katherine Proctor and Sally Kimball are visiting Mrs. A. W. Turner in Milford, N. H.

Mrs. P. C. Edwards is visiting formal particular and a very large in Eaglementh.

A. E. Robbins. Miss Susie Robbins of Bedburg in Falmouth out attractive weighs advertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is and vertical subject to his hop, The Brown is devertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is advertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is advertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is advertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is advertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is advertising her tearnoom and fit shop, The Brown is divising and their grade of the activation.

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The a social dance in the Friday evening, August the L. C. A. club. Music, orchestra. Dancing from weive.

McIntosh Reds. Wealthys and Duchess varieties are the leaders and a variety of peach trees have been planted among the young apple trees. At each of the farms inspected the owner grave valuable talks on dairying, fruit raising, market gardening and kindred other subjects. So satisfactory and profitable was the tour of inspection that another may be made to a different section of the country next month.

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#### SHIRLEY

News Items. Miss Jeannette Facey, Mrs. Herbert Martin and son Ralph, of Fitchburg, spent Wednesday at the home of Mr

and Mrs. George H. B. Clark. Miss May Kennedy, of Quincy, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond at the Shirley Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, of Quebec, arrived Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman. They were married on Tuesday at Kingsey Falls, Quebec. The bride was formerly Miss Hiida Prince, a niece of Mrs. H. W. Brockelman. After a brief stay at the Brockelman home they will make brief visits to other parts of the state before returning. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brock. They will reside in Danville, Quebec. The bride was well-known to many the bride was well-known to many times of about three mon

the home of Winchendon.

Mrs. Eddie Baker has returned home from a visit of ten days at the home of Mrs. Baker's parents at Short

James Doherty is spending a vaca-tion of three weeks in Newton High-

Resignations have been received by the school committee of Miss Mabel I. Osborne, assistant high school teacher and Miss Ruth Carter, commercial teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brockelman spent Tuesday at the home of his father in Lancaster.

Mrs. James McMillan, with two sons, Paul and Neil, of Lowell, is spending two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neil.

Mrs. Walter Manning and son Richard, of Upper Montclair, N. J., arrived Thursday at the home of her parents. Thursday at the home of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Conant, for a few weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Derby, of Leominster, are receiving congratula-tions on the birth of a nine-pound daughter, born Tuesday, August 19. Mrs. Derby was formerly Miss Etta Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden, of this town.

Miss Eva Beaudette received word that her sister, Miss Amandy, was op-erated upon at the Springfield hospi-tal on Thursday morning for appendi-citis. Miss Eva leaves for Springfield on Saturday.

Mrs. Charlotte Knox, of Groton, a former resident of this town, was a visitor here on Tuesday in company with her daughter, Mrs. Rupert Green, of Aver.

Miss Elizabeth Brockelman, of Laneaster, spent last Sunday and Monday with her brother, Henry W. Brockel-

Mrs. Annie I. Banks is confined to with chronic appendiciti-Mrs. Whitney and two children, with her nephew, spent the week-end with her brother, Isley Beach.

Mrs. Frank Lee, with her two children, is spending a vacation with her mother, Mrs. Nellie Ford, at the homeof Mr. and Mrs. John H. Logue. Mr. Lee spent the week-end with them.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., won the fourth straight victory in the baseball series with Apollo lodge of Friehburg last Saturday afternoon at Coggshall park, Fitchburg. The score was 7 to 6. Daniel M. Beach has returned to cton, removing his household goods

last Saturday The Matrons' Aid society will meet

with Mrs. Bessie Buxton on Tuesday.

John H. Will returned from the gladly received.

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The Corley family, of Hopkinton, former residents of this town, are returning to Shirley again the first of September and will occupy their own house at the corner of Phoenix and Front streets, which is now occupied by the Dennis O'Neil family. The Corleys for years past have operated a large farm in Hopkinton. The Corleys for years past have operated a large farm in Hopkinton. Dr. Warren E. Bryant has located

in town, occupying the upper flat in the Munson house with his family.

Freeman Nickerson arrived from the Clinton hospital last Saturday. It was planned to have the road completed by the first of August, but now there is no possibility of finishing for executive forms of the latter until he has recovered sufficiently to take care of himself, Mr. Nickerson seems to be improving rapidly.

The meeting of the Matrons' Aid society, which was to be held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bessle Buxton at Woodsville.

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Jonas L. Jennerson, a native of this town, a civil war veteran, aged 87 years and 4 months, passed away at his home in Townsend last Saturday afternoon, death resulting from pneumonia after a brief illness. Mr. Jennerson was been a required to substitution of the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves attended Jussel Jennerson was born in Shirley in the house now owned by Henry F. Grout, but moved to Townsend when quite young. He died at the age of 87 years and 5 months, He leaves one son and one daughter.

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News has been received that Mrs. Emmeline Howard, who has been a trequent visitor at the home of her sister. Mrs. J. C. Ayer, is very ill at the care of a trained nurse.

Charlie Longley, of Millbury, is spending a few days this week at the home of her grandson, Horace

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this week Saturday for a two-weeks' vacation at Wiscasset, Me. Mr. Clark will accompany his family and return to his duties, but plans to spend the second week with his family.

Mrs. Thomas Allen, member of the organization committee of the Massachusetts Anti-suffrage association, will speak in the town hall, Harvard, at eight o'clock on Friday evening, August 20, under the auspices of the Harvard branch. Mrs. Allen is a charming and able speaker, and all are cordially invited to hear her.

Read all about the children's pag-eant in the Harvard news. Leading business men in all lines

place at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brock. They will reside in Danville. Quebec. The bride was well-known to many people in town, having visited here in the past.

Death.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGinness passed away last Sunday evening at her home on Leominster road from the effects of cancer on the spine after an illness of about three months. She was the widow of the late Medical was the widow of the late was the widow of the late Medical was the widow of the late was the widow of the late was the was the widow of the late was the widow of the widow of the widow of the was the widow of the widow of the was the wa They will reside in Danville, Quebec. The bride was well-known to many people in town, having visited here in the past.

Mrs. Alvah Watton and young son left on Thursday of this week for a few weeks' visit at the home of her parents in Rockland; Me.

A military whist party was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells under the auspices of the D. A. R., five tables being in play. The first prize, sofa pillow covers, was captured by Miss Beulah Brill. Nelson Wambolt, Harriet Hemenway and Leslie Wells; the consolation prize, boxes of writing paper, Mrs. Helen McCoy, Mrs. Bernice Wheeler, Mrs. Margaret Wells and Miss Elanche Wells. Ice cream and wafers were served.

Mrs. Charles Tewksbury received a message Monday evening of the sudden death, of her brother, Perley Knapp, aged fifty-eight years, of Colebrook, N. H. Mrs. Tewksbury left on Wednesday to attend the funeral which was held on Thursday from his late home. Heart disease was the adout three months. She was the widow of the late Michael McGinness, who died suddenly in New Haven about a year ago. Mrs. McGinness was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moss Chase and was born in Southbridge forty-six years ago. The near survivors are three sons. Michael J. Jr., William and Edward; two daughters, Mrs. E. J. Trembley, and a grandchild. Funeral was held on Wednesday morning with high mass of requiem being celebrated at St. Anthony's cemetery. The bearers were John and William Gilmartin, E. J. Trembley, Levi Landry, Frank Pelote and Joseph Murphy. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery. There was a number of pretty floral tributes.

Clarence Clark, of Turner's Falls, was a guest over the week-end at the home of Mrs. Arthur Moulton, of Malden, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Moulton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at the North.

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Miss Ruhy Creater.

Miss Ruby Crockett, of Ayer, and Miss Merle Crockett, of Brookline, are visiting at the home of their par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett, at the North.

Miss Hazel Harris returned to her home in Fitchburg on Monday after spending a week at the home of her brother. Horace C. Harris.

Rev. Frances E. Webster preached in excellent sermon at Trinity chape last Sunday afternoon, taking for his subject the story of Balaam. Mr. Webster will conduct the service at he chapel again on Sunday afternoor

It has been decided not to hold this, year the MacDowell festival, which is given every year under the auspices of the MacDowell Memorial association at Peterboro, N. H., during the latter part of August. For several seasons past a number from the Center have attend this festival and a large number were planning to be present this year if it had taken place.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson, at the village, and the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stanwood, Jr., will be christened on Sunday afternoon at Trinity chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. S. Hyde and sons, Stillman and Robinson, of New York, were visitors recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton on Center road.

Mrs. Sumner and daughter, Miss Helen, have taken Mrs. M. M. Mac-kaye's cottage on Parker road for the remainder of the season.

North Shirley was the center of a severe thunder storm, accompanied by hail and a heavy wind on Monday. A large tree in the yard of Charles Hiskins was uprooted and limbs were torn from several trees in the neighorhood and carried by the wind.

The Shirley Cornet band gave an excellent concert on Tuesday evening at the common, near the town hall, with a large and appreciative audience. The program contained tennumbers, the feature being a baritone solo by Fred E. Sleeper.

The next meeting of Shirley Grange will be held on Tuesday evening. Sep-tember 7, and will be neighbors' night

Wachusett Grange being the invited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware and fam-

ence of several weeks A fair is to be held at the town hell later in the summer under the management of the Girls' Sewing Guild. A feature of the fair will be a sale of framed pictures. Any donations of old framed nictures the owner no longer cares for will be

John H. Will returned from the Massiehusetts General hospital on Monday, where he has been under observation for the past two weeks. The physicians and surgeons at the hospital have thoroughly diagnosed his case and have decided that he has been subject to are the effects of his past operations.

Elmer H. Allen has purchased a Ford ranabout.

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The work of surfacing the new ection of the state road has been adly handicapped for the past two weeks on account of the heavy rain:

Mr. and Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker was postponed on account of the Poare spending a two-weeks vacation at York Beach. mona Grange field day in Leominster. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, at the same place.

C. Harris, returned to her home in Templeton on Menday.

Beginning on Sanday August 15, Rev. Frank B. Craedall, who was graduated from the Harvard divinity school, Cambridge, last Jane, will be located in Shirley and supply the pulplt at the First Parish of rervice eleven o'clock. Mr. Cran-dall has been director of the Sunday school at the new Second church in Boston the past year and assisted the church in parish work.

Clipping.

The following clipping from last Saturday's Issue of the Boston Journal will be of interest to many. Mr. Wood is well-known in the Center,

having been a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. Frank L. Wood during her several years' residence here.

The house of Wood—Alexander H. Wood of Boston—gains a daughter. The Bradley hotel in Chicago loses a relephone operator whose lowesters. the Bradiey hotel in Chicago loses a telephone operator whose low-pitch-ed voice was a vocal smile, no matter how impatient the caller. All this was in one transaction. It happened Wednesday, but the secret was kept a whole day, which is longer than many elopements are hidden. That was what it was—an elopement. Now that it is over the approximents

was what it was—an elopement. Now that it is over the announcements probably will acclaim:

"Alexander H. Wood of Boston and Theresa A. Kenney of Chicago announce their marriage on Wednesday, August 4. in Geneva, Ill."

This might be added:

"Eloped. Hunted all through August 4. in Geneva, it is the peace and a rora for a justice of the peace and a

This might be added:
"Eloped. Hunted all through Aurora for a justice of the peace and a marriage license clerk who would agree that nobody should know about it. Failed. Took a train for Geneva, riding on a (keep this a secret) pass issued to Mr. Wood and wife. Found Justice Kayser ready with a solemn look and a license and were married."
Mr. and Mrs. Wood were reluctant to tell of the elopement. They had planned to keep it a secret for several months until he had broken the news to the folks back home.
His father. Alexander H. Wood. Sr., former head of the wholesale importing firm of Wood & Pollard, and his mother are dead. From the family wealth Mr. Wood receives more than a modest income, but he preferred work to idleness and obtained a position nearly two years ago in the

tion nearly two years ago in the Chicago and Northwestern railroad station selling tickets. He was at Window No. 10 last night, planning housekeeping details while he accommodated passengers.'
He lived at the Bradley hotel. The former Miss Kenney was telephone operator there.

#### LITTLETON

News Items.

Misses Bernice Ferson of Newton Highlands and Miss Ada Cooper of New York city are guests of Miss Helen Gilman at the Ledges.

Henry Reed of Dorchester spent he week-end with his cousin, Mrs. George Hall, of Taylor street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hall of this town announced today the marriage of their daughter Serena to Italph MeNiff of Harvard, which took place May 16, at St. Joseph's church, Boston.

Warren Hartwell, Austin Hartwell, Leonard Roberts, Roland Houghton, Evelyn Kimball, Ethel Smith, Edith Fletcher and Myrtle Smith spent last Fletcher and Myrtle Smith spent last week at camp in J. M. Hartwell's cottage at Spectacle pond. Mrs. Frank Hibbard, the chaperon, was very popular and entered with much pleasure into the spirit of the party, maintaining the dignity of her office and contributions and the spirit of the party. tributing no small amount to the royal good time of the company.

Misses Fannie and Gertrade San-

Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson have spent the week as the auests of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle at Oak Bluffs. They return home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Conant and southave returned to their home in Wastertown, where Mr. Conant's sister Margaret is visiting them. Mr. Conant has selected a higher in Newtonville, where he will stone his bousehold goods in the informatic future.

Mrs. Thomas Styphens went Tuesday to Marblehead for a visit with her daughter. Mrs. Plummer, and family. She attended the yacht races that have attracted so large a company of spectators this week.

The thunder showers Monday caus-

pany of spectators this week.

The thunder showers Monday caused some anxiety, particularly in Newtown, where the lightning played uncomfortably near some of the residences and their property. At Mr. Halliday's electrician King of West Acton and his assistant were installing a motor, when the latter gentleman received a shock and sparks flew from his elbow. R. T. Barrow was ploughing when a bolt came uncomfortably near the horses. At the Common there was a shower of hall accompanying the heavy rain.

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In a letter to Mr. C. H. Weare, Jr., Mrs. James P. Tolman has expressed the very great thanks of herself and tamily to the Mill employees and the effice force of the Samson Cordaze Works the Board of Water Commissioners, the Shirley Branch Alliance, and other friends who showed their approclation of Mr. Tolman by sending beautiful wheaths and flowers to the house on the day of the funeral and by the closing of the stores during the services.

Shirley, Mays., August 12, 1915.

Shirley, Mays., August 12, 1915. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesen, st. Probate Court, To the heirscat-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons inter-ested in the estate of H. WESLEY LEGG late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate. Whereas a patition has been pre-sented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said

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To Fireproof Clothes.

Dissolve one pound of ammonium phosphate in one gallon of cold water and a clear solution is formed in which the fabric to be fireproofed should be soaked for five minutes. The gar ment can then be taken out and allow ed to dry, after which it may be worn with perfect safety, as it is absolutely fireproof. The solution produces no more harm to the material than would the same quantity of ordinary water. It will keep indefinitely, is nonpoisonous and can be used for several suits Ammonium phosphate is a common white crystalline powder, not patented in any way, and sells for about 25 cents a pound at any drug store. Any article fireproofed by this method will remain noninflammable until washed or drenched with rain.-American So ciety For Fire Prevention.

Canned Strawberries. To can strawberries so that they will keep their shape and color after the berries are picked over put them in a jar, with a layer of sugar and then of berries until all are used. Set them in the cellar overnight, and the sugar will penetrate them, and no water must be added (there will be sufficient fulce). Have a sugar sirup on the stove hot, put the strawberries in and let them boil up gently; then fill cans with the fruit and juice all cooked togetner. Screw on the cover, stand the can upside down a few minutes, then turn again, changing it in this way until its is cool and the berries will not rise to the top. This way preserves in the forendom, to show cause, if any the change of the cover the shape, color and flavor of the fruit

Pickled Grapes

Prepare the grapes as for preserving by removing the skins and seeds and boiling the pulp. To five pounds of fruit add a cupful of cider vinegar, a cupful of grape juice, three pounds of sugar and a spice bag containing two ounces of cinnamon, one ounce of cloves, a small piece of ginger root and one whole nutmeg. Place in a preserving kettle over a slow fire and cook until of the consistency of marmalade, stirring constantly to prevent burning Turn while hot into jelly tumblers and cover when cold with paraffin.

Dainty Bread Boxes.

