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TOWNSEND

Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, who have spent the past week with Mrs. Mary Tucker, moved their household goods Monday to their new home in Leominster.

Mrs. Charles Hodgman and children, who have been visiting relatives, returned Monday to her home.

Carl B. Willard, who is stopping at Squamook Inn, Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Edward E. Seaver, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver.

The pupils of the public schools gave a most pleasing exhibition at Seminars hall on Tuesday evening with a good audience present. The program consisted of recitations, drills, etc., under the charge of the teachers with Miss Gladys Rawson, pianist, and all of the children did well in their various parts. An especially pleasing feature was the exercise entitled, "The first Thanksgiving," in which were children impersonating the vegetables, the first settlers, Puritan girls and boys and the Indians. This was followed by the presentation of Miss Alcott's play, "Little Women," which was heartily enjoyed and well acted, all the parts being taken with careful study and much ability. The proceeds are to be used to help the war relief workers.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday. Mrs. Warren Elliott will conduct the Y. P. S. C. E. topic, "Self-control."

W. A. Boutwell met with what might have proved a serious accident last Sunday morning in Westminister, while on his way with his family by auto to Barre, where they were intending to spend the day. Striking a bad place in the road the axle of the car broke and one of the wheels came off and if they had been traveling at a very rapid rate of speed they would have all been thrown out, but fortunately none of them were injured and they secured an auto to take them back to their home, leaving the car for repairs.

Mrs. Lola Vose, who is stopping for the winter with her niece, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherrin, is visiting for a few weeks with relatives in Nashua, N. H., and vicinity.

Death.

The sad news has been received of the death, Sunday evening, of Mrs. Hattie (Gleason) Kilbourn, wife of Sidney Kilbourn of Grand Rapids, Mich., a well known former resident of this village. Mr. Kilbourn arrived with the body Tuesday evening and prayers were held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Tenney, her former home, on Wednesday morning and interment was in the family lot at the West Townsend cemetery.

Mrs. Kilbourn was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miletus Gleason and was born in this village, where her early life was passed. After her marriage with Mr. Kilbourn she moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where his place of business was situated and later moved to Grand Haven, Mich., and then to Grand Rapids, where she passed her later years. About eleven years ago she made her last visit to her old home and renewed her acquaintance with the friends of her girlhood, of whom many remain to sorrow at the news of her death.

LITTLETON

News Items.
H. W. Knight is in Pinehurst, N. C. LeRoy Jewett and daughter Gladys have gone to Florida and Mrs. Jewett and daughter Ruth expect to join them in the South very soon.
Miss Katherine Spaulding of Town-

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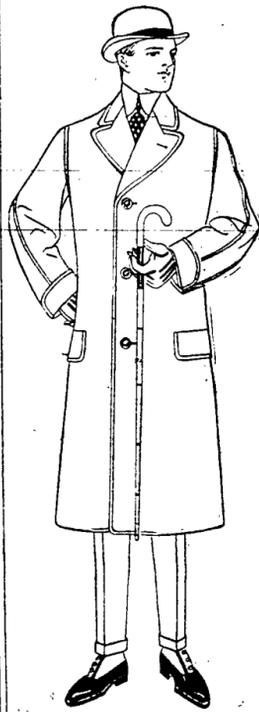
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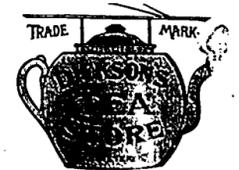
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Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Ayer, Mass. Saturday, December 1, 1917. FORGOTTEN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

The list of the savings banks' depositors who have made no deposit, or withdrawn any part of their deposits or interest for twenty years, published in another part of this paper, offers food for reflection. Even if you are not acquainted with the depositors you may know someone who is. The opportunity to serve a friend.

WESTFORD Center. The event of the week was the recital at the Unitarian church Monday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. Being suddenly plunged into winter weather affected the attendance, but there was a goodly number to enjoy the evening program.

Rev. Howard A. Lincoln attended the funeral of one of his former parishioners in Westford, Monday afternoon. The funeral was at Mrs. Abigail Abbott and was held from the home of her son, Charles B. Abbott, in Lowell. The burial took place in the cemetery.