Cut bread into slices about an inch and a half or two inches thick and divide these slices into as many cubes as they will make. With a sharp knife cut out the crumbs in the center, leaving a box shaped cavity. Butter the bread boxes and set in the oven to crisp and brown lightly. Just before serving time fill with leftover fish flaked fine, a mince of chicken, deviled eggs, chopped ham or a mixture of veal and ham, pour a thick cream dressing over box and contents and serve hot.

Spiced Currents.

Six pounds currants, one level tablespoonful cinnamon, four pounds sugar, one level tenspoonful cloves, two nounds raising, one level tengnoonful allspice and one cupful of vinegar. Pick over the currents, wash, drain

dough, just stiff enough to handle. Mix, roll, cut out rapidly with as little handling as may be and bake in a quick oven.



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 SHERMAN H. JEWETT late of Littleton 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 HANK A. PATCH who prays that let-ters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, withsented to said Court, for Probate, by \*HANK A. PATCH who prays 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 thirteenth day of September A. D. 181a, 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 the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, beforesaid Court, and by mailing 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 I Melnitre Esquire

Ayer, Mass.

Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire
First Judge of said Court, this twentysecond day of July in the year on
thousand nine hundred and fifteen.
2147 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

3117 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of AUGUSTA A. NYE late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, EDWIN N. ROBINSON executor of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of September A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the sands should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guidon, a newstater published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

E147 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-ETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of JOHN R. SHATTUCK late of Pepperell in said County, deceased. Whereas SARAH M. SHATTUCK the administrative of the estate of said de-reased, has presented for allowance, the substitute first and final account of r administration upon the estate of

aid administratrix is ordered to cutation by delivering a copy all persons interested in the inteen days at least before or by publishing the same th week, for three successive the Pepperell Clarion-Adver-

the Pepperell Clarion-Adver-wspaper published in said a last publication to be one at before said Court, and by ost-paid a copy of this clu-known persons interested in seven days at least before Said Court
Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire,
First J. age of said Court, this twentyminth day of Jay in the year one
thousand mee hendred and fifteen,
has w. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SUTTS, Middlesen, ss. Probate Court, To adepersons interested in the es-interest TIM STHY HOUGH late of Pep-perel, in Sull County, deceased. tel, in Sail County, deceased. Whereas FRANCIS G. HAYES the strator of the estate of said de has presented for allowance sed, has pissented for allowance, these account of his administration in the estate of said deceased, our are hereby cited to appear at a bate County, to be held at Cambridge and County, on the fourteenth day betternber A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock he foreneed, to show cause, if any have why the same should not be weel.

ed said administrator is ordered to this citation by delivering a copy of to all persons interested in the fourteen days at least before fault, or by publishing the same the Pepperell Clarion Adver-newspaper published in said the last publication to be one east before said Court, and by post-paid, a copy of this cita-il known persons interested in the seven days at least before Sourt, hoss, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this second August in the year one thousand annuled and fifteen. 3448 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Pick over the currants; wash, drain and remove the stems. Put into a preserving kettle. Add the sugar, raisins and vinegar, and cook until it commences to thicken. Add the spices and cook to a thick sauce.

Sour Milk Biscuits.

One pint of sour or butter milk, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of melted butter. Flour to make soft dough, just stiff enough to handle, Mix roll, cut out randly with a metal.

payment to the subscripers.
Edward Houghton Shaw,
Clara Louise Shaw,
Fred Houghton Shaw,
George Herbort Shaw,
Executors.

Belmont, Mass, July 28, 1915. 3t18 towns.

# Mortgagee's Sale Save

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Charles E. Snowden, Robert Showden and James E. Miller, Jr., to Annie L. Tewksbury dated October 1st. 1912, and recorded with Worces ter County Worcester District Deeds, book 2043, page 282, for breach of the condition in said mortgage deed contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold by public auction on the premises or Tuesday, September 7th, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and onveyed by sald mortgage deed to

"A certain parcel or tract of land

situate in the Southerly part of said Harvard, on the Easterly side of the road leading from said Harvard to tow, with the buildings thereon, containing 47% acres, more or less bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly cor ner of the same on the southerly side of the road leading to Stow, at land formerly of E. W. Houghton and running thence by said Houghton land South 49° E twenty five rods and ter links to an angle; thence by the same land South 75½ E thirty two rods and ten links to a ditch; thence in he same direction by said ditch six teen rods to a corner; thence North 33% E six rods and twenty links to a corner; thence by a ditch thirty rods and ten links to an angle at the end of a ditch; thence South 84° E twenty three rods as the wall stands to a corner at an oak tree at a corner of land late of Daniel Hartwell; thence North 1½ W fifty rods and seventeen links by land of said Hartwell to a corner of land late of Farwell & Dixon; thence by land of said Farwell & Dixon North 50° W fifty three rods and fifteen links to a town road leading to a farm no or formerly occupied by John With ington; thence Westerly by said road to the road first mentioned; thence said first named road seventy seve rods to the point of beginning the privilege of the grantee her heir and assigns, to draw water from th well on land on the opposite side of said road leading from Harvard to Stow by means of an aqueduct pipe which may be laid in the ground from said well to said buildings on said premises and to enter upon the premi ses upon which said well is situated for the purpose of laying or repairing said pipe and well, doing no more damage than may be necessary for those purposes.

to Annie L. Tewksbury by deed of Dixon dated November 26, 1909 and recorded with Worcester District Deeds, book 1929, page 582.

Also, another tract of land situate in the Southerly part of said Haryard, on the road leading to Stow and opposite the house of grantors conveyed by this deed, containing five acres and one hundred and fifty-five rods, more or less, and bounded and

described as follows:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the same at an elm tree by land of the heirs of Sidney Bull, and running thence North 55° W eight ods and four links as the wall stands. to an angle: thence South 35° W twelve rods and seventeen links as the wall stands to an angle; thence North 62 1/2 W as the wall stands to an angle; thence North 52 W seventeen ods and seven links, as the wai stands, to an angle; thence South 42 W nineteen rods five links to an angle at land now or formerly of Charles J. Addy; the last five courses being by land of said heirs; thence South 50° E by land of said Addy now or formerly, forty one rods and fifteen links to said road to Stow; thence by said road thirty six rods to the point

of beginning. Also, another tract of land supposed and partly in Boxborough in said Commonwealth containing seven acre. and fifty two and 4.10 rods more of less, bounded and described as fol

lows: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the same at land now of tormerly of J. Rand and land now or formerly of John Farwell and running thence by said Farwell land South 474. East by land of said Farwell seven hundred and thirty-six feet to land now or formerly of John Whitcomb; thence South 2° 25' W two hundred and forty four feet thence South 71° W one hundred six ty five feet; thence South 80 1/2 " W fifty feet; thence South 47° 42' Wone hundred ninety six feet to land now or formerly of Joseph Withington; thence North 78° 25' W one hundred and seventy four feet by said Withington land to land of said Rand thence by said Rand land North 38 W eight hundred and ninety-nine feet to the point of beginning.

All of the above described premises are the same premises conveyed to the grantee by deed of Dixon dated By trying some of the cooling drinks November 26, 1909 and recorded with we have on hand, such as Moxic Worcester Deeds, book 1920, page 582, and Tonics. We also handle the celeand being the same premises con- brated Tait's Ice Cream. Yes, we also veyed to grantors by grantee by deed have a full assortment of fancy dated October 1, 1912, and recorded in Worcester District Registry of National Biscuit Co. We carry a full Deeds, book 2007, page 341; also, one line of small groceries and are agents horse, two cows, fifty fowl, mowing for the celebrated Ceresota and Gold on, farm wagon, dump cart, sleds, pung. Democrat wagon, Concord wagon, old top buggy, cultivator, on plow, three ladders, spring tooth har row, double work harness, single harness, driving harness, grindstone spray pump, lot small tools, hay in barn, apples on trees and potatoes being the goods and chattels conveyed to us by Charles H. and Annie L Tewksbury October 1, 1912.

Said premises will be sold subject to all liens for taxes. Terms made known at time of sale

ANNIE L. TEWKSBURY, Mortgagee. 3t49 Shirley, Mass., August 12, 1915.

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"'Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, August 14, 1915.

#### GROTON

News Items.

Mr. Dupney, the barber, located next door to Tainter's store, has sold out to John Dupres, on the Pepperell who has taken possession

Mr. Frye, arbor culturist, from Dor-chester, has been in town for a num-ber of days, working on the Bigelow, W. A. Lawrence and other gentle-men's estates here, and rooming as men's estates here, and rooming at Miss Hutchins' on Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Patterson, of Hollis street, with their two youngest children, are visiting their married daughter in Manchester, N. H.

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Arthur Hussey, nephew of A. B.
Farwell, has returned to his home in
Leominster after a visit which included camping out with his two
cousins. Claude and Ray Farwell.
This young man has a record of which
any relative may be proud. On graduation from Bates college he was
awarded a \$500-prize for the best
standing during three successive
years. Afterwards, while taking a
two-years post graduate course at
Brown he was at the same time an
instructor in the Providence high
school, and only twenty-two years old.
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There will be a band concert at the ndstand this Saturday evening. will be held in town hall after the concert.

Many farmers who have been hard hit by the weather this season felt justified in getting in hay last Sunday. Those who had scruples about working on Sunday had their hay drenched again in the long down-pour of Monday. Everybody says hay will be Monday. Everybody and wearce and high-priced.

A. H. Mason has gone away for a week or so, visiting different places.
Word received last week from some who are staving at the beach indicate that the weather had been trying there as well as here. They say they would like sunshine and winter clothes.

There came near being a serious accident at the station Monday when a man jumped on to the hind car of a fast moving freight train. He had hold of the railing of the car when he hit a lamp post. Holding on desperately, he saved himself from falling, and went off with the train, but he must have been hurt by the blow when he struck, though saved from a worse fate. worse fate.

Lawyer Perlie P. Fallon, of New York city, coming last week, is here spending a part of his vacation with

Edmund D. Collier and two sons are expected this Saturday to come to his old home from West Somerville to see his parents and on his return will take back his son Loring, who has been staying with his grandparents for several weeks.

Rev. W. A. Richmond, of Fort Fairwill preach at the Con-

during the band concert this Saturby Ruth Childs, a mece of Mrs. Bates day evening. Give them liberal patday evening. Give them liberal patronage as the proceeds will go towards their outing at Sandy pond. They go there next Monday with their guardian. Miss Edith Waters, and will occupy Miss Process couldnot be supported by M occupy Miss Bruce's cottage.

The W. R. C. will meet next week Wednesday at the usual hour. This is the first meeting after their vacation and a large attendance is requested. The Aitkens are at their cottage in South Hero, Vt., and have as guests Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Call, Prescott Leonard and Catherine Crosble of Groton, and Miss Helen Smith of New

Mrs. Maria Forcino, wife of John Forcino, died of pulmonary tuberculo sis on August 10. She was born in Italy and was aged 45 yrs. 7 mos. 1 The funeral was from the Sa cred Heart church on Friday morning with interment in St. Mary's cometery, Ayer. Besides her husband she is survived by four children. The family have lived in town for several years, having a fruit store on Hollis

The most violent thunder storm of visited us on Monday afternoon when the rain came pouring towns and cities. Owing to the undown in torrents, accompanied by pleasant weather the hostess was unhall and wind. The lightning was able to carry out all her plans for the frightfully sharp and frequent with entertainment of her guests, but all thunder crashes of the loudest. The enjoyed the day, nevertheless. Other

downpour deluged roads and fields, causing, it is feared, a failure of planted crops unless a hot, dry spell helps them to recover. The lightning struck in three known places—Henry Fitzgerald's house on West street, the flag pole at the Howes place\*Farmers' row, and a tree near Charles Raddin's house. Telephones and electric lights were put out of commission, but there were put out of commission, but there was no loss of life to man or beast that we have heard of.

Mr. Thompson, who has been the farmer for Mrs. E. A. Ellis on Brown Loaf farm, is leaving. It is understood that he will store his goods in town for awhile, but will go to live down towards Boston.

Miss Catherine Coughlin, of Hyde Park, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wil-liam McMahon, of Station avenue. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Musgrave and little granddaughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Eitzgerald, of West

The Gill family, who have occupied for several months the cottage owned by Capt. Palmer, formerly the Albert Ames place, have moved off Tyngsboro way.

The Rogers family, coming from Lowell, moved Tuesday into their recently purchased place on the Boston road, sometime known as the Olson or John Hall place.

The superintendent of roads has been kept busy, having calls from dif-ferent parts of the town to make im-mediate repairs where bad washouts and gullies were made by Monday's

The high school building is under-

The jar from the explosion of the Maynard powder mill Monday after-noon was felt here, several houses be-ing distinctly shaken.

George E. Meyet has completed his arrangements for an up-to-date attractive tea room on the Boston road and opens its doors to the public this Saturday. All his friends and the townspeople wish him success.

Blanche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Frazee of Elm street, was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hos-

Mrs. James Bywater and daughter Florence and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crow-

ley were at Nahant over Sunday.

Mrs. Leo Doyle welcomed a little daughter last Saturday, August 7, born at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Jewett of the Brown-Loaf neighborhood.

Read all about the children's pageant in the Harvard news.

Leading business men in all lines approve the courses of study at the Fitchburg Business College.

A Lightning Prank. When the lightning struck Mr. Fitzwhen the lightling struck Mr. Fitz-gerald's Monday afternoon the bolt entered by the chimney, where it loosened all the bricks, ripped up part of the saddleboard, visited the attic, where it tore around freely, went into the chambers where it run over the pictures, taking the gilt off the frames and twisting the wires, broke a looking glass, etc., then down into the dining-room, running along the telephone which it completely burned out, into the kitchen. This was at about which it completely burned out, into the kitchen. This was at about one o'clock and Mrs. Fitzgeral I had just gone from the dining-room to the kitchen, the Misses Edith and Hattie, went by auto last Saturday for a week's stay at York Beach.

Edmund D. Collier and two sons dashed the dishes and bowl to the floor, breaking them all. This seems to have been the closing pranks at that place.

Mrs. Musgrave, a visitor, who was sitting in the dining-room, saw the ball or flash of fire as it run through the room, immediately heard the crash of dishes and screamed out. Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Musgrave rushed in from the piazza and found Mrs. Fitzgerald in the corner unable small skiff he found upon the shore. Mrs. Musgrave, a visitor, who was The topic for the C. E. meeting on Sunday evening is "Be true to your ideals." Leader, Miss Florence Roach.

Rev. N. H. Richardson, who occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday, will be the supply again this Sunday.

There is no date fixed as yet for

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Mrs. Mary McGrady, an inmate at the town farm, doed Sunday, August 17 was a gering the town farm, doed Sunday, August 17 yrs. 2 mos. 11 days, and died of cerebral hemorrhage. The borial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer, on Tuesday.

The Campeter Girls will sell of the hearth of the

husband's mother.

Mrs. G. I. Woolaver entertained he mother on Thursday, Mrs. Henry Dobbins, and her sister. Mrs. Patrick Hogan, both of Cambridge. A nicce. Loretta Hogan, was of the party and is remaining for a visit of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrell returned recently from a visit in Liverton, R. I. Going on August 1, Mrs. E. K. Harrington is spending the month at th nome of her son Roscoe, at Long sland. She is accompanied by her Island randdaughter, Bertha Harrington,

Mrs. Thomas Hynes is visiting he

daughter, Mrs. Bragdon, of Poland, On Friday of last week Mrs. George entertained for the day the Sunbonnet club of Brookline, N. H., of which she is a member. This club is coma member. This club is com-largely of summer residents, homes are located in several largely whose homes

people during the summer months. Among the present sojourners there are Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bixby and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Strand.

Mrs. William Fernald started on Tuesday en route to San Francisco, where she will visit her sons, Anthony and Renald. She expects to reach her destination on Sunday.

Webster Harrington, going on Wednesday of last week, has spent his vacation with friends in Boston.

The selectmen of Shirley and Gre ton held a consultation here on Wed-nesday which resulted in a decision to build the Squannacook bridge higher than was at first intended.

G. I. Woolaver leaves town Satur day morning to take his new position in Milford, N. J. As mentioned last week, Mr. Woolaver will be missed week. Mr. Woolaver will be missed greatly in the societies of the village The Gun club, of which he has beer president and always an interested and active member, is mourning his departure. He is now its vice president. His many friends wish him the best of success in his new field of endeavor.

endeavor.

A number of Grangers from West Groton attended the Pomona field day in Ayer on Thursday. So far as known they were Miss Mary Clark. William Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby, Lee Bixby and Raymond Sleeper. Others were Robert Donald, Isabel and Rudolph Bixby. They reported a most enjoyable day. Lee Bixby and Sleeper were members of the Groton Grange team that defeated the Shirley Grange team in the baseball contest, winning a silver cup which Groton Grange will hold for a year, and permanently if their team shall be permanently if their team shall be victorious in 1916.

Lightning in blinding flashes, thun-Lightning in binding masnes, thun-der in deafening crashes, flashes and crashes for hours, sheets and rivers of rain, hail dashing against the pane-such were our Monday showers. We were used to showers, nearly all kinds, but the one on Monday afternoon outbut the one on Monday afternoon outshowered all previous performances
in that line. It was the wettest,
noisiest, most persistent shower that
we have experienced for a long time
and we have no desire to repeat the
experience. Crops and gardens were
of course more or less damaged. A
poplar tree in the vard of B. E. Smith
on Bixby hill was struck by lightning
and hurt, probably beyond recovery.
The family mourn the loss of their
only shade tree, but Mrs. Smith, who
was alone in the house feels that she
escaped somewhat narrowly. An apple tree on the grounds of A. W. Lamb
was also destroyed during this terrible electrical storm.

The out-door concert given here on

The out-door concert given here on last Saturday evening by the Groton Cornet band drew very nearly the usual number in spite of the damp ness in the atmosphere. The music was very enjoyable and the crowd— automobilists—especially—showed and very enjoyante and the crowd—automobilists especially — showed their appreciation in the usual manner. Ice cream was served in the lower hall by A. F. Bates and F. E. Harrington Harrington.

The waters of the Squannacook have subsided to very nearly their normal level and teams are once more fording the river below the dam

at the paper mill. It is currently reported that Hollingsworth & Vose are to manufacture gun cotton at their Vose mill.

Thrown Into the Water.

The following item was received for publication signed by F. L. Fur-

hage. The berial was in St. Mary's emetery. Ayer, on Tuesday.

The Camp-fire Giris will sell candy uring the band concert this Saturbay evening. Give them liberal pathonage as the proceeds will contain the proceed that the proceeds will contain the proceeds will contain the proceeds will contain the proceeds with the proceeds will contain the proceeds will contain the proceeds will contain the proceed that the proceeds will contain the proceeds will be proceed to the proceeds will contain the proceeds will contain the proceeds will contain the proceeds will be proceed to the proceeds will be spacious home of Mrs. Madei Brack-ett. Old City. About thirty-six mem-hers and guests were present and en-joyed the afternoon's program, which consisted of piano solo by Miss Irving Dart of Maynard, dancing by little Helen Patterson, the child dancer of Mobile, Ala., song by Miss Adelaide Well and readings by Miss Anna Bliss.
Refreshments were served by the hostess in the dining room, which was prettily decorated with flags and flowers. The next meeting will be held in sum as the vestry of Congregational church.
September 2. A food and candy sale.
Hostesses, Mrs. Helen C. Jefts, Mrs.
Emma A. Clark, Mrs. Ivora Austin.
Mrs. Hattie E. Cook.

Mrs. Hattie E. Cook.

Thursday afternoon, August 12, the ladies of the Hill Improvement society held a meeting of especial interest at the brick college on the hill. The address given by Rev. Joseph McKean of the West village on the subject, "Progress comes through intellectual development," was certainly an address of marked excellence. Many from the hill were present to hear the dress of marked excellence. Many from the hill were present to hear the

Miss Ruth Morse has been enter-taining this week two of her girl friends from Woburn,

Other is stenographer for the Ford Assembly Thursday,

House, Cambridge, is spending her summer vacation at the home of her father, A. J. Hinds. This week Miss Hinds is with a camping party at Rocky Pond, N. H.

Mrs. R. E. McEnzel, a German lady, and her three children of Springfield, have been enjoying a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber.

Mrs. Lillian Seaver Cook and her ons. Masters Warren and Josiah of Harwich, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Seaver.

Miss Blanche Wakefield, of Milton, N. H., is enjoying a vacation visit with Miss Bertha Warren.

Mrs. John Dickerman and daughter Louise of Allston have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Rus-

Miss Madeline Van Dyke of Brook-line has been the guest of Miss Es-telle Farrar this week.

Charles S. Howard spent a few days

this week at the summer home Rev. A. L. Struthers and family Monadnock View cottage, Nelson, N Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bemis and tw

boys from Wellesley Hills were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meade this At the Methodist church Sunday

morning the subject is "Realities vs. shadows." Rev. William Hodge expects to preach in Lowell Sunday morning. The open-air band concert schedul-d for two weeks ago will be given in ed for

the park this week Friday evening, weather permitting. Mrs. Arthur Lawrence of Worcester is house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lendall Clement this week.

#### Harbor.

work.

George Jones on last Tuesday made business trip to Boston.

Mrs. Fortier, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. LaFountain, at Pleasant farm, returned to Leominster on Thursday. Stillman Anderson, accompanied by on, returned to Hickory farm on

Tuesday. Mr. Reevey and family are enjoying their driving horse recently purchased. Oren Ball, who is suffering from his old trouble, is under the doctor's care. The As You Like It club had an en-

joyable meeting with Mrs. Ralph C. Blake at Hickory farm on Tuesday. The friends of Miss Lillian Warner are pleased to see her able to sit on the front veranda of her home and strong enough to do light needle

Mr. and Mrs. John Dustin have re-cently moved into the old hotel and are keeping house in the apartments formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Riley.

Miss Leonora Bradley, a former res ident of the Cape, left last Tuesday to prepare for her approaching theatrical prepare for her approaching theathcar engagements. Several of her friends in this vicinity, including Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. C. Josselyn called upon Miss Bradley earlier in the week at her summer home in Brookline, N. H., to bid her goodbye and to wish her a most successful

Miss Arlene Wilder, of Leominster is spending several weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Wallace.

Among the guests at Nissequassick are Howard Ames of Orient Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bean and baby Ruth of Somerville and Mrs. Charles Corkery and baby Ruth of Dorchester.

Roland Haynes, grandson of Chas. T. Haynes, is laying the foundations for a commodious bungalow on land just beyond and adjoining the estate

her in the Harbor school.

The Last. Aid of this village will supper at the parish Wednesday atternoon Supper from 5.39 to There will be an entertainme ollowing the supper.

a misunderstanding, the

tateme been made that Harry the employ of the West-for less money than he received from the Towns Knight is would b ed he continued a member fact the manager of th nine felt that he was unable to p Mr. Knight as large in his presession a letter by this same manager advising if ne could obtain a more lucrative post-could obtain a more lucrative post-could obtain a more furnity of the stocker for the tion to accept it. Mr. Knight, in fill-ing the position of pitcher for the Westford line is only carrying out the advice given him by the manager of the Townsend nine.

tingly observed the occasion. Games and refreshments made the day pass merrily. A beautiful birthday cake with its one candles Master Conant and refreshments made the day pass address including ten or more ladies from the Center, who were conveyed by Stanley McNare in his automobile. During the meeting light refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Slinger and was the occasion of his

Miss Atlene Phillips, a recent guest at Pinchurst, returned to Medford on

Miss Doris Lund, of Fitchburg, is guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. lorace Searles.

### HARVARD

News Items.

Little Evelyn Ellms, of Newton Highlands, who has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Shattuck, is at present at Old Orchard Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck stop-ped in Newton for a few days.

Howard W. Davis and C. Howard Davis started Monday on a trip to the White Mountains. They went by train to Concord, where they expected to pitch their tent for the night, and in the morning start on their tramp.
They intend to stop a few day at
Lake Winnipesaukee and then continue on their hike to the mountains,
which has rightly gained the name of
"The Switzerland of America." They
expect to be gone about three weeks expect to be gone about three weeks. The members of the Harvard Wo-

an's club have been asked to earn one dollar or more if possible in some unusual way to start a club house building fund. As a result a lively competition is growing daily and members are inventing all sorts of methods for not only earning the dol-

har, but increasing it to something more. Many amusing experiences are being related as to the ways and means adopted, and in the early autumn a meeting will be held where the members can compare notes and give an account of their experiences. Much amusement is anticipated and a good laugh looked for. It is hoped that during the next month all will join in this competition and at least come their deliber for the fund. earn their dollar for the fund. At the last meeting of the Grange

it was voted to establish a sewing class for the younger girls of the town. All girls who are interested in town. All girls who are interested in receiving instruction in sewing are in-vited to meet on Monday afternoon, August 16, at two o'clock at Mrs. J. B. Harlow's. Each one is requested to bring a needle and thimble. The next meeting of the Equal Suf-

frage league will be held at the Hap good Memorial on Wednesday after noon. August 18, at 2,30 o'clock. Mrs. Thomas Allen, member of the

organization committee of the Massachusetts Anti-suffrage association, will enusetts Anti-suffrage association, whisepeak in the town hall, Harvard, at eight o'clock on Friday evening, August 20, under the auspices of the Harvard branch. Mrs. Allen is a charming and able speaker, and all are cordially invited to hear her. A flock of bluebirds, bearing the words "Votes for women November " are scattered about the town in

the hopes that they may help to abolish "taxation without representa-Miss Bertha Presby, of New York city, is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee, a guest of Miss Mabel Wetherbee.

C. F. Mason, with his wife and daughter, Miss Carol Mason, are occupying their new bungalow built on the shores of Bare hill pond on the farm now owned by Mr. Mason. Gus Schultz is at the hospital in

Clinton favorably recovering from his peration for appendicitis. Misses Nancy and Miriam Harlow are spending this week at Cambridge

vith their father's sister. Mrs. Amy Kinsman entertained an auto party of friends from Braintree auto party of friends from Brainteen last Sunday, including her sister, Mis. Alice Misner, and brother, Paul Kinsman, with their families. Richard Kinsman, who with Raymond Kinsman, has been visiting in Braintree. returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bagster, with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bagster, from Winter Hill, are camping for two weeks on the Lancaster shore, Bare hill pond. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Brown, of Wellesley, former residents here, with Mr. and Mrs. Mead, motor-ed to Harvard for the day, calling on

Fiske Warren, with his daughter Marjorie, who have been abroad for several weeks, arrieved home on Monday, making the ocean trip without serious events.

A Pageant of the control of the

The Harvard Boy Scouts leave next Tuesday morning for a trip to Mt. Wachusett. They will walk to Ayer and then go by trolley to Flichburg and to the foot of the mountain, camping over night, climbing the mountain and returning the next day. Acting Scoutmaster Royal will have charge of them. At the meeting August 10 they were instructed as to what food and utensils to take and wart food and the selection of the ware divided into three squads of four each. Another meeting will be held Monday evening to make final arrangements.

Harvard Grange took their annual field day outing on Wednesday, Au-gust 11, and united with the Borough Pomona Grange at Chauncey park. Pomona Grange at Chauncey park. to oring toop an account westboro. About thirty-five from here attended and upwards of one thousand were in attendance. Everything to amuse and interest the patrons was amply provided for. Congressman Friends invited.

Miss Winifred Bryant was amply provided for. Congressman Gardner and state master Chapman ith other prominent members of the Grange were the speakers for the afternoon. Sports for the children, poor for the men and dancing in the pavil ion for the young people made up the amusements for the day.

Miss Beryl Bigelow returned Wednesday from her week's visit to Wa-tertown. Miss Virginia Hewins re-turned with her and will be her guest here for a fer

Services will be conducted as usual at the Congregational church on Sunday next. The pulpit will be supplied by able speakers during this month. Rev. H. B. Mason is taking his annual vacation.

The Macamachekamuck Camp-fire Girls with Mrs. H. B. Mason as guardian will go into camp for one week at Littleton on Monday next.

The Catholic society of this town held another of their very successful Worcesters spent Sunday with his whist and dance parties on Wednes- mother, Mrs. Josephine Whitney.

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week.

day evening last adding a neat sum to their church fund.

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to their church fund.

W. E. Murphy of the Ayer Auto Station was in town Tuesday afternoon with a new Studebaker six and demonstrated this car for its powerful hill climbing ability on Bagster's hill by climbing this hill on high gear at aften miles an hour, maintaining the same speed for the entire grade. This is one of the many features which the

The temperance meeting on Sunday evening was well attended, especially by the young people. The Boy Scouts attended in a body, dressed in their attended in a body, dressed in their uniform, marching in and giving their salute. The U class and the Sun-shine Workers added much to the pleasure of all by their singing. Carrie Hazard, Leona Gabrielson, Andrew Haskell and Genevieve Mead gave recitations. W. S. Watson made a spirited address, followed by Revs. Morse and Mason, with appropriate

remarks. Miss Lucile Frost, who taught the primary school the spring term, will not return, having accepted a posi-tion nearer her home.

Friends of Madeline Parker, who graduated this year from Fitchburg Normal school, will be pleased to know that she has attained a school in Boxboro and will be home with her beneduced.

reported as some better.

Jeremiah Jones celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth in quiet way on Friday, August 13. Many of his neighbors and friends Many of his neighbors and irrends called with best wishes and presents appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Jones is in good health and works steadily every day at Tahanto farm.

Unitarian Church Notices There will be a combined meeting of the Unitarian church and Sunday of the Unitarian church and Sunday school Sunday morning at 10.45 with a talk to the children and a brief ser-mon to the adults by the pastor. The special music will be a duet for so-prano and alto by Miss Elvira C. Scorgie and Miss Madeline Russell. Everyone heartily welcome.

The Parish picnic will be held at Dickson's landing. Wednesday, August 18, all day. If a rainy day the picnic will be held in the town hall instead of postponion. of postponing. Those attending are to bring food for setting a general table. There will be boating, quoits,

Miss Winifred Bryant was one of about three hundred who left Boston August 10 to attend the National Uniarian conference in connection wit the exposition in San Francisco. a delegate from the Harvard Still River.

Chester Willard is having his ar-tesian well drilled deeper, as the water did not run in fast enough to keep the pump going, when he is running it. W. E. Chapman of Oakdale is doing the work. He drilled the well originally quite a number of years

shore on Thursday, August 26. Last Sunday it was voted to have it August 19, but it has been thought best to put it one week later.

Miss Helen E. Stone is visiting in Worcester.

Sunday afternoon Fred W. Bateman and sister Eliza took Mrs. Julia Keyes, Mrs. Chas. Merrifield and Miss Blanche Willard to Arlington and Automodale in their cure. Auburndale in their auto Mrs. Malcom Campbell is visiting her mother in Jamaica Plain for a

Miss Florence Dadmun is taking a short trip to Northfield, expecting to return the first of the week. Mrs. Alice Day returned to her home in Ward Hill last Saturday after a fortnight's visit with Mrs. S. B.

Mrs. Fairchild returned from a visit to Rutherford, N. J., on Thursday. Warren K. Harrod has been visiting

in Boston. The Harvard Gas and Electric Co. have placed three more large trans-formers at their station near Still River station in order to properly handle the heavy amount of electricity from the Connecticut River, Power Co.

### SHIRLEY

George Harris spent a few days last

chendon Miss Marion Moriarity of Danvers has been engaged to succeed Miss Ruth Carter as commercial teacher

Mrs. B. S. Binney expects to leave the last of this week for Marklehead for a vacation of a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Woodward, of Fitchburg, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fitchburk, as the home of E. Bradford.

A large number from Shirley at-tended the annual field day of Mid-dlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Ayer on Thursday. The Shirley Grange baseball team was defeated The Shirley by Groton Grange in the morning by the score of 13 to 7. Freeman pitch-ed for two innings for Shirley and was then relieved by A. Holden. pitched a good game. L. Holden was on the receiving end. Groton, through this game, gets possession for a year of the cup offered by the Pomona Grange. The cup goes permanently Grange. The cup goes permanently to the Grange winning two years out

Miss Rita Kirby, who has been ing with her sister, Miss Elsie Kirby, returned this week to New York. The Shirley Alliance met on Thurs day afternoon at the home of Mrs

of three.

Haywood on Flat hill Marion Waltha, of Wollaston, is a at the home of Mr. and Mrs C. E. Goodspeed on Center road.

Several from Shirley attended the Grange field day on Tuesday home of J. Henry Johnson in eominster.

The dogs of Labrador wear sealskin shoes when pulling loads over the ice. New Advertisements. TO LET—One six-room Tenement, all n good repair, located on Groton treet, Ayer. For information apply o THOMAS F. MULLIN, Ayer.