Dr. John L. Hildreth, of Cambridge, visited his kinswoman, Miss Ella F. Hildreth, who is ill, over Sunday. Mrs. Norman Phillips, in the Westford depot neighborhood, who has been sick for a number of weeks, is reported about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford had a party at their home on the holiday with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hawkes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawkes, Miss Dora Hawkes, Miss Hazel Hartford and Miss Irene Munson, Wesley Hawkes, Jr., some of the guests were sadly missed in the family group.

The J. Henry Colburns went to Cambridge to be with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Streeter for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth entertained Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hildreth for Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hildreth, of Winchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth and Roger Hildreth were also present.

Workmen have completed installing a new furnace at the Congregational parsonage. Workmen have also been making repairs on the church roof. Harold W. Hildreth came home from Ayer for the holiday with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth and the Fred A. Hildreths of Maiden were guests for the day. Leon F. Hildreth, serving at a military training camp in Georgia, was the much missed member of the group. Leon writes to the home people of being well and busy, and of enjoying the mild and pleasant weather, which seems good to us who have had to get through these wintry days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fisher entertained Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fisher and Miss Eva E. Fisher at the holiday dinner. At the Congregational church on Monday morning the church record of the year was read and the annual report of the year was read and the church record of the year was read and the church record of the year was read.

Good public spirit has characterized the opening of the branch road from Brookline to Westford. This has been done under the supervision of the town and Fitchburg street railway, and Andrew Johnson of Westford, an experienced contractor, supervised the replacing of the old road. Money was furnished for these ties by public-spirited citizens. Work and time was given by others. Special credit goes to Mr. H. B. Johnson for organizing the repair groups.

The special sum of \$55.50 pledged for the Y. M. C. A. war fund by Westford members as noted in last week's issue, should have the following correction: \$5.00 was not pledged. The total represents a splendid amount of work and sacrifice. The total amount of \$50.50 in amounts \$50.50.

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In his sermon, brought the thanks of the standing committee and the church to the donor, Mrs. Abigail Abbott, and illustrated light as a physical factor enabling us to see material things from the right viewpoint and later with greater development the larger light that comes to mind and spirit. He brought home the lesson to each individual hearer to stand for the right view of the things of this world, for the light of a larger faith in a deep loyalty to our country and its great cause. Mrs. Charles Day Colburn was the soloist for the services. Miss Fisher sang with an expression, "Holy night" and "Trusting in thee." There were also selections by the young people's choir.

About Town. Charles W. Whitney is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home on the Lowell road, and Frank W. Banister is substituting in transporting the milk to Lowell.

Pokes are in the Thanksgiving poultry business, the Old Oaken Bucket farm having had disposed by this system of marketing one hen and fifteen chickens on the right view of the market, and the Burbeck farm on the Boston road and the Bridgford henry on the Providence road.

Mrs. Norman Phillips is seriously ill at her home on the Lowell road, near Westford. Inquiry having been made as to what was referred to in last week's issue relative to one of Mr. Hoover's food conservation appointments, let it be said that New England escaped the influenza epidemic this appointment 3000 miles to the west of us.

Harold H. Fletcher has been engaged by the government to go to France to superintend the construction of roads. His commission ranks him as a major. He is expected to be in France in the next few days. He will be accompanied by his wife and two children. The next meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will be held on Friday, December 7, in Odd Fellows hall, Spinner Row, Lowell. The meeting will be in charge of the lecturer, with entertaining papers on various subjects. Afternoon address by Rev. Walter E. Woodbury, of Lowell. The meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. L. H. Buckhorn appeared in the role of public spirit in rallying about fifty men to put new ties in the road from Brookline to Westford. Part of the between the rail road was teamed to the old back road leading from the old Capt. Peletiah Fletcher farm.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm had a party at their home on the holiday with relatives and grandchildren. There were present Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard and son, George T. Howard, from Bound Brook, N. J., and Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, of Westford. The party was very enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Taylor, of Westford, N. H., quietly celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on November 28. Rev. H. H. Lippincott, the pastor of the M. E. church in West Chelmsford, has just returned from Washington, where he had been summoned by Secretary Lippincott will be assigned in a few days to the work of chaplain on one of the big battleships. He will have charge of the ship's religious services. Mr. Lippincott will be a fine pastor at West Chelmsford and will be much missed. He will be an equally fine chaplain and the men of his battleship he will be so fortunate.