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J. B. Washburn and Family,
F. A. Washburn and Family,
F. E. Washburn and Family.

Ayer, August 13, 1915.

The undersigned wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to those who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death of my wife and our mother, and for the beautiful flowers gent us. The annual Sunday school and village picnic is to be held at Turner's

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Saturday, August 14, 1915.

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News Items.

Miss Nettie B. Roe left Tuesday on a two-months' tour to the Canadian Rockies, the expositions in San Fran-cisco and San Diego, Cal., and the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday, August 16, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Work-Fellow Craft

William A. Graustein, of Cambridge, milk dealer, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with the clerk of the United States district court. The liabilities are \$161,298, of which \$158,704 is unsecured. The assets are valued at \$20,000. Among the heaviest creditors are: Charles Spinney, Middleboro, Vt., \$50,000; Fourth National bank, Boston, \$13,000; Ida S. Graustein, \$31,000; Mutual National bank, Boston, \$10,000, and the Westminster National bank, Gardner, \$10,000. Several years ago Mr. Graustein, as a milk contractor, bought milk in this town from the farmers William A. Graustein, of Cambridge tein, as a milk contractor, bought

After the recent suffragist rally ere the speakers, which included firs, Lewis J. Johnson and Miss elen Winslow, thanked Chief Beatty for the excellent order maintained by the police.

The state and local police through-out the state and inspectors of the Massachusetts highway commission are making every effort to put a stop to reckless automobile driving. The officials are particularly interested in that class who run down pedestrians, some times with fatal results, and then speed away without stopping to ome times with the speed away without see the consequences of their action. The recent cases in and about Boston, where three innocent people lost their lives through such criminal careles-ness, has spurred the authorities to united action in suppressing such cowardly and criminal practice and to bringing to justice the persons responsible for it.

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at the office of the town clerk in Leominster between John H. Mander-schied, formerly of Ayer, and Miss Millie M. Beverly, of this town.

Frederick Ruso, of Waltham, who a short time ago moved to that city from Ayer, was in town on Monday.

Leading business men in all lines approve the courses of study at the Fitchburg Business College.

Mrs. Thomas Allen, member of the organization committee of the Massachusetts Anti-suffrage association, will speak in the town hall, Haryard, at speak in the town nail, Harvard, at eight o'clock on Friday evening. August 20, under the auspices of the Harvard branch. Mrs. Allen is a charming and able speaker, and all are cordially invited to hear her.

Mrs. Katherine Leslie Goddard was to the matron of honor at the wedding of Josef ner sister. Miss Ruby Mae Leslie, and affilinten F. Barrett at Pitchburg on is ge Tuesday.

Douglas C. Smith has charge of patting in a cement walk on Main street, next to the Barry block.

Wesley W. Brown left on Wednesday morning by automobile for Old Orchard Beach with W. E. and Lucius Wheeler in the latter's car. Mr. Brown intends to spend some time at Hampton Beach and other summer forenoon. The animal is a fine looking series. He expects to be away two weeks. His place at Brown's lunch room is being filled by his brother. William Brown.

Thomas F. Kittredge has resumed duties at Brown's lunch room after a few-days' absence

L. W. Phelps and daughter, Miss Ella Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Phelps and daughter Bertha and Miss Marion Dwinell returned last Sunday from a visit of several days with Mr. Irom a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. George Moore at Ludlow, Vt. Mrs. George Moore being a daughter of the elder Mr. Phelps. The formey both ways was made in Albert M. Phelps' automobile.

Charles E. Perrin, Howard P. letcher, Holden C. Harlow and Samuel J. Andrew went deep water fish-ing on Knopp's pond Wednesday on Knopp's pond Wednesday t. The latter caught the biggest pout and the last to be hooked, al-though the other members of the party had all they could do in pull-ing in the fish. On the way to shore two of the party, who were in a separate boat, got lost and for awhife were all at "sea." Their two companions, who had a lantern, finally came to their assistance and all land-

Alice E. Jerrold, deputy grand warden and Asa Smith, grand warden, are expected to visit Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., this week Friday evening. All members are urged to be present James M. Boutwell, who has been spending several weeks with his family in Mountain View, N. Y., is expected home this week Friday or Sat-

The regular meeting of George S Boutwell W. R. C. will be held on Tuesday evening, August 17, at 7.30

On Monday of last week Alice, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. E. Force, underwent an operation at Clinton hospital for poisoned glands. Dr. J. J. Goodwin had charge of the case and performed the opera tion. It was found necessary to place a tube in the incision as the case proved to be more serious than was thought. The little girl is doing nicely now and has been discharged from Dr. Goodwin's care.

Messrs, McCauliffe, Faxon, Bruce, Hunter and Knight, of Flichburg, were in town on Thursday in the in-terest of the Flichburg fair which is

Wednesday evening by a miscella-

The next open-air concert by the Ayer Military band will be given on August 20 on the bandstand, rear of the town hall, and on Sunday afternoon, August 22, in the town park, from 3.30 to 5.30, weather permitting. Mrs. Ambrose Brown, formerly of this town, now of Lowell, spent Thursday with Miss Emily Cole.

Mrs. Kathryn Gallagher, of Leominster, is visiting at Peter Tarbell's. Mrs. Dennis Sullivan and daugh-ters, Margaret and Elizabeth, are at Hampton Beach for two weeks.

Miss Frances Ross is at Wells, Me. guest of Mrs. Charles Farnsworth Miss Emily and Bertha Cole were guests of Mrs. Ezra Cole, of Somer-ville, last week, returning Sunday. Mrs. E. W. Lynch and daughter Sylvia went on Tuesday on an outling to Walnut Hill farm, Orange, as the guests of Mrs. William McElroy.

Miss Susie MacQuarrie and Herman and Melvin McDowell, sons of Daniel McDowell, Jackson street, left town on Thursday for Boston, where they took the train for Ellerslie, P. E. I for a vacation. Miss MacQuarrie will visit her mother and sister there. Miss Emma Kinney and Miss Susi Daffey are spending this week at Oak Bluffs. Mrs. Arthur Bulkeley is sub-stituting for Miss Kinney.

Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, of Somerville, and her niece, Miss Bemis, are spend-ing the month in town at her home on Williams street.

Miss Angle Kendall, of Spellman seminary, Atlanta, Ga., with her sis-ter, Mrs. Amy Garfield, of Boylston, formerly of this town, were here this week, spending Wednesday with Miss Lois Sherman and Miss Kendall, visitng her friends in town.

Miss Bernice Smith and Harry Evans leave this Saturday morning for a vacation of a week which they will spent at Centre Harbor, N. H. Miss Bernice E. Staples, of Haver-hill, teacher of drawing in our pub-lic schools, is spending the week with Miss Margaret McMillan, Williams street.

Joseph H. Richardson and his daughter, Miss Florence Richardson, left Friday for Casco Bay, Me., where they will visit Mr. Richardson's daughter, who has recently built a bungalow there. They will return early in September.

at the Montreal station.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stone died last Sunday of arterio-sclerosis, aged two months. The funeral took place on Tuesday at the house, services being performed by Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church. The remains were taken to Lancaster for interment.

Read all about the children's pag-eant in the Harvard news.

Leading business men in all lines Hopkinton on Tuesday.

John E. Hosmer, one of our oldest and esteemed citizens, met with a painful accident Monday afternoon while driving on East Main street, near the residence of Augustus Lovefor the residence of Augustus Love-joy. While passing this point the horse suddenly swerved to one side, throwing Mr. Hosmer forcibly to the street. His face was quite badly bruised and his shoulder and side in-jured. The injury rendered him unconscious for a time. He was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Graves, on the Groton road, after receiving medical attention. He is getting along finely in spite of his severe injuries and his advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Farns-worth left last Saturday for a vaca-tion at Higgins' Beach, Me.

William Brown.

At the meeting of Ayer Grange on Mednesday evening it was voted to omit the next two meetings and to burg street railway.

hold the next regular session on the last meeting night in September. Preparations are being made to attend neighbors' night with Pepperell Grange next month.

Rev. A. L. Eumpus, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly vicar of St. Andrew's parish, was in town this week. Mr. Bumpus is spending the summer in Shirley.

The usual services will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday, with preaching in the morning at 10.45. Sunday school at twelve and praise meeting at seven in the evening.

The funeral of Mary January 10.45 are funded in the western part of the state that has had twenty-six teachers in four years.

The last speaker was Mrs. Harriet Hopkins, of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, who gave instruction

The funeral of Mary Jane (Soule) Washburn took place from the home of her son, John B. Washburn, on Saturday, afternoon orday afternoon, August 7, at two clock. The services were conducted by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of Fitchburg, former pastor of the deceased. The warers were her four sons, Charles L loariers were her four sons, Charles L. and John B., of Ayer, Fred A. of Leominster and Frank E. of Fitchburg, Relations were present from Fitchburg, Leominster, Boston, Hyde Park and Hopedale, Interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

Charles W. Mason left town this week Friday for Centre Harbor, N. H., where he has a summer cottage. He will be away for the rest of the

Che of the severest hill climbing tests was given last Thesday in a 1916 Studebaker Six by W. E. Murphy of the Ayer Auto Station. The car was driven up Columbia street hill and in the middle of The hill the car was stopped and started again in high gear and finished at the top in the same gear. This in itself was admitted to be an exceptional feat, but still another performance of this car was the climbing up the hill in high gear at a speed of ten miles an hour and maintaining the same speed the en-One of the severest hill climbing maintaining the same speed the en-tire trip. To show that this was not a one time feat Mr. Murphy repeated the test several times.

George S. Knapp left at the office of this newspaper on Thursday an apple branch with a ripe apple on it and near it a cluster of apple blossoms. We acknowledge from him some very nice Early William and other kinds of apples.

Grange Field Day.

Wednesday evening by a miscella-neous shower in anticipation of her approaching marriage. A social hour was enjoyed by all, after which re-freshments were served.

was a fine silver cup which was pre-sented to the winning team by George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, past master of the State Grange, who is now a member of the State Grange execumember of the State Grange execu-tive committee. The conditions un-ider which the cup is given is that it shall be won twice in succession by the same team before it can perma-nently hold it. Groton having won the first game must win again next year, or else the trophy will pass into the victor's hands who must in turn the victor's hands who must in turn hold it by winning two consecutive games. Mr. Ladd, in making the presentation, said that the cup was furnished by the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange for the purpose of promoting the greatest of all outdoor games, baseball; a game that encourage elem manly expert and extended. ourages clean, manly sport and out

Ernest Moyle, the captain of the vinning team, accepted the cup in behalf of his team-mates with thanks a positive los and said the nine representing Groton Grange would do its best to win \$2,760.804.18. ton Grange would do its best to win next year and thereby obtain permanent possession of the prize. The committee which secured the cup and arranged for the game was Augustus Lovejoy of Ayer and Millard F. Sawyer and C. H. Berry of Groton, all members of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange.

Following a fine box lunch amid delightful surroundings in the south grove of the park, near the pond, the afternoon program was given which

grove of the park, near the pond, the afternoon program was given which was one of the finest ever presented in the history of the Pomona Grange. The gathering was called to order by the master of the Pomona Grange, Richard T. Barrow, of Littleton. Mr. Barrow, in behalf of the organization of which he is the head, extended a cordial welcome to the members and guests, and then turned over the meeting to Edward E. Chapman, of Ludlow, master of the State Grange, who arrived a short time before the beginning of the afternoon program. Mr. Chapman, who is always popular with Grangers, received a fine re-

Mr. Chapman, who is always popular with Grangers, received a fine reception when he was presented. He made some humorous remarks about the wet weather of the past few weeks and complimented the Pomona Grange for the good attendance considering the fact that many of those who would like to be present were obliged to stay at home in gathering their hay crop, which suffered severely by the rainy weather. The members who remained at home doing this necessary work were commended for it as it was of course unwise to leave these tasks undone to come to the

it as it was of course unwise to leave these tasks undone to come to the meeting. A speaker who was not on the regular program, Rev. John S. Curtis, of Ludiow, was the first to be presented to the audience by Mr. Chapman.

Mr. Curtis delivered an interesting address on "Social betterment," in which he urged co-operation in addition to individual effort in all matters for the benefit of the community at large.

large.
Edward H. Williams, of Rockland, who is connected with the State Board of Health's department, delivered a fine and timely address concerning sanitation in rural districts, particular reference being made to providing pure water for drinking purposes. Mr. Williams greatly surprised his hearers when he said out of the 40.000 wells in the state only of the 40,000 wells in the state only a small percentage had pure water. Some wells were greatly polluted, while the water in a great many others was unfit for drinking or cooking purposes. In one year the number of deaths attributable to this condition in the state among infanter. of deaths attributable to this condi-tion in the state among infants un-der the age of one year was one in-five, or a death rate much larger than that in the present European war. Strange as it may seem, the death rate from impure water was much greater in the rural districts than in the cities. Mr. Williams urged the farmers and others interested in this vital matter to bestir themselves and do all in their power to remove this deplorable condition and menace to health.

deplorable condition and menace to health.

George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, made a forceful speech in which he urged the farmers to get together in their own interest, to see the members of the legislature in the interest of laws favorable to them and to have the State Board of Health examine their water supply and to have it placed in a sanitary, healthful condition. Mr. Ladd also referred to better highways and school conditions, whereby it can be made possible to pay teachers sufficient salaries to enable them to continue their work in the rural districts. Under the present system teachers remain only long enough to get better positions and then leave. As a result of the small compensation paid to teachers Mr. Ladd referred to one school in the western part of the state that has had treatent to seekeet.

cultural college, who gave instructions as to the best methods of putting up preserves. She used preserve jars and other utensils to demonstrate the best means to be used in this household work. After the address Mrs kins answered questions relative to

the subject.
State Master Chapman made a few remarks after she had finished and rendered a vocal solo by request addition to others which he sang di ing the afternoon. The meeting clos-ed by singing "America."

ed by singing "America," Nine Granges were represented as follows: Ashby, Pepperell, Groton, Shirley, Lunenburg, Fitchburg, Lit-tleton, Ayer, Townsend.

Moving Pictures.

"The terrible one," a three-reel picture, will be the headliner at the moving picture show this Saturday night, "Sunny Jim and Valentine," a comedy-drama, and "Martha's Romeo," a farce-comedy, will be two other good Sunny Jim and Valentine," a comedy-drama, and "Martha's Romeo," a farce-comedy, will be two other good ones. The second episode in three chough information was obtained to ones. The second episode in three chough information was obtained to show something of the history of the moving a great run in many theatres at the present time, will also be shown. This episode is entitled "The pursuit of pleasure." Judging by the interest shown at the first episode which was exhibited last Saturday night, the serial containing twelve distinct parts, will break all records locally. The hall, in spite of the very warm weather, was crowded to see the opening episode of the reason markable serial. The famous Pathe Weekly, showing actual scenes of the Weekly, showing actual scenes of the weekly, showing actual scenes of the great European war and others of timely interest, will be shown in addition to the regular show. "The new exploits of Elaine," which has had such a long run, was finished Wednesday night. It will be followed by "The new exploits of Elaine," which has had any night. It will be followed by "The new every stop the local police were pressibled into service to prevent any possible sisted in receiving by the bride's sisted i tion to the regular show. "The new exploits of Elaine," which has had such a long run, was finished Wednesday night. It will be followed by "The romance of Elaine." which has several different players to those tak-

the public service commission. The greatest increase will be on the smaller packages. Ten-pound packages sent from Boston to the nearby towns will be increased from 23 to 27 cents. The larger packages show a smaller increase up to 100 pounds, which packages go at the same rate. For further distances the rate on 100-pound packages is to be increased five cents, while there is to be a three to four cent raise on packages over ten pounds and less than a hundred. The proposed increases follows an order of the interstate commerce commission allowing higher charges on small packages. The basis of rates prescribed by the commission for the large express companies of the counsilors. large express companies of the country, directing a two-years' test became effective February 1, 1914, and shows as a result of ten months' actual operation a decrease in gross earnings of \$11,875,998.87. There is a positive loss to the express com-panies for ten months' operation of \$2.760.804.18.

Severe Thunder Storm.

One of the heaviest and most severe One of the heaviest and most severe thunder storms that has ever visited this vicinity, occurred Monday afternoon. For over an hour crash after crash of deafening thunder rent the air, while the lightning was the sharpest ever seen hereabouts. The rain actually poured from the sky, flooding streets and gardens and maken. crash o.