Y. M. C. A. Campaign. Westford was the banner town in the Y. M. C. A. campaign and out of the nearly thirty suburban towns which contributed, Westford, "the hill town," took the lead with a contribution of \$770, which averaged \$15.40 per family. Hon. Edward Fisher, who was the captain for all the suburban districts, deserves great credit for the way in which he rallied the towns in this most worthy cause. The general manager of the campaign, Mr. Lippincott will be assigned in a few days to the work of chaplain on one of the big battleships. He will have charge of the ship's religious services. Mr. Lippincott will be a fine pastor at West Chelmsford and will be much missed. He will be an equally fine chaplain and the men of his battleship he will be so fortunate.

The contributions from Westford were generous. Following is a list of the names and amounts: \$250.00 C. S. Sargent's Sons, \$100.00 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Abbott, \$50.00 Julian Cameron, \$50.00 Julian Cameron, \$50.00 Edward H. Cameron, \$50.00 Hon. H. E. Fisher, \$50.00 Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, \$50.00 Oscar Spalding, \$50.00 Total, \$770.00

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Fair Bureau will be held at the County Fair Grounds, Lowell, on Monday, December 3. The home economics department meets at eleven in the morning; business at twelve; luncheon at one; general meeting at two o'clock. J. H. Spaulding, of Washington, D. C., is the general manager of the fair. The meeting is in the interest of more and better agriculture and a more abundant supply of food. It is hoped that all members will attend.

The adorable star, Viola Dana, in "Aladdin's other lamp," five parts, will be the feature picture of the movie show at the New Saturday evening. The acts of smiles and tears. See Viola Dana as "Daisy," her widest drama came true; her dingy home becomes a palace; her poor parents are rich; she is found loved and her beautiful mother, all because of Aladdin's other lamp. Be sure and see this.

A Letter from the South. The following is a letter received by Marjorie Walker from her brother, Willis, under date of Atlanta, Ga., November 2. "I received your welcome letter this morning and will now answer it. I am very glad to know that everyone is well. I have had a cold ever since I got here. You know I had a slight cold when I left home. It is still there, but so far we have been flanked by our own methods.

George Village. At the services at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday, December 2, the church will celebrate holy communion at 4:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Dun announced last Sunday that arrangements are being made by the ladies of St. Andrew's parish, which is in the Brookline village, to give a supper to a number of the soldiers at Camp Devens, followed by a social hour. The ladies of St. Andrew's mission will arrange for their supper on Sunday evening, December 3.

The many friends of Mrs. John Lyman, of Dedham, will be very sorry to hear of the death of her husband, which occurred at their home last week Friday night. A long illness, following a stroke of paralysis, had made her unable to get the trucks to run until she was laid in her grave. Mrs. Lyman was Miss Venia

Darling, a well-known and popular young resident of this town. George H. Sanborn, of Fitchburg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Sanborn, has volunteered for the navy. He is a native of this town and resided here until his marriage not long ago. His wife and baby daughter will make their home in Fitchburg.

Miss Ruth Fisher, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, of Peterboro, N. H., was married on Wednesday to Jonathan Harwood, of Littleton. Miss Fisher was vicar of St. Andrew's parish for fifteen years. She is a graduate of Vassar, where she took a special course in music, and is organist at one of the large churches in Boston.

A son was born on Friday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sudac. Miss Ethel Collins has been confined to her home for several days with a severe cold. Work is progressing rapidly on the new house behind the Westford road by Ernest Mountain. The house is to contain eight rooms and will have modern improvements. P. H. Harrington, of Grantville, in charge of the work. Contractor Harrington also has a large force of men at work building houses for the Abbot Worst Company. Business continues good with the Abbot Worst Co. and several of the departments have been running until ten o'clock at night to keep up with the orders. A specialty turned out rapidly is the knitting yarn made into sweaters and other articles much needed by the soldiers.

Schools were closed this week on Wednesday, to reopen on Monday. Being next Monday, all of the high school pupils living at a distance will be transported to the academy until March, free of charge, through the kindness of the school committee. The Spinner Row Grange for the transportation of the pupils at this end of the town. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brown, of Clinton, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett, of Clinton, were guests Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett.

A very pleasant surprise party was held recently at the home of Mrs. Jane Doro, when Edmond Harley was presented with a gold watch from his mother, and a gold brooch from his many friends. The presentation was made by John Gallagher. The young man is greatly appreciated and responded fittingly. The evening was enjoyed with games and a musical program. Those who contributed toward the musical numbers were: Misses Margaret Keavaney, Sarah E. May, Theresa Louie of Lowell and Mrs. Thomas E. May. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Eugene Connell, assisted by Mrs. May, Miss Sarah May and Miss Rose Doro.