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dr, while the lightning are, while the lightning streets and gardens, and making walking or riding a most disagreeable 1 undertaking. Although the lightning is frank, damage done. A sharp bolt of demolished the flag pole on the top of the Globe hotel and gave the inmates to the Globe hotel and gave the inmates in the Globe hotel and gave the inmates how the Globe hotel and gave the inmates which left the North Station. Boston, Tuesday. The party is making the general hat vicinity to sit up and take notice. | conference of Unitarian that vicinity to sit up and take notice. The telegraph and other wires centering at the railroad station furnished targets for the lightning which struck them several times, sending out vivid flashes at each contact, and making a noise not unlike the rapid-

out vivid hashes at each contact, and making a noise not unlike the rapidfire machine gun.

Compared to other places Ayer was very fortunate in the small amount of damage done by the storm. The severity of the shower was all the more surprising from the fact that it came after one of the wettest periods ever known here, covering nearly five weeks. The bright sunshine of the belief that the long wet spell was at last over, but all hopes were shattered when the record-breaking storm rapidly developed out of a clear sky, sending the rain down in heavy sheets.

The gardens in the lowlands, it is feared, are ruined. Many of them are filled with water and the crops are beaten down by the storm.

Death.

Joseph Hibbard Perry, son of Mr.

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Joseph Hibbard Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Perry, died last week Friday of heart disease at the

state hospital at Palmer, where he had been undergoing treatment for a week.

Mr. Perry was born in Ayer on June 20, 1888. He attended the local schools until thirteen years of age. and since then has been employed a a painter with his father in the car a painter with his father in the carriage shop of Frederick Whitney. Although he has not enjoyed rugged health at times for several years, he always bore his afflictions cheerfully and without complaint. His quiet, happy disposition made for him a large circle of friends who were pain-

arge circle of friends who were pained to learn of his untimely death.

The deceased leaves his parents; a brother, Roland W. Perry, of Worcester, and three sisters, Mrs. Louis N. Bird of Worcester, Mrs. Hiram K. Slayton of Marlboro, and Miss Hazel

Slayton of Marlboro, and Miss Hazel A. Perry of Ayer.

The funeral took place at Sturbridge on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. Services were conducted at the family lot by Rev. Mr. White, the pastor of the Congregational church in that town. The bearers were his brother Roland of Worcester, and his brothers-in-law, Hiram K. Slayton of Marlboro and Louis N. Bird of Worcester.

Marlboro and Louis N. Bird of Worcester.

There were fine flowers expressive
of sympathy, including pieces from
the operators in the local telephone
office; from the employees in the
Worcester National Express office
where Roland W. Perry, a brother of
the deceased, is employed, and from
the parents.

K. of P. Notes.

Harvinger lodge conferred the rank Miss Susie Littlefield came to Lite of page on one candidate Monday the tiefield farm on Monday for the re-

Alfred E. Oikle, past chancellor, is Mr. and Mrs. William McCleod and receiving congratulations of the members on his appointment as district deputy grand chancellor over Prodeputy grand chancello gressive lodge, Maynard.

evening, August 16.

The rank of esquire will be conferred on five pages at the next meeting. It is expected that talent from Leominster, 'Concord, and Littleton will assist in the ceremonial.

Passed Through Here.

Perhaps the most remarkable train that has ever passed through this part of the country stopped here on Tuesday afternoon on its way from Halifax, N. S., to New York city. The train contained \$50,000,000 in gold which was consigned to the J. P. Morgan financial syndicate in New York city. Although the utmost secreey was maintained by those having charge of the transportation of this enormous sum, principally through fear that the train might be held up for the purpose of robbery, enough information was obtained to show something of the history of the moving of the treasure. The gold was shipped from England by the government in payment for debts due for multions of war furnished to the Allican took place at the home of the bride's

The latest "nameless" story is wov-en around the mishap which one of The latest "nameless" story is woven around the mishap which one of our well-known business men experienced during the past week. The gentleman in question is spending the summer at his cottage at Sandy pond, coming to town and returning daily by the Lowell and Fitchburg electric road and boat, which is used to convey him across the pond. During the heavy rainfall of the past week the boat became nearly half full of water. The nameless gentleman in this story one morning tried to pull the boat ashore to bale it out. Grasping a tree on the top of the bank with one hand he attempted to bring the boat ashore to with the other, when in some unaccountable way he lost his hold on the tree and made a fine dive into the shallow water—"clothes and all and wet all over." He quickly recovered from the shock and making his toll-some way to the cottage, procured from the shock and making his toilsome way to the cottage, procured dry clothes and everything was well again. Now the hero of this near tragedy takes a swim in the pond every morning, but this is the first time known when he took a bath with all his clothes on and in the mamner described. It is probable that when the boat is to be relieved of its surplus water in the future that some one else will do it than the owner.

a bad scare. No other damage, how-large party on two special trains ever, resulted from the bolt. A street wire near C. H. Hardy's building on Central avenue was cut in two in a charp crash that caused everybody in that problem of the general sixth annual meeting of the genera

be made over the Lake Shore and the September 9 party is due to arrive in Boston on

#### BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins have been spending the week at their cot-age in Provincetown. Mrs. Martha L. Whitcomb, of Bolton, has charge of the home place during their ab sence.

Wednesday morning S. D. Salmon had Lowell Cram, of West Acton, inspect and seal the town scales so that they are now ready for use. Week-end guests at Walnut farm were Miss Grace Nudeck and Daniel Wetherbee. Miss Nudeck is to teach in Holden next year.

Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins, tw daughters and son, are spending the remainder of their vacation at the home of Miss Marion Burroughs.

Miss Laura A. Brown has had as recent guests at her cottage Miss Cora Brown of Ayer, Miss Florence Chamberlain of Lowell, Mrs. Myrta Hayden and Miss Annie Hayden of California and Will Chalmerse Trown of Somewille. omerville.

Miss Edna Chase, of Lawrence, is Charles Richardson's for tiwe

Last week Mrs. Earle R. Lestideld entertained her sister. Miss Edition Spinney, and this week her other siser. Miss Ethel Spinney, is with her.

Mrs. Lewis W. Richardson has gone to Alstead, N. H., for a few weeks. Mrs. Frank W. Dodge has been visiting in Waverley and Somerville mainder of the summer

gressive lodge, Maynard.

The members are planning to attend a carnival as guests of Fitchburg company uniform rank on Monday evening, August 18.

Haston and spent the day among ok acquaintances. On their return the day among ok acquaintances. Another auto party in town last Sunday was that of Mr. Thayer and family, of Cambridge and Everett who came to spend the day Frank W. Dodge and inspect the farming operations in which Mr. Thayer is much interested.

Grange Field Day.

The annual field day of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange was held at the town park on Thursday. The attendance, though not so large as on previous occasions, was still good and those fortunate enough to be present spent one of the most interesting and enjoyable days in the history of the order.

The first event of the day was the annual baseball game between teams of the most interesting and baseball game between teams.

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To Increase Rates. to be held in that city, October 12,
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#### TOWNSEND

The heavy downfall of rain on last week Wednesday afternoon washed the roads around town quite badly, which it is estimated will cost the town several hundred dollars to repair. Bad wash-outs are reported from the residents of Townsend and from the residents of Townsend and Wallace hills, never having anything like in their experience. The road leading to the Harbor, near George C. Fessenden's, was gullied to such an extent as to require the closing of the road for a season. About the same conditions prevailed Bayberry hill and Old City way. At the center of the town the Squannicook river overflowed its banks, drowning several valuable broods of chickens belonging to Stephen Farrar and Clarence Sherwin. The frequent rains have also seriously interfered with the hay makers and blueberry pickers.

Monday morning a daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert P. Estes, of Brookline street, weighing seven pounds. The little girl is named Ellen, after her

grandmother.

Miss Martha E. Harrington, of Amherst, has been the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Hildreth this week. Miss Harrington was for many years a former teacher in town, teaching at the Harbor school and the primary and intermediate grades at the Center.

At the Grange meeting Monday evening, owing to the rainy weather, a small number were present. Some features of the evening's program will

be given at a later meeting.

James Corliss Woodley, of Portland,
Me. has been enjoying this week with
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James his parents, Mr. and Mrs Woolley, of Brookline street.

Woolley, of Brookline street.

Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis left town for a vacation and visit with Will Seaver and family, of Mansfield. During the visit Mr. Davis and Mrs. Seaver, who are twin brother and sister, will celebrate their August birthday anniversary.

August birthday anniversary.

Rev. Walliam Hodge, of Franklin, with Mrs. Hodge and their two children, Master Wesley and little Miss Priscilla, arrived in town on Monday evening for their two-weeks' vacation. While here they will occupy the Frank Heselton house on Highland street. Former parishioners and friends will give them a cordial welcome and greeting while guests in our town. It is expected that Mr. Hodge will occupy his former pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

On Saturday, August 14, the Towns-On Saturday, August 14, the Townsend A. A. will play the rubber game with Shirley A. A. on the local grounds.

Leading business men in all lines approve the courses of study at the Fitchburg Business College.

Jonas L. Jonnerson, aged 87 years and 4 months, passed away last Saturday afternoon at his home in Old City. Mr. Jennerson had been 10 min. heart disease for several months, his death resulting from pneumonia which developed last week Tuesday. The deceased was born in Shirley. rne deceased was born in Smrley, coming to this town soon after his marriage, residing at Old City, which has been his family home for about sixty-five years. He has been a successful farmer along the years and kindly esteemed by neighbors and friends.

Mr. Jennerson was a cival war vet Mr. Jennerson was a cival war vetran, a member of Company H, 4th
Massachusetts regiment, heavy artiflery. He leaves a daughter. Mrs.
Martha Wells, of this town, who has
tenderly cared for her father in his
declining years, and a son, Newton
Jennerson, of Worcester; also, a sister, Mrs. Jane demerson, of Highland
street, Townsend.

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on from the late home, Rev. Afternoon from the late nome, leve, P. C. Charlton officiating, Mrs. Icea Cowdry and Mrs. Florence Gwinn sang "one sweetly, solemn thought" and "Some happy day," Interment was in the family lot at the Center

### Barry ball.

Townsend A. A. administered the first defect of the season to the Milford A. A. on their grounds last Saturday afternoon by the score of 3 to 1. The came proyed to be a pitchers' battle with Farrar doing the better work of the two pitchers when hits meant runs. But for a Texas leaguer, ist out of reach of E. Swickhits head runs. But for a Texas leaguer ist out of reach of E. Swick-er, the Milford team would have been shut out. The score:

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Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin and her lit-tle daughter Dorothy, who have beer enjoying a several-weeks' visit with relatives in Quincy, have returned to their home on Bridge street.

Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin is quite ill at her home on Bridge street, and Mrs. Mary Tucker is assisting in car-ing for her.

Mrs. George West and her daughter Marion, from Lewiston, Me, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Miss Annie Murphy, of the town home, is spending a part of the sum-mer with friends out-of-town.

The heavy rains of last week done much damage in this vicinity, causing wash-outs on the roads and laying most of the corn flat in the heavy storm of Wednesday. The gardens in the vicinity of the river were under water for several days and many tons of hay on the river banks were wash-

Miss Helen Plummer, who has been pending a part of her vacation at her ome in Somerville, has returned to Dr. R. S. Ely's

Mrs. Swift and her two children, from Springfield, are spending a few weeks at the parsonage with her father, Rev. Joseph MacKean.

Mrs. T. A. Austin, of Elm street was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua on Monday where she underwent a successful operation for ap-

Ralph Davis, from Ashby, has been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, of Elm street. Miss Grace Thompson visited in Boston last week. Miss Mabel Thomp-son, from Boston, is spending a part of her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Patch.

Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood, of Main street, with her granddaughter, Helea Marr, are spending a few weeks with relatives in Nahant.

Miss Margaret Roebuck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Roebuck, of Lower Main street, celebrated her ninth birthday on Tuesday by entertaining a party of her little friends at her home in the afternoon and a most enjoyable time was passed by all.

Mr. Fowler, of lower Main street, who is a member of the state militia, has joined them at camp on Cape Cod, and Mrs. Fowler is spending a few weeks with her people in Fitchburg. Roy Kaddy, of Boston, is visiting his mother. Mrs. Robert Kaddy, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Foster Hamilton, of Josselynville.

Mrs. Small, of Boston, is spending a few days with her son, who is boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Stickney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burtt, who have been for several weeks at the Quincy Adams residence, preparing for the auction of their goods, returnd to their home in Worcester on

Word was received here last week of the recent death of Mrs. George Hobart, of Berlin. Mr. Hobart is a former resident here and his wife had visited friends in this vicinity at various times.

The public auction of the household and farming goods of the late Quincy Adams, held at his late residence on Film street, was largely attended both from here and the surrounding vil-lages. Lawrence Morgan, of Towns-end Harbor, acted as auctioneer.

Dr. Burtt, from the west, a former resident of this village, who is visiting telatives at the Center, called upon old friends in town this week.

Fred Rawson, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney, has returned to his home in Maine.

· Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy Hey, Joseph Mackean will occupy this pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, preaching in the morning on "The essence of true religion on the manward side," and in the evening the service will be conducted by Mervin Wares of the topic "He true John, N. B., where they are to spend to your ideals," the pastor closing the a month. service with a sermonette on the topic.

of the late Quincy Adams, now own-ed by W. A. Boutwell. Emma L.

been spending a few days of her age on Stevens' hill.

The meeting in regard to the wild The meeting in regard it he wilded ing of a permanent sidewalk, which was held on Tuesday eventum in Seni-nary hall, was well attended and the matter thoroughly discussed by the citizens present. Alexander Reed, Sec.

McNayr for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester and Mrs. Mann. from Lawrence, accompanied by Miss Dickinson, from Torrington. Conn., enjoyed an auto trip Thursday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgman accompanied them on their return and Mr. Hodgman went from theorete. and Mr. Hodgman went from there to Boston, where he spent a few days, and was joined by Mrs. Hodgman on Saturday, returning to their home here on Sunday.

Miss Lizzie MacAuley, from Boston, s visiting her sister, Mrs. George Roebuck.

S. Leroy Shapleigh, from Somer-ville, has been spending a few days the past week with his grandmother. Mrs. Mary Foster. George Ellis, of Boston, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Anna Ellis.

down stream, while a number of down stream, while a number of ple lost broods of chickens by Edward Pratt of Leominster is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Pratt.

Miss Mildred Sanders of Ayer has een a recent guest at the home of been a recent guest at the home of ter grandmother, Mrs. Elbridge San-

ers.
Ernest Kaddy of Boston spent the week-end with his family at W. W. Webster's of Josselynville, making the trip by auto Saturday.

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

went a successful operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Alden Basford and daughter Mildred, of Peabody, who have been at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, of Elm street, for their vacation, returned to their home the latter part of last week.

Dr. Henry B. Boynton has been enjoying a fortnight's vacation on a motor trip through Maine, accompanied by Louis Piper, of Ashby.

Mrs. Harry Hobart, returned this week to her home at Mrs. William Robbins after a few weeks out-oftown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manchester, of Franklin, N. H., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville.

Ralph Davis, from Ashby, has been weeked in the car of the man he was hitting the ties at a 2.40 clip. headed for Massachusetts. here. The last seen of the man in was hitting the ties at a 2.40 clip. headed for Massachusetts.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Patenaude motored here from Dedham recently and were the guests of Mrs. Ellen Sweet. Mrs. Sweet returned to Dedham with them. They arrived in Hollis just after the accident to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, whose auto turned turtle and had pinned the occupants beneath it. They remained to give what assistance they could before proceeding on their journey home.

Little Chester Eliot went to Boston.

who are visiting there.

Mrs. Alexander Reed and her mother. Mrs. S. W. Upton of Josselynville. are spending a few weeks' vacation with Mrs. Reed's daughter. Mrs. Fred Dwinell, at their home in Lyndonville. Vt.

Miss Margaret 10.

Little Chester Eliot went to Boston with Dr. Holcombe last week Tuesday and had the casts removed from his legs and new ones put on. His many friends hope the operation he underwent for his lameness will prove successful.

On Friday, August 10.

of the town.

On Friday, August 13, the children of the town are to hold an entertainment and social at the Daniels' academy building. Each and everyone, young and old, are invited to be present.

The town is just commencing to take on its real summer aspect. Every train brings in new-comers and groups are seen every warm and sun groups are seen every warm and sunshiny days making their way towards the pond in their bathing suits. The summer, so far, has been most discouraging, especially to the farmers, who have had their gardens ruined by the heavy rains, and most of the hay will be a total loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall and two children were visitors at Nantasket Beach last week Wednesday, Mrs. Ernest Ricker returned with them for

Victor Maxwell has purchased a Ford and is taking lessons in driving. John Palmquist was a visitor in Pepperell last week Friday.

Mrs. Ella Tucker is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. Badger, of Quincy Mass.

Miss Marion Stiles and Mrs. George Cady were among those who went away last week Wednesday morning and were prevented by the storm from returning until Thursday.

from returning until Thursday.

Last week Friday evening the drama, "Home ties," was again successfully presented by the following cast: Mrs. Hattle Pierce, Mrs. Mabel Perkins, Mrs. Minnie Maxwell, Miss Mabel Popple, Miss Blanche Hall. Fred Rockwood, George Rockwood, Wallace Jenness and Forace Hall. The players were greeted and applauded by an audience that packed the hall. Each member of the cast took their part remarkably well for amateurs and are to be congruidated upon their work. Ice cream and cake was sold after the play. Thayer's orchestra furnished missic for the dancing which follows.].

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green, with

Mr. and Mrs. Herbort Green, with children, of Allston, Mass., are visit-ing the family of Edward Farnsworth. Charles Russell, of Milford street, who has not been well for some time, is growing weaker.

Emma L. Van Dyke, of Hollis, was

Frank Kilduff's auto. Mrs. Beau-chemin has not been well in recent years and the trit was quite an un-dertaking for her, but after a good night's rest and pleasant day's visit-she made the return trip without feeling any ill effects.

was held on Tuesday eventure it. Schillany hall, was well attended and the matter thoroughly discussed by the citizens present. Alexander Read, so lectman, presiding over the meeting it was finally voted that the spiewall should be commenced at the ratiway station on lower Main street to be continued as for as the appropriate will allow.

Miss Alice Wheeler, who has been sporting a few days at the Paptist personanc, returned on Tuesday afternoon to her home in Winchedder, Mrz. Elbridge Hapgood has returned of from a visit to Nahant, but Miss Helen Marr, who accompanied her, remained for a further visit to relatives in that vicinity.

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Mrs. Taylor attended Ford's theatre in the evening and could get standing room only, and heard the fatal shot, which he has been visiting at the home of Mrs.

Leading business men in all lines approve the courses of study at the Fitchburg Business College.

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Difference of Opinion Among Growers Regarding the Practice. There is a difference of opinion tmong alfalfa growers in regard to the practice of cultivating the surface of ilfalfa fields after the removal of a erop, says the Iown Homestead. In the iry regions the effect of surface culivation is to strengthen the growth nd thicken the crop, but there is some question as to the advisability of doing iny cultivating whatever in the corn belt. The reason for this is that farmng implements tend, in many cases, to split the alfalfa crowns in such a way as to cause the root to rot, and because of this many successful alfalfa growers do little work on the surface after getting a stand.

This matter is briefly discussed in the following extract sent out by the Farm Improvement association of Winhebago county, Ill.:

"The best time to cultivate alfalfa s in the spring after danger of freezng, before the plants have made too nuch start. The next best time to cultivate is in the fall after the last cutting. Alfalfa may be cultivated imnediately after the first or second cuting, but this is not very practical on account of lack of time and labor and ess desirable than spring or fall cullivation, because summer cultivation



may check the growth of the alfalfa and is likely to leave the ground too loose and perhaps too cloddy and dusty. The alfalfa shovel cultivator or alfalfa spring tooth harrow is the best implement to use, but the disk harrow will give good results, espe

cially in the spring, if carefully used, "Set the disks rather straight and weight the harrow if necessary, making it cut two or three inches deep. Double disk or cross disk, if necessary and finish with the common straight tooth harrow in order to pull out the grass and weeds and to thoroughly pulverize the soil and level it.

"It is not advisable to disk alfalfa until the third year after seeding. The ervice with a sermonette on the Mrs. Silas Wheeler and children common harrow and perhaps the spring opic.

James Dodds is painting the house and attended the Burns reunion at be used the second year." common harrow and perhaps the spring be used the second year."

It is questionable if so strong an in-Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Tyler and son Eliot, who have been at the home of Mrs. Maria Willard, have returned to their home in Dorchester.

Mrs. John Dickerman and daughter Louise, former residents here, who friends in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. Halley and Mrs. Clarence Russell.

Mrs. Alpha Hall, Mrs. Arthur Russell, all members of the Sunbonter Louise, former residents here, who friends in town on Tuesday.

Emma L. Van Dyke, of Hollis, was dorsement of the cultivation system can be secured from the majority of alfalfa growers of the corn belt. In the case of a dry season the creation of a mulch by using a spring tooth harrow or shovel cultivator may greatly benefit the alfalfa crop, but in the case of a very very the grower of all. friends in town on Tuesday.

Quite a number of people here has been advantage of the "history for Fitchburg," driven by Mr. Judd of the honor of entertaining her mother adopting the practice of, stirring the who made the trip from Fitchburg in Surface of alfalfa fields. It is true that in some instances all the surface culin some instances all the surface cultivation will tend to keep blue grass in check, but one must choose between the desirablity of injuring the blue grass and the injurious result that is apt to be produced on the alfalfa crop itself by surface cutting and surface stirring.

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walls of the house is part of its permanent equipment which plays an important role in its general attractiveness and the ease with which it can be taken care of. Woodwork of the baseboards, doors window casings, etc., should be easy to dust and wash. This means round corners and no elaborate moldings Whether or not such surfaces should be painted or stained and varnished depends partly upon how good the wood is and partly upon personal taste. As a general rule, varnished woodwork is easier to keep in order than painted, but paint covers up poor wood better and can be used in lighter colors, a point which is often in its favor in rooms where there is insufficlent light or where a "light" treatment in color and furnishings is desired. Good enamel mixed with the last coat of paint prolongs its life and makes it easier to clean.

waxed varnish, but if the boards are old and rough it would probably be better to paint them. Carpets or mattings tacked down close around the baseboard may be warmer in winter than rugs which do not cover the whole floor, but they are less desirable, because it is so difficult to take them up and clean them. Not only must the tacks be removed from the carpet, but their larger size makes them more difficult to handle than rugs. For months they remain full of dust and dirt which flies into the air when they are walked on, and for this reason they are very insanitary. If a floor is too bad for ordinary rugs, it is better to paint it and then lay down a carpet rug large enough to cover all but the edges than to tack a carpet over the whole floor. For the floors of kitchens, bathroms and passageways which must be washed frequently some material less absorbent than wood is desirable. Cement Is sometimes used for back entries, pantries, etc., but it is hard and cold underfoot: for the kitchen. Good, heavy linoleum is perhaps as satisfactory as anything for kitchen, laundry and bathroom, as it is comfortable underfoot, easy to clean and very durable. Oilcloth is cheaper, but not so durable.

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For floors, paint is less durable and harder to clean than well finished

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has approached it for utilitarian serv Pinafores have been discarded b most American mothers, but in certain their old time vogue and are offered in many interesting fabrics and styles. The smock of the working classes has been taken as the model for latter day aprons designed for children, and while originally it was meant to wear over the frock, it gradually was lengthened the opening down the front became seam and the erstwhile pinafore was graduated into the dress ranks for little

bills.

necessity of petticonts, since the folds of the bloomer serve to hold out the This year there are interesting younger generation. The better quality shrinking in any marked degree. With

How to Make the Summer Bungalow

have long been a favorite selection for the summer bungalow or cottage, and long has been felt the need of a rug that would carry out this cool color scheme. A shop which makes a special ty of showing Japanese goods had on exhibition rugs of various sizes, in a charmingly covered oriental design. The design, carried out on a white background, well covered the back ground in different shades of blue. No. they did not look like bath mats, but evidently they are made on the same

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# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Gish Dewar's Wager

How He Made a Wish Come True.

By CLARISSA MACKIE

A party of American sightseers was dawdling about in Cairo. There were a Mrs. Carleton, her son, Richard, and Miss Maud Raymond. They had ascended the Nile and seen the wonders there of, and now they were looking for trinkets to take home with them to America. They had drifted into a bazaar where anything could be bought from an amulet to an idol.

Gish Dewar sold trinkets in the ba

All day long he sat in the shadow of his striped canopy, looking sad and mysterious. His dark eyes never questioned the passing crowds, nor did he importune the tourists to buy as did his fellow merchants, who talked about

"Who is this Gish Dewar?" asked All Benamid, the shoe dealer.

"A stranger who has pushed himself forward, a lazy one who does not haggle. He sets a price upon his wares; and one may buy or not! Every day he loses customers."

"The rich Americans pause to buy. See, Gish Dewar is almost asleep!"

It was true that Gish Dewar's turbaned head was drooping somnolently, even while three Americans paused be fore his stail.

"The old beggar's asleep, Maud," laughed the man carelessiy. "Let us

"But, Dick," protested the pretty girl. "I do want one of these curious flagree bracelets and one of these long chains of blue-green Egyptian scarabel. Aren't they lovely, Mrs. Carleton?" turning to the white haired woman who accompanied them.

"Yes, my dear, but this little brooch like a coiled snake appeals to me. Oh, Dick," to her son who was obviously

bored, "do awake the man!" Dick Carleton stifled a yawn and prodded Gish Dewar in the ribs with his walking stick. •

pair of liquid dark eyes blazed at him in hot anger. But Gish Dewar's voice was silkily

smooth. "Excuse, effendi," he murmured; "you would buy?"

"Yes, this bracelet, now?" Maud Raymond held the fliagree trinket in her

at the bracelet. He was staring at the strong signature Maud kept it among girl's little hands, white and ringless. "How much?" insisted the girl with a note of impatience in her voice.

"A hundred plasters," muttered the seller of curios. Miss Raymond took out her purse

priced the scarabel chain and finding and went home to dress for dinner. it too costly, they were about to move Dick was left alone with his gloomy on when Gish Dewar brought out a small copper box and opened it. "Here, effendi," be said, "are amulets

to wear." Dick Carleton looked them over. One of onyx, set with a large pearl, shall," she had said.

attracted him. "I like this one," he said. "It will

make a unique watch fob." Gish Dewar became urgent. "It protects the wearer against dan-

ers by sea and it protects false friends." There was a sneer in his tone that

sent the blood to Dick's pale face. "You talk too much, my man," he said coldly. "Perhaps my lord is sensitive. I am

poor man. I meant no harm! The charm guards one against danger and from false friends! See, my lord, I must speak truthfully!" Gish Dewar's brown hands went out

in a flashing gesture that startled Maud Raymond, so familiar was it. She peered down at the face of the curlo dealer, but it was in deep shadow. There was a glimpse of dark eyes, an aquiline nose, a pointed beard. She felt a vague disappointment as she turned away.

There was something in cesture and voice which had reminded her of Elmer Winn, but Winn was in China, had been for five years, and she uttered a sad little laugh at her own folly. How could a sun dried Egyptian be Elmer Winn?

Dick was snapping angrily at the curio dealer.

"Keep your rubbish!" he said insolently, flinging the amulet on the car-pet before Gish Dewar. "I dare say it was made in New York, any way!" "Dick, do be careful?" cautioned his mother. "You never know what these foreigners will do!"

Maud stood aloof regarding Dick with contemptuous eyes. How like him, to haggle with a humble merchant in an Egyptian bazaar! By nature Dick was small and mean and tyrannical.

"Oh, my lord is mistaken!" returned Gish Dewar, with dendly courtesy in his tones; "my lord is mistaken. The smulet was not made in the place he calls New York. It came from the tomb of Prince Ammenam, a nephew of Rameses IL of a time long past when my lord's ancestors were poor peasants working in the fields!"

"You can keep the money," laughed Dick rudely, turning away Gish Dewar gathered the 500 plastres into his strong hands and shook them

musically. "I will wager my lord 500 plastres that I will return this money to him at the moment of his greatest humiliation, for he has been a false friend."

Dick laughed harshly and followed his companions. His good looking face wore a scowl. His thoughts were unpleasant enough.

"What did the fellow mean?" he asked himself. "What the deuce did he mean by talking about false friends?" Mrs. Carleton was apologizing for her son's bad temper.

"I am afraid it is the tropical sun." she said, striving to reassure the girl whom Dick wanted to marry. Maud was her goddaughter and Mrs. Carlecounted upon this European trip to bring about the desired engage ment.

They went along the bazaar, and while Dick and his mother picked out a silky rug. Maud hurrled back to Gish Dewar. He was sitting there in that motionless, meditative attitude.

He glanced up sharply at sound of her light step and then drew back into five cents. the shadow.

In the sunlight her face shone with its wonderful tints of cream and pink, gray eyes, black lashed and cool, and shimmering golden hair. She was wasting a wonderful smile upon the poor merchant.

"I will buy the amulet." she said softly, taking money from her purse. "Hurry, please!"

Gish Dewar opened the copper hor. took out the onyx amulet and laid it | in her hand, but he waved away the proffered money.

"Effendi has puld for it," he said in a muffled tone.

"But I cannot take it unless you let me pay for it. The gentleman is not a relative; he is merely a friend," she said haughtily.

So Gish Dewar humbly took the money and locked it in his copper box. "Wear it next your heart. It will bring back one who loves you," he said.

Maud slipped the amulet into her

"Will it bring back one I love?" she whispered, blushing. "From across the world!" he said. and she fled, blushing hotly.

As if the crafty promises of an Egyptian fortune teller could restore Elmer Winn to her! She had been engaged to him when he set sail for China several years ago.

The turbaned head flew up and a and she had never received a letter from him. She learned that he was there and prospering. If he had chosen this way to break their engagement Maud would meet

him halfway, so she sent out to him her engagement ring without one word of explanation. After many months came back to her the registry receipt that had accompa-The eyes of Gish Dewar gazed not nied the ring. Because it bore his

> her treasures. Ever since then Dick Carleton had ardently wooed her.

Six months afterward Dick Carleton sat in the smoking room of his club. and paid for the bracelet, and, having One by one his companions yawned

thoughts. That afternoon he had proposed to

Maud Raymond and had been firmly "I don't love you. Dick, and I never

So Dick had excellent reason to be melancholy, and there were other unpleasant memories that would not be

He ordered another glass of whisky Out of the silence of the room a

voice spoke like the crack of a whip. "Ah, Carleton, I was looking for you!" Dick half rose from his chair and confronted Elmer Winn's bandsome bronzed face. Winn's hands were braced on the table, and his broad shoulders leaned across the polished mahogany.

"False friend!" he said cuttingly. Carleton winced and sank back in his chair. "All's fair in love," he mut-

tered sullenly. "False friend," repeated Winn. "You wrote to me that you were already married to Maud. I was so enraged that I hated all of you, even my country, and I would not read a newspaper from home. I believed your lie, and when a few weeks later I received my ring from her I knew you had spoken

"I left China. I have money. I have wandered the world over, amusing myself by various methods in many lands. "Once in a bazaar in Cairo I saw you and her, and her hands were bare of rings. I knew she was not married to you—that you lied!" Carleton was cringing in his chair.

"I loved her!" he whispered hoursely. "So did I." reminded the other man then, with a sudden change of voice, he added:

"The wager, effendil" "What do you mean, Winn? Why do

you speak like the curio seller in the bazaar at Cairo?" gasped Dick.
"Because I am be!" thundered the other "I became Gish Dewar, the

curio dealer, because it amused me to form part of that colorful life. I was lonely. But now"—his voice softened— "it is different. I sold the onyx amulet to a lady, and I promised her that if she would wear it next her heart it would bring back one she loves and one who loves her." He turned away. "Where are you going now?" de-

manded Dick. "I ame going to make her wish come true," said the man who had been Gish Dick of with rage. He true," said the man who had been Gish felt it and was secretly amused Dewar: and behind him on the table at the truthful words of the Cairene he left a copper box containing 500 plasters.

#### HOLLIS, N. H.

Clarence Hale has again joined his wife at Marcellus Powers' after a Mr. and Mrs. Austin have returned

to their home in Roslindale, Mass. Miss Lillian Keyes has left Mrs. George Ladd and gone to work for Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

The Grange will hold its regular The Grange with from its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, August 24. The lecturer has planned a "swap" social and wishes every member to bring a parcel and take part. The packages must be worth at least

Miss Bertha Colburn has been quite ill the past week with an attack of the grippe.