Mrs. John Shaddock of the Tadmuck farm recently entertained Mrs. William Murdoch, Mrs. Sydney Shaddock, Mrs. John McCarty and Miss Ann Healey. Evered. Another party was given at the home of Mrs. Richard Lombard of Boston at dinner. Grantville.

The members of the Graniteville auxiliary of the American Red Cross society now have many activities for the winter campaign. General Pershing has sent a request from France for 1,000,000 sweaters for the soldiers, and the local members of the organization are expected to do their quota of this number. It is necessary to get those sweaters made as soon as possible, and all those who want to knit sweaters for the soldiers get the necessary yarn and materials from Mrs. W. H. Sherman. This is important, so the local women and girls are kindly requested to assist the local auxiliary here. The Graniteville auxiliary has been doing excellent work in the past and is expected to continue in the future. The next meeting will be held on Thursday of late and all are interested in the work. The regular meeting was held on last Wednesday afternoon as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denis welcomed a little son to their home last week. Piel Hanson, a former enlisted man in the navy, who has spent several weeks at his home here after serving his time, has recently returned to the States, and is at home somewhere about the Atlantic coast. Thursday being a holiday, all mills and shops in this village were closed as usual. Mrs. Mary Leland, widow of the late George Leland, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, of Dedham, last Saturday. The funeral took place on last Monday morning. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery, Lowell.

The members of Cameron Circle, of F. of G. held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Catherine Dadey, chief companion, presiding. Much business of importance was transacted and plans were outlined for the coming year. The meeting was held in the near future.

During the recent cold snap the mill pond was frozen over, but it is not of sufficient thickness for skating yet. The sugar shortage is here all right, and it is safe to say that several families were short of sweetmeats during the Thanksgiving holidays. The mills and shops have been working nights here this week.

HARVARD News Items.

The entertainment at the next meeting of the Grange, December 4, will be furnished by a party of soldiers from Camp Devens. The meeting is at the usual time. It is hoped that all members will attend. The adorable star, Viola Dana, in "Aladdin's other lamp," five parts, will be the feature picture of the movie show at the New Saturday evening. The acts of smiles and tears. See Viola Dana as "Daisy," her widest drama came true; her dingy home becomes a palace; her poor parents are rich; she is found loved and her beautiful mother, all because of Aladdin's other lamp. Be sure and see this.

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and flag signal. I think the signs are something like the alphabet, only we have signs instead of letters. The signs are to be used when there is so much noise we can't hear, or when we are so far away we can't see. We started at seven o'clock and got back at eleven. Then we had to drill three hours in the afternoon.

I went to Atlanta last Sunday and was quite surprised to find such a dirty city. It is a very big city and is laid out something like Boston. One can't get lost because all the streets run into the center. Our company went out picking cotton this afternoon. It is some job, believe me. We picked about one hundred dollars worth. The money goes to help the soldiers. Thanksgiving dinner. We have a Christian Science fellow in our barracks and he won't have anything to do with the rest of us. We think he is an old scoundrel. He sits on his cot and plays two or three songs on his harmonica.

Billy Sunday is preaching in Atlanta. One of his substitutes was out last Sunday and arrangements were made to take 3,000 men to Atlanta every week. LITTLETON News Items. Thanksgiving day guests at the Unitarian church were the members of the family who are away at school or teaching—John Fairfield from Rensselaer at Troy, Priscilla from Needham, Junonia from the library at Boston university and Faith from the college department there. In addition a holiday guest was a Ware school friend, now a teacher in the high school at York, Maine. The boys and girls of the camp and two soldier lads from Camp Devens also shared the hospitality of the day.

The lyceum attraction for Tuesday evening will be the lecture by the native Russian, who is known here as Philip Davis. This will be a brilliant portrayal of recent stirring events in Russia by a native who is in constant touch with his people there, and who can tell their story with force and dignity. Few in America are better qualified to unravel for us the mystery of "What happened in Russia?" Pupils of the union school building and the center school were dismissed shortly after the opening of school last week Friday, because the rooms were so dark there was no way of lighting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeds of Sharon are living for the present with their sister, Miss Mary Marshall. Misses Helen and Esther Mitchell of Brunswick, Me., are visiting their aunts, Mrs. F. S. Kimball and Mrs. G. H. Kimball of Newtown, through the Thanksgiving vacation. Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Priest and son Houston are in town Sunday evening for San Francisco, Cal., from which they expect to sail on December 5 for Manila, making the ocean voyage in twenty-eight days. Everett Green, of Greenfield Village was at home to see them for a few days with her parents.

H. W. Knights is building a barn near his farm house on Tahattawan road. Mr. M. B. Wilder entertained her daughter and her husband from Boston over Sunday, also a cousin, Mrs. Irene M. Brewer of Los Angeles, Cal., and a niece, Mrs. Wilder's sister, Mrs. Morgan of Claremont, N. H., instructor of a class of seventy-seven music pupils.

One of our young Nimrods reports having seen a lynx in the woods between the Ayer road and King street last week. Miss Hazel Straight has gone to live with relatives in Providence. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reid (Evelyn Hamlin) of Providence, R. I., are making a brief stop in Ayer, at the home of Mrs. Kimball, and Mrs. Kimball. Next Sunday morning at ten o'clock Rev. O'Connor from the camp will preside at the services in St. Anne's church.

It is expected that Rev. Merino of Cambridge will supply the pulpit at the Congregational church again Sunday morning. The friends of Mrs. Christiana Jensen Daily sympathize with her in the loss of her little daughter, Margaret, who died of scarlet fever, which occurred Friday of last week, following an illness of only four days. She was eleven months old. The funeral took place at the home Sunday at three o'clock and the burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer.

The usual interest in the Guest evening program at the Woman's club was manifested by the good company present. Musicians and speakers were in evidence and the notice last week and in every particular met the expectations of the audience. The Heller brothers gave very fine musical numbers. Dr. Smith delivered an exceedingly interesting report of food conditions and prospects as gleaned from contact with his fellow commissioners and Messadams Hopkins, Shedd and Eames served toothsome delicacies.

The next Alliance meeting, December 7, will be held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Priest, Speaker, Rev. Frank E. Crandall of Ayer, Subject, "Some aspects of the new campaign." Music, Miss Kathleen Drew. The United Workers will hold their regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Stacy C. Bates, Leader, Mrs. George H. Kimball, Subject, "The soul of the nation."

Mrs. Susie Dexter, of Orange, has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Watts, this week, the rest of her family coming for the holiday. Mr. Clarence Green has been a guest of her cousin, Miss Elizabeth W. Thacher. Mrs. J. W. Knowlton has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Ames in Somerville, and with her son Heywood spent Thanksgiving at F. W. Parker's in Somerville.

The W. L. Pickard family and the C. K. Beaughtons accept an invitation from the Rollin Hills of Belmont for Thanksgiving. C. F. Flagg and daughter were holiday guests of the Burton S. Flagg family in Andover. The I. A. Hagers entertained her father, Mr. Shedd, of Bellows Falls, Th. H. Hager, and Miss Julia S. Conant for Thanksgiving.

Misses Helen and Esther Mitchell, of Brunswick, Me., have been entertained this week by their aunts, Mrs. F. S. Kimball and Mrs. G. H. Kimball. Mrs. Morris was a week-end guest of the Mrs. G. H. Kimball. Mrs. Whitcomb's family were holiday guests of the James Adams family, Concord Junction. The W. E. Conants spent Thanksgiving with their son Ralph's family in Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant and daughter were the guests of Mrs. A. H. Park and Miss Julia S. Conant on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ora Titcomb, of Boston, spent Thanksgiving with their mother and their brother in Newton. Dexter Spinyer, one of the victims of an automobile accident at Kelly's corner, last Sunday, was favorably recovered in Littleton, where he formerly lived, and in recent years traded cattle with farmers in this town.

Ten of the surgical dressings workers met with Mrs. Kimball in spite of a pouring rain, and made good use of their time. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. George H. Kimball. Miss Elizabeth Brown is at home from Wellesley, and with her are two college students. Mrs. Brown's mother and two soldiers from Camp Devens were also holiday guests in the same family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis entertained two soldiers on the holiday and the Walter T. Spurr family. The Center school was closed on Tuesday on account of the teacher's illness. Burning Coal Ashes. This is a chemist's formula for burning coal ashes: One pound common salt, two ounces Oxalic acid, one gallon water. Mix and moisten with a mixture containing one part coal and three parts ashes, and a better fuel cannot be burned. This mixture will, upon being placed upon a burning fire, fuse into a cokelike mass and deposit but little residue.