Slocum's bridge has been finished and is now open to the public. The Hollis-West Groton basebail game has been cancelled on account of some misunderstanding.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodin and Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin are en-tertaining guests this week.

Luther Tarbell spent the week-en in town. Donald Hardy is getting along fine after his operation and expects to be

out again sòon. Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. John Sawyer are spending most of the menth of Au-

gust at Fred Muzzev's. One of Dr. Hazard's horses while out in the pasture on Monday after-noon was killed by lightning.

After the rains of last week there were many wash-outs. Near Henry Blood's there is one nearly three feet deep, almost in the middle of the

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Somer-ville, Mass., are visiting Nelson Park-

Mr. and Mrs. Babson, of Gloucester, Mass., came on Wednesday to the Worcester homestead, where they ex-pect to spend most of their vacation. Misses Grace and Carrie Poole and nephew. Robert Hackett, have come to town to spend the month of Au-

gust. Joseph Gates celebrated his nineti-eth birthday on Wednesday. His chil-dren and grandchildren spent the day

Mrs. George A. Frost returned from Lowell last week after spending a few days with her mother.

A few weeks ago a little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Jameson, East Milford. Luther Tarbell and Miss Ida Clement attended the funeral of Mr. Tarbell's grandmother in Milford last

Sunday afternoon. Miss Emma L. Van Dyke has returned from a visit to Hooksett. Wendell Lovejoy, of Bethlehem, was a week-end visitor at the home of

F. B. Spaulding. The little niece of Miss York is at Frank Spaulding's for an indefinite

Mrs. Hannah Lovejoy, of Pepperell. was a visitor at Francis A. Lovejoy's the early part of the week. Mrs. Harold Frost has enjoyed a visit from her sister from Lowell. Waldo A. Flagg moved his family

and household goods into the upstairs tenement in the new building the past Mrs. Louise Hinckley still remain-

very feeble. She has been able, how-ever, to get out doors a little nearly every day. Mrs. Maria Bradley, of Milford, has

Miss Lillian Lovejoy returned to work in the Times office the past week after several weeks of absence. Charles Hale, who has been confined to his room for the past two weeks with a severe attack of indigestion, has improved a great deal and expected to get down stairs during the

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flanders have

recently entertained friends from Brockton, Mass. Little Viola Frost celebrated her Little Viola Frost celebrated her fourth birthday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frost, on last Saturday afternoon. Five of her little friends were invited to help celebrate the occasion. A very pleasant afternoon was spent in playing games, and refreshments of ice cream.

Nearly all the papers in adjoining towns are still a counts of the terride have ake and candies were served during

Mrs. Ladd, from Canada, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Merrick Pierce. Dr. and Mrs. George S. Hazard and daughter Ruth spent the week in Attleboro with relatives.

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Arthur Hale, who was spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hale, was taken seriously ill while calling on his friend. Francis M. Jameson, in Milford. He was brought hurriedly to his parents home in an automobile, and with Mr. and Mrs. George Hale was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where he is being cared for. The trouble was of a serious nature and it is thought that in about ten days he may return to his home, but that he will need to he under a physician's care for some time.

However, Stickers is a serious and anxious to see them installed, though just at present there seems to be no immediate denser of

Herman Stickney is away on a va-cation and expects to be in Connecti-cut some of the time.

Robert Bean's father spent Sunday

William W. Worcester spent the week-end out-of-town. Miss Mary Hardy, who broke her hip last winter, is getting along quite well now and was able to take and enjoy an auto ride with William Hardy and family last Saturday af-ternoon to Pepperell Springs.

Miss Helen Stickney, who has been employed in Brookline for a few weeks, has returned to her home here. A catalogue of the fishes of Maine shows that the state has 149 species, but only twenty-five are fit to eat and only seventeen are of commercial

#### LUNENBURG

Rev. Charles H. Davis is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Marcellus J. Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Goodwin and son have been spending a few days with Mrs. Emma Goodwin.

News Items.

The special town meeting appointed for Monday evening brought out between forty and fifty voters. James Hildreth presided and after the warrant had been read by E. C. Smith, town clerk, John Wooldredge, under acticle 1. moved that the selections. Mrs. Emma Goodwin.

Mrs. Sarah E. Gliman, of Nashua, spent a few days with Mrs. Warren Colburn and also with her brother, Wallace Stickney. She returned to Nashua on Wednesday.

Miss Cora Manning is visiting with Mrs. Arranels Loveday.

Mrs. Inez F. Fife, of Dorchester, Mass, is spending a week with her brother, Wilbur L. Marshail.

Frank Bell is visiting his sister and grandmother, Loraine and Mrs. Annie Bell.

Cheence Hale has again pointed his City Carter has sold the Goorge City Carter has sold the Go

Oliver Carter has sold the George H. Winchester place, recently purchased by him, to Henry Dupais, of Fitchburg. The Mary Ann home place in the southeast part of the town has also changed owners, the purchaser being George McAvoy.

The Camp-lire Girls, under the chaperonage of Misses Elizabeth Bryant and Mabel Allen, returned on Monday from a week of camping out at the Putnam cottage on the Bigelow farm, near Massapoag lake. The Boy Scouts, with their leader, Mr Pierce, went on Tuesday for a week or ten days' outing at the same place hoping for better weather than the young ladies had.

Harold Harley and Stanley Blanchard, of Leominster, left town on Sunday for a tandem trip through Vermont and New Hampshire, intending to be gone two weeks or more.

George Dennett and Miss Bernice

Glenn, of Lexington, who have been visiting relatives at the horse of H. A. Harley, returned on last Friday. The Moxie dinner set offered as prize in the gaessing contest at the store of Warren Lewis & Co., was won by Miss Eeatrice Archibald. The length of the ribbon in the glass far was 38 yards, 5 inches. Miss Archibald guessed thirty-nine yards and won the dinner set.

won the dinner set. Mrs. Lydia Woodward, of Boston is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Lucy

A. Jones. Mrs. Abbie E. Billings took a tri-to Rochester, N. H., last week, where she will spend two or three week with her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Tar-bell, and family.

Leading business men in all lines approve the courses of study at the Fitchburg Business College. Well Attended by Elderly People.

There were several elderly people present on Old Home day, the oldest owing A. Kendall Porter, of Leominster, a former resident of this town, now ninety-three years old, in June, Oliver Proctor, of Townsend, whose years number ninety-two, as tall, as straight and as square-shouldered as any of the young men, now the possessor of the Post gold-headed cane, the oldest man in Townsend; Mahlon Heath, of Brockton, another former aggletic circle they are the content of the post gold and the post g Heath, of Brockton, another former resident; eighty-three years young. John Smith, of Flat Hill, the oldest man in Lunenburg, and thereby possessor of the Post cane; Frank Procior, eighty-live, of Lunenburg, and several others of eighty plus, all enjoyed 'old Home day as much as any youngsters present, although they did not enter the baseball game or participate in the ranning high jump, 100-yd, dash or shot-put. Nearly every one of them is in good health and of perfectly sound mind. One or two perfectly sound mind. One or tware slightly deaf. The tallest person

present is believed to have been Lieut. Gov. Grafton D. Cushing, said to be left, 4in. One lady of eighty-five attended the festivities of the day, including social reunions, addresses by Lieut. Gov. Grafton D. Cushing and ouncillor Guy A. Ham, the banque and saw the tableaux until stopped by the heavy downpour of rain.

Death. Mrs. Irene L. (Wheeler) widow of Mrs. Irene L. (Wheeler) widow of the late William Adamson, aged 85 yrs. N ros. 15 days, died at the home of her daughter. Mrs. J. B. F. Gag. Fitchburt, on Saturday, August 7. Mr. and Mrs. Adamson were formerly residents of this town, but about twenty years ago removed to Fitch-burg, where Mr. Adamson died a few years after. Mrs. Adamson was the first person to suggest the idea of an old ladies' home in Fitchburg and has livel to see that idea successfully carsee that idea successfully carit many years, being an working member of the the remainder of her life. bright and cheerful.

was held in Tuesday afternoon and burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery

Nearly all the papers in this and djoining towns are still giving acadjoining towns are still giving accounts of the terrible havoc and destorm of list week Wednesday, and Lunenburn did not escape, but re-ceived at least a proportionate share. Vast quantities of lost hay that had we are having heavy showers every day. Nearly every resident of Lunen-burg is interested in the proposed wa-ter works and anxious to see them in-stalled, though just at present there seems to be no immediate danger of

water famine. One of the oldest apple trees at the Congregational parsonage was blown down in the severe storm, where it lay prope upon its side for severa! lay prone upon its side for severa; days. It was a very tall tree, as well as a very aged one, but it was loaded with half-grown apples of fine quality, which would have ripened in due season and filled the bins with excellent winter fruit. Now it will probably be made into firewood.

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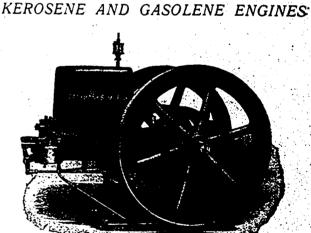
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#### PEPPERELL

About Town.

Wendell Lovejoy was in town from Bethlehem, N. H., last week, where he has been running his jitney; He reports business good, so that he reports business good, so that he could use another car to good advan-

Miss Alice Lawson went to Somerville last week to visit her relatives, Mrs. George Herrig and Mrs. Kelley. Mrs. Edmund Blood entertained her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carter, and three children, from Webster, last week at her home on Oak hill.

Arthur Willoughby and family, from Manchester, N. H., visited at his old home in town over Sunday. Miss May Wood went to New York last Saturday to visit the friends with whom she crossed from England, her ormer home, more than two years

Arthur Lawson came from Hart Arthur Liwson came from hard-ford, Conn., last Saturday to spend his vacation with his wife and, family, who have been visiting at Henry Wright's.

Mrs. M. R. Gilchrist, Miss Nellie and Master Robert, the grandson, have been the guests of relatives and friends the past week, coming from

Rev. D. R. Child and family started by auto for Ogunquit, Me., last Saturday for a week's stay.

Frank Kennedy returned to his summer home on Thursday after sey-eral days in New York.

Mrs. Walter Styles and her son Norman were week-end guests at the home of her brother. Arthur Bart-lett, returning to their home at Hart-ford, Conn., Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Martin, of Worcester, and little daughter, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Martin's , Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw. Miss Mary Wood is visiting in Ti-conderoga, N. Y. She is the guest of Mrs. Thomas Cook, who will be re-membered as Miss Evelyn Hinckley, a former teacher in this town at the high school building for many years.

his son Sydney Monday, calling s daughter, Mrs. Everts, at Wes

Roxbury, also. Prances and Anabelle Woodward returned with their aunt, Mrs. Spur-geon Cuthbertson, for a visit on her return home from Stockbridge las-

Lester Chinn of Brighton was

for this department. Her resignation if accepted, will prove a matter of

Miss Therest Fitzpatrick is spending the remainder of her vacation with relatives in town. In company with Miss Anna Thayer she proposed spending a week at Nantasket, but the had weather of last week shortened their stay and they returned here on Friday. She returns to her position in Worcester next Monday.

Mrs. Abbie Shattuck and Miss ladys of Townsend visited friends in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fiske have been entertaining his sister. Mrs. Holden, of Southbridge, also her son Willard from Barre, who had not been in town over twenty-one years.

Eugene Donnelly went to Charlotte. Me., Wednesday, to spend the rest of the summer vacation.

W. E. Chapman, the painter, turned his attention to farming last year, among other crops raising about forty bushels of fine seed beans. Encouraged by his success he planted about three acres to beans this year and as the field looks now it is more than the field looks now it is more than a fine the field looks now it is more than a fine threshold that the entire crop has been looked by the success he planted about three acres to beans this year and as from Mrs. Fred Thurston at Los Angeles, Cal., mentioned that Mrs. Fundle Thurston Nutting and daughter Madeline have been visiting her from Madeline have been visiting her from

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS Besde Gelineau of Brockton is expected this week, Mrs. Lettender's older daughter.

David A, Weston of Picasant street, who has been iil and under the care of a physician for the past three weeks, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital. Nashua, Wednesday. An operation for bladder trouble was performed by Dr. Smith, and Mr. Weston, who is in his seventy-sixth year, is reported as doing as well as could be expected. Treatment for the trouble expected. Treatment for the trouble will be continued at the hospital two Treatment for the trouble weeks.

C. Wesley Gillespie and his little daughter started for their home at Erie, Pa., Thursday morning. Mr. Gilespie's vacation was shortened some what by the disaster at Erie by flood, which came so near his own home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bird of the South road drove to Mason, N. H., on Wednesday, for a few days' visit with friends, an outing which will be as pleasant with this fine weather as it s unusual.

In our item concerning the closing of the Oak Hill school in last week's issue, we mentioned the fact that the matter had been referred to the fracter had been referred to the state board and a report was expected from the agent, Mr. Hamilton, who in-vestigated conditions thoroughly on Tuesday. The report was duly re-ceived, but the committee apparently ceived, but the committee apparently consider it either too lengthy or not of enough interest to the parties most concerned, the citizens of Oak hill, to submit it for publication. It has been announced, however, that the school will be continued, the natural inference being that the arguments consider in the document, coincided with ained in the document coincided with the opinion of the majority of the par-ents of Oak hill, as expressed at a re-cent meeting. Miss Jessic Flynn, it is understood, has been engaged as teacher, having graduated from the Fitchburg Normal school dast June

Mrs. Sumner Shattuck, Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. Lucy Perry and Miss Effle Gillespie attended the picnic held by the Pomona Grange at Ayer on

Irving Sargent of Somerville has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Jennie McDonald, Nashua street.

Mrs. G. G. Willett of Lynn came Thursday for a short visit with rela-

ives in town. Harry Clifford, the eighteen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dan-sereau, Pleasant street, died Thurs-day morning, the cause of death beoay morning, the cause of death be-ing brain trouble from which it has suffered for some months. Short services will be held this week Satur-day and burial will be at Hollis, N. H., in the Mason family lot.

George Richards, of Boston, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard, South road. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams on the South

Brookline road on Sunday, August 8, after twenty-five years of married O. M. Nash spent Thursday in Bos on and Chelsea on a business trip.

Mrs. Wiley and daughter, Miss Helen, visited Frank Wiley at Whalom recently. Mrs. George Tucker came from Plaistow, N. H., Thursday, where she has been with her husband, who is

Parker's hardware store, is taking a carpentering there. She intends to return after a visit of a few days the will spend with his parents at Springfield. In his absence B. W. Parker is assisting in his son's store.

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Miss Evelyn Greenlaw is in town at the Greenlaw place, which the family are occupying for a short time at North Pepperell. Walter Cook, of Chelsea, is the guest of his uncle, Charles Card, Brookline street.

Walter Stone, wife and daughter, returned to their home in Somerville Friday after a visit with his sister, Mrs. Ella Durrell, and brother, Thomas Stone, and family at North

home over Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Graham returned from doll, a handsome fellow, designed to be used as a door-stop, was the gift visited her daughter over Satarday, old home day. old home day.

the ladies' room at the Methodist yes try on Wednesday afternoon, August 18. A full attendance is especially re-quested by the president.

mond and with him. At the Methodist church Sunday morning the subject will be "The old paths." At the seven o'clock service the subject will be "Secret of the lord."

Deacon Ansel Shattuck and wife and Mark Shattuck visited in town from Groton this week.

John O'Connell and Miss Agnes vis Mrs. Thomas Attridge and son spent a few days this week with Mrs. Up-son and family who are occupying the Richardson cabin at Sandy pond, Ayer. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robbins and daughter Marjorle of Ayer were in town Tuesday calling on ar old friend, Mrs. Sarah Patch, whom they had

not seen for thirty years. Edward Senecal and family from Nashua, N. H., are the guests of Mrs. Senecal's brother, Alvin Wright, Brookline street.

Asa Burgess entertained his daughter and her two children from Leom-inster for the week-end at his home on Sheffield street.

Michael Fox died at the home of his sister. Mrs. J. N. Powers. Tarbell street. Monday, Auguest 9, after an illness of about a year of tuberculosis. However, both the nervous bashful daughter on the prevous bashful daughter. years ago and is survived by a wife in that country and two daughters in Fitchburg; also, by two sisters, who reside in this town. Mrs. Powers with whom he had resided and Mrs. Ed-ward O'Hern. Services were held on Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's church, interment being in the Catholic cemetery in town.