Products of Genius. There is not a bit of routine, however cheap our unthinking mind may count it, that was not started by genius. The fundamental facilities of life, the things we use as carelessly as we tread the pavement—the very fire we light, the tools we handle at our work, the food we eat—each represents some early triumph of man's spirit.—Exchange.

New Advertisements FOR SALE—Two-horse Farm Sled; medium weight; Western type; extra easy runner. P. H. BABCOCK, Harvard, Mass. 1113

Unclaimed Savings Banks Accounts IS YOUR NAME HERE? DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THE PERSONS NAMED HERE AND WHERE THEY NOW LIVE? IF SO, PLEASE NOTIFY THE BANK UNDER WHICH THE NAME APPEARS.

The following names appear here in conformity with the requirements of Section 39 of Chapter 590, Acts of 1908 of the Revised Laws, therefore notice is hereby given that the following depositors in these banks have not made a deposit or withdrawal since the date of their deposit for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published on one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this notice to all persons interested in the estate, thirty days at least before said Court.

BOSTON FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK 32-38 School St., Boston, Mass. Bancroft, Kate E., Shirley \$28.80 Attest: JOSEPH C. HOLMES, Treasurer. Nov. 1, 1917.

CHARLESTOWN FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK Thompson Sq., Charlestown, Mass. Kimball, John H., Littleton \$242.23 Whitney, Harriet W., Harvard \$245.90 Attest: WILLIAM P. HART, Treasurer. Nov. 1, 1917.

SUFFOLK SAVINGS BANK FOR SEAMEN AND OTHERS 1 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. Collins, Richard H., Tr. for Richard E. Collins, Jr., Shirley \$210.11 Attest: FREDERICK I. EMERY, Treasurer. Nov. 1, 1917.

WARREN INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS 199 Washington St., Boston, Mass. Dodge, Lucy A., Groton \$1,081.08 Murphy, Henry J., Westford \$1,293.31 Attest: FRANK D. BROWN, Treasurer. Nov. 1, 1917.

Mortgagee's Sale By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated August 15, 1917, given by CHARLES E. CLUTE to FREDERICK H. PARKER, and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds, book 4155, page 201, for breach of the condition of said mortgage, and to foreclose the same, there will be sold at public auction on the premises on Saturday, December 29, 1917, at three o'clock P. M., all in singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and described therein as follows: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the Northern side of the intersection of Groton and Mill Streets in said Peppercell, containing 3.87 acres and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on said Groton and Mill Streets thence North 61° 51' West by Groton Street 236 feet; thence North 58° 28' West by said Street 148.32 feet; thence North 27° 20' East by land of Frederick H. Parker 421 feet more or less; thence South 64° 35' East 562.3 feet to said Mill Street, thence South 17° 33' East by said Mill Street, 220.70 feet; thence South 31° 12' West by said Street to point of beginning. Together with all appurtenant rights appurtenant thereto in the waters of the Neponset River. The premises will be sold subject to a prior mortgage of five thousand dollars and all unpaid taxes. Terms: \$500 in cash will be required at the time and place of sale; other terms at sale. FREDERICK H. PARKER, Mortgagee. Peppercell, Mass., Nov. 27, 1917.

WATCHES BOSTON PRICES JEWELRY Geo. E. Homer 45 Winter Street, Boston West Main Street AYER, MASS. Ladies' Wrist Watches \$10, \$12, \$15, \$17.50 Make Your Chatelaine Watch for Wrist Wear, with Fine Gold Filled Bracelet \$2.50 Solid Gold Bracelet \$5.00 La Tausca Pearl Beads \$2.50, \$5.00 and up Others from 50¢ to \$12 Special Lot of Aluminum Barrettes... 50¢, \$1.00 WARREN ELECTRIC CLOCKS \$15.00 and \$21.00 REPAIRING.