Elizabeth and Nellie Eldridge of

Watertown are visiting their uncle Joseph Tierney, of Nashua street. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jordan were

H,, over Sunday, It is understood that the telephone are to be removed from the High school, Main and Groton streets build-ings; also, that electric lights are to be installed at the high school build-

approve the courses of study at the Fitchburg Business College.

Mid-Summer Fair.

booths and the whole hall was transformed into an immense apartment.
The center was occupied by large
rugs and inviting chairs, and other
accessories of a home-like reception
room. The conception of this idea
is due the decorator, Mrs. Maltman,
who was ably assisted by the committier in arranging it.

Deaths.

Henry Letender was taken by the tee in arranging it.

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Miss. Clara M. Shattick returned in Northamps of Mr. Ella Darrell, and brown. The section year to the same there as here—seeks six and the same there are a here—seeks six and the same that the same there are a here—seeks six and the same that the same that the same there are a six and the same that the same that the same there are a six and the same that th

to be facetions over the master the erected a sign near the road [No. 34] ing allowed."

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kittedge of Cambridge were guests at his old bort, both showing beautiful work-home over Sunday.

Mrs. I. M. Cambridge were guests at his old bort, both showing beautiful work-home over Sunday.

A. R. Paull came by auto from Old orchard, Me., Tuesday. His son flaymond and Miss Mildred Lunt returned with him.

The grocery table, presided over by Arthur Wright, although not so pretty an innovation, had many patrons and was voted a success.

The supper served across the street The supper served across the street in Central hall by Mrs. Parker, Mrs. E. R. Richardson, Mrs. Burkinshaw, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Robbins, was a very attractive one and well attended, more than 125 partaking. The color scheme of the fair, yellow, was carried out here also in the flowers and nankins.

was carried out here also in the nov-ers and napkins.

The fitting climax came at eight o'clock in the entertainment given at Prescott hall. It is the opinion of all who attended, and the hall was well

The costumes from Boston lent Byrnes at Derry, N. H., over Saturday, which was old home day in that place. as it progressed, was full of life. The Hon. Geoffrey Myrtieton, aristocrat, was impersonated by Roger Robbins. He suffered constant difficulties of every description, having to be rescued by his niece, Betty Vance, which character was taken in her usual apt manner by Dorfs Hartwell. The two young amateurs, Chester and Ralph Shattuck, made a decided impression on their audience as the "deacons." In the games and dances and made a graceful group as viewed by spectators. The interest shown by the number attending was very encouraging. Bassett, whose "remarks" convlused Shattuck, made a decided impression on their audience as the "deacons," particularly the deaf deacon, Elisha Bassett, whose "remarks" convlused his hearers at times. Amos Mahoney, as Ensign Jack Meredith, an ardent wooer of Betty, proved his adaptability for the part. Clifford Bailey impersonated Pinkerton Case, andateur detective; also, in disguise as a Scotch minister. Boy Nutting, as Jasper, was a typical colored servant, and Leslie Parker made a most artistic "literary genius," as Vere Lee.

Mills, Miss Katherine Bent taking the part of the nervous, bashful daughter Claire to perfection. Miss Helen Greenhalge, as Polly Reynolds, the enthusiastic actress, with her numerous, bewildering costumes, made a decided hit with her audience.

Much praise is due to all participants in the play, as well as Mrs. Woodward, who had charge of the evenings entertainment, also to the

evening's entertainment; also, to chairman of the committee of the whole affair, Mrs Leon Richardson.

A very satisfactory sum was netted to the ladies. Dancing concluded the festivities of the evening.

Daniage from Lightning.

ternoon, considerable damage was done by the lightning. An elm tree was struck in the driveway leading to the residence of William Taylor on Heald street. The tree was encircled by the current and the driveway covered with the bark and dalvis. The Guests for the first week in August at Villa Lorraine, on the hill, were Mrs. Chandler and maid of Worcester: Mr. Barker of Somerville. Mrs. Tufts, who has been a guest here during July, entertained her mother. Mrs. Ayres, and her grandmother, Mrs. Ayres, and her grandmother, Mrs. Chesley, of Roxbury. Mrs. C. Falkstein and daughter Ruth of Somerville, were also guests. Arrivals the present week are Miss Fillmore of Somerville. Mrs. Taylor were both sitting on the plazza when the crash came and fortunately escaped serious injury. Mrs. Cambridge, Mrs. Finn and achildren of Roxbury and Walter J. Children of Roxbur Kanz of Roxbury.

Miss Lottie Woods' millinery store will be closed the 16th for the rest of the month. Telephone Groton 22-4.

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pleces of it were found afterward underneath her chair. Both were stunned for a few moments by the stock and it seemed to affect Mr. Taylor's hearing, as he was entirely deaf the next day. That the effects were no worse is very remarkable, particularly since Mr. Taylor is ninety-one years of age, and his wife but a few years his junior. They would not care to repeat the experience,

Mid-Summer Fair.

The committee of the Ladies' Soclai circle, whose efforts met with so
much success at their fair on Thursrear of the Peck homestead, occupied cial circle, whose enormuch success at their fair on Theorem day of last week, certainly deserve unlimited credit for their perseverance in spite of the general depressed feeling caused by so much inclement weather. In spite of rain and discouragement resulting from it their plans were very finely carried forplans were very finely carried forplans ward.

The current came out through the clapboards evidently in half a dozen places, but without setting fire to the building.

The excessive rainfall on Monday afternoon caused many dangerous on the hills in the outstream.

ward.

The lower hall in the town house was transformed, and when the fair opened at three o'clock the many patrons who appeared regardless of the weather were most agreeably surprised. The bare wills were hidden by the decorations and the numerous booths and the whole hall was transformed into an immense apartment.

The excessive rainfall on Monday afternoon caused many dangerous wash-outs on the hills in the out-skirts of the town. Street Commissioner Blood had proper barricades with lights placed as soon as reported and early Tuesday morning they were being repaired. The worst wash-out reported was just over the Townsend

Henry Letender was taken by Dr

snortly after reaching the hospital at Nashua. He was under treatment last spring at this hospital. St. Joseph's, and seemed to be somewhat improved until last week. The physicians did not agree on the cause, one diagnosis being stomach trouble and another in doll, a handsome tenon, be used as a door-stop, was the gire of an out-of-town friend.

In the opposite corner from the doll house was a most attractive flower mart, in charge of Mrs. Leon litchardson. The fine variety of potted plants, ferns and cut flowers was greatly enhanced by their receptacies which were of every shape of basing the could be devised. The effect of the whole was exceedingly for the whole was exceedingly at Michigan was notified and wired answer that he would start East at once. Services will not be held untestinal trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Dud-t ley came here from Hudson last fall and purchased a small farm on the Nashua road. He has been an ener-e getic worker up to the time of his

Playground Notes.

Playground Notes.

"Girls' afternoon," which was observed on Wednesday at the play-ground, proved a most successful innovation. The fine weather added much to the enjoyment of the occasion, as sunshine has been such a rare article of late. About fifty young ladies and children were present during the afternoon, more than twenty-five participating in the games and dances.

Miss Rayetta Boynton, who has taken a special course at the Dartmouth

en a special course at the Dartmouth summer school in esthetic dancing, had arranged to meet the young peo-ple and show them some of the "folk dances." She was assisted by her, sisprobable that the entire crop has been in Thurston Nutting and daughter nie Thurston Nutting and daughter nie Thurston Nutting and daughter nie Thurston Nutting her from Madeline have been visiting her from Yuma, Arizona, where the heat is inster Wednesday to be with her mentioned have many friends here in clor half," and although but a short tor, Miss Anna Boynton, who is a

town, who will be interested to hear from them.

Ernest Nash of Chelsea with his wife and daughter were week-end guests at Ashmont farm.

It ime in preparation under the direction of Mrs. Addison Woodward, the drilling must certainly have been excellent, judging by the line production.

The greatures from Posture fr

The Swedish games were taken up principally this afternoon, introducing some of their songs and dancer, A Victrola was kindly loaned for the

If the boys, for whom much has been planned, would show the same amount of enthusiasm, a field day could be very well arranged before the close of the season. If they do not, nothing can be accomplished in this

A like is being planned to Heald's a mike is being planned to Heald's pond on Friday afternoon, August 20. This is understood to be a hike and a swim at the end. The party will start from the playground at 2.30 o'clock. Since this pond is the one natural pond existing within the town. limits, it is worthy the attention of all interested in physical geography

American Red Cross.

A large packing case was started for France early this week filled with the results of the Red Cross work done at the D. A. R. chapter house since the middle of May. It contained: 2050 gauze dressings, 500 wipes, 28 dozen bandages and one dozen hand-knit hospital socks. It was sent to the allies' hospital at Chateau d'An-nel, where the Red Cross articles wen-last December that were made by the Daninge from Lightning.

During the heavy thunder shower which lasted nearly all of Monday afternoon, considerable damage was alone by the lightning. An elm tree was struck in the driveway leading to

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Turkey boasts of more spies to the square mile than any other country, as any one who has been to Turkey

will agree. The peculiar thing about these spies is that they themselves cannot be trusted, so that a regular chain of spies is the result. There are spies to spy upon the spies.

The government officials have their own spies to watch other people, but even the great authorities themselves are already being spied upon.

What is more, the method of spying is quite open, for the spies will stand by wherever two or three foreigners are gathered together and listen to the conversation. Visitors to Turkey naturally get worried over such attentions, especially when it might be their bad luck to be followed about for weeks or months.

It is the "uninitiated" visitor who usually receives the most attention, since he or she will carry on conversation in a quiet undertone. The person who knows Turkey converses in a loud tone for all and sundry-the spies especially-to hear that he is only engaged in pleasure or legitimate business, and the wise man leaves the topic of politics severely alone. - London Answers.

#### CAPTURING A MODEL.

Complexion That Delacroix Could

Not Let Escape, Delacroix, the painter, was walking out one day in Paris with a friend of his when he fell into a brown study. "What is up with you now?" said the

friend. "I can't get a certain shade of yellow," replied the artist.

"What sort of yellow?" Just then a cab drove past. "The very thing!" the painter gasped

out. "Stop, stop!" "I am engaged," the cabby replied without stopping. Delacroix started in pursuit and at a steep place in the Rue des Martyrs overtook the cab. Opening the door,

he said in tones of entreaty to the pas-"Do please tell your driver to stop. not detain you above five minutes, and render me I will present you with a

sketch of my picture." The bargain was struck. Delacroix got his yellow, and a few months later "Assassination of the Archbishop of Liege."

The People of China. There are about sixty different peoples, or tribes, which go to make up the population of China. Practically nine-tenths of the population is to be found in China proper, the great ma-jority being of the Chinese race. With the exception of a few Iranians and a few people of the hill tribes, all of the Chinese population belongs, physically, to various branches of the great Moncol-Tartar family. The government of the republic recognized five principal races when designing the new flag. which replaces the yellow dragon of the old national ensign with five stripes -crimson vellow white blue and black-symbolical of the five races comprised in the Chinese people, Mongol, Chinese, Manchu, Mohammedan and Tibetan.

History. ross the centuries the laws of right and wrong. Opinions alter, manners change, creeds rise and fall, but the moral law is written on the tablets of eternity. For every false word or unrighteous deed, for cruelty and oppression, for lust or vanity, the price has to be paid at last—not always by the chief offenders, but paid by some one. Justice and truth alone endure and live. Injustice and falsehood may be long lived, but doomsday comes at last to them in French revolutions and other terrible ways .- James Anthony

Soldiers and Mustaches.

The suggestion that soldiers should be clean shaven would not have commended itself to Victor Emmanuel II., who held it incumbent on a soldler to look ferocious. One of his first acts in assuming the royal dignity after the battle of Novara was to change what he called his "milksop's appearance by applying black dye to his hair and mustache, which were naturally fair. This he continued to use until his death, always applying the dye himself, for he hated barbers or valets to come near him.-London Chronicle.

Selecting a Vest. "Haven't you any larger checks?" "No," said the tailor. "These are the largest I have."

"I fear you have not a very extensive line of cloth." "These are about as large as checks come in cloth. I might possibly make you up a vest out of linoleum."-Louis ville Courier-Journal.

A Perfect Cinch. "What a very fortunate woman Mrs Tipper is! Her husband never spares expense in gratifying her every wish.

"Is he so very rich?"

enviable people who can have hysterics at will."-Pittsburgh Press. Which?

married one.-Washington Post.

"No, but Mrs. Tipper is one of those

When a man insists on classifying all women as fools the evidence is weighty that either he or his wife

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Comparatively few people know how

Using a Soldering Iron,

to use a soldering iron. The best way to heat an iron is in a charcoal fire or gas flame or in a wood stove. Never get it too hot or the copper will be burned, and it is then necessary to file it off smooth and tin it. In addition to the soldering iron you will need some stick solder, a good sized chunk of sal ammoniac-about 10 cents' worth-and a dime's worth of muriatic acid. Put the acid in an open mouthed bottle and drop into it a few scraps of sheet zinc. The acid will immediately begin to boil and consume the tinc. When it ceases to boil pour off the clear liquid and save it for your soldering acid. This is applied to the work you wish to solder with a small brush or stick. To tin the soldering iron heat the iron hot and press it against the sal ammoniac. If it sizzles and gives off pungent fumes let it burn its imprint in the crystal. Now press the iron against the solder and drop some into the scorched place in the crystal. Rub the iron back and forth on this and you will soon find the point beautifully tinned.

Advantages of Machine Drills. The machine drill has reduced min-

ing costs on the whole, but the saving is not so great as generally supposed and is largely indirect. On any particular job of shaft sinking or drifting or stoping it is often possible to get nearly as cheap results by hand work. Witha few years large and important shafts have been sunk entirely by hand. Hand methods show up best in remote situations, in the softer rocks, and in cases where the permanency of the operation and the chance to recover the value of a compressor plant are questionable. The great advantages of machine work are the far greater speed possible, the resultant decrease in interest charges and the reduction in the number of men to be handled underground. These advantages are so great that the compressor is nowadays an almost universal item in the mine power plant. Even the small development property endeavors to install a plant of some kind capable of furnishing air for a drill or two.--Engineering

Detachable Tread Tire.

Magazine.

A new type of automobile tire with detachable tread has been invented and is being placed on the market, says Popular Mechanics. This tire is made in two parts. One part consists of a hollow main tire of special design that



NEW TYPE OF AUTOMOBILE TIRE.

is inflatable and is fixed to the wheel, while the other part is a solid rubber tread that can be taken off or out on as wear or other conditions require, The trend has a longitudinal rib that fits into a groove in the main tire. It is easily put on when the main tire is deflated and is held securely in place by the rib when the tire is inflated.

Painting a Buggy. If the old paint on the buggy is in fair condition smooth it down with sandpaper or steel wool, apply two or more coats of buggy paint, sandpaper-History is a voice forever sounding ing lightly between each coat, and varnish with coach varnish. You will need a small round paint brush, a medium sized flat paint brush and a good varnish brush. The varnish brush should be used only for varnishing and must be kept absolutely clean. surfaces to be varnished must be absolutely free from-dust, and the room in which the varnishing is done should be dustless. A small grain of dust causes the varnish to rise up around it, forming a bubble or lump. The varnishing should be done in a warm, dry room. Never apply paint or var-

nish on damp woodwork If the old paint is checked and pecling off it should be removed. The surface should then be sandpapered smooth and given a coat of lead. Then proceed as abova

Removing Carbon.

Live steam for removing carbon from cylinders is obtained by simply squirting water into the air intake of the carburetor while the engine is running. If the engine chokes down you are using too much water. When the water reaches the hot cylinders it is converted into steam and helps remove the carbon. Most of the big gasoline engines on the railway motorcars are equipped with an atomizing device which sprays a fog of water into the intake manifold all the time. The engine is less inclined to heat up, and experts declare that the expansive force of the steam generated adds quite a little to the power of the engine.

Mending Broken Enamel.

Ordinary putty will not do to fill in cracks or broken spots on an enameled surface, such as a clock face. Fine sealing wax is much better, as it hardens at once, takes color without absorbing the oil and does not shrink like putty. Use a wax of the proper color to match the surface as closely as possible. Fit it in and smooth with a warm, flexible piece of metal, such as a palette knife. Give it one or two coats of thin color to exactly match the other surface and varnish. If the article has not a high polish the gloss of the varnish can be cut a little with pumice stone.-Popular Mechanics.