Piano Tuning WILMOT B. OLEAVES Phone 20 HARVARD, MASS. Graduate N. E. C. of Music, Boston Ten years with Acoustic, No. 100 North Agent for Holton Band Instruments Pianos For Sale and Rent—1y13s COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JANNET GILMORE otherwise known as JANNET GILMORE and JANNETTE GILMORE late of Townsend in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by JOHN L. BENTON, who prays that he, the executor therein named, be appointed executor of said estate, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of December, A. D. 1917, 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 a citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published on one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this notice to all persons interested in the estate, thirty days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3112 F. M. ESTY, Register. Ayer, Mass., November 16, 1917. To the Middlesex County Commissioners: Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Ayer, in said County, that West Main Street, in said Ayer, should be relocated from Main, near the Worcester, Nashua & Portland Railroad crossing to the Shirley road, also said Shirley road, West Main Street to the Shirley town line.

Wherefore, we pray that you will relocate said highways. ALBERT A. FILLBROWN and four others. Commonweal of Massachusetts. LAND COURT To the Chandler Machine Company and the Ayer Tanning Company, duly existing corporations having their principal places of business in Ayer, in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; Quincy McColister and Levi W. Phelps, of said Ayer; Libbie A. Balcom of Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex; John Duffy, residence unknown, or his heirs, devisees or legal representatives; and to all whom it may concern: Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by the Reed-Prentice Company, a duly existing corporation having its usual place of business in Worcester, in the County of Worcester and said Commonwealth, to register and confirm its title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Ayer, bounded and described as follows: Westerly on Tannery (sometimes called Faulkner) Street about three hundred and forty (340) feet; Northerly on land of Quincy McColister and land of the Chandler Machine Company ninety-five (95) feet; Easterly on land of said Chandler Machine Company and land of Levi W. Phelps about sixty-seven (67) feet; Northerly again on said land north or late of Balcom fourteen (14) feet; Easterly again on other land of said Chandler Machine Company eighty-four and 2/10 (84.2) feet; Northerly again by said land of said Chandler Machine Company about thirteen and 1/4 (13 1/4) feet; Easterly again by land now or late of Levi W. Phelps about six (6) feet; Northerly again by said land of Phelps one hundred and thirty-one (131) feet; Easterly again by Forest Street one hundred and thirty (130) feet; and Southerly on Bligh Street about two hundred and ninety-five (295) feet.

Petitioner claims as appurtenant to the above described land a right of way in said Bligh Street. Petitioner admits the above described land is subject to an easement of way ten feet in width adjoining the northerly boundary as reserved to the Chandler Machine Company. Its successors and assigns, in a certain deed to the petitioner dated August 13, 1917, recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 4155, Page 370; and building restrictions as set forth in a deed from the Ayer Tanning Company to Chandler-Prentice Company, dated March 21, 1905, recorded as aforesaid, Book 3179, Page 473.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the seventeenth day of December, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. 3112 F. M. ESTY, Register. [Seal.]

Saturday, December 1, 1917.

The First National Bank of Ayer notifies subscribers to the second Liberty Loan that a payment of 18% was due on November 15. Next payment of 4% due on December 15.

AYER

Harold Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Allen, of Hingryville, was operated upon last week at the Groton hospital by Dr. Hopkins for appendicitis. The boy is making a good recovery.

Mrs. George A. Sanderson and Miss Charlotte Sanderson attended the wedding of Miss Ruth W. Fisher, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, formerly of this town, and Jonathan Harwood, of Littleton, in Peterboro, N. H., Wednesday.

The Nonalcoholic Camp Fire Girls have contributed five dollars to the Ayer branch of the Red Cross society.

Four candidates received the honorary degree at the meeting of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday evening. The speaker was Walter C. Winslow.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., will elect officers for the coming year on Monday evening.

The Pythias Sisters committee will give an entertainment in Hut 23 at Camp Devens, December 8, for the benefit of the soldiers.

The weather Monday morning was the coldest of the season here. The mercury sank to two degrees below zero at the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division flag house.

Attention is called to the Y. W. C. A. drive which is now being held throughout the country. The money collected in this vicinity will be used especially for the Hostess House at Camp Devens.

The Ayer Branch Alliance will hold their December meeting at the home of Mrs. A. C. Perkins on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will hold a special convocation next Tuesday evening. Work—Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. Lunch.

Quite a number of wives and relatives of soldiers who are in training at Camp Devens are desirous of obtaining employment in the neighborhood so that they may be near their soldier boys and also spend time to good advantage.

The monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, December 7, at 2.30 o'clock.

At the silver tea to be held under the auspices of the Red Cross and Special Aid society on Monday afternoon, December 3, from three to five o'clock in Hardy's hall, Miss Kathleen Wright, violinist, of Lowell, will play the following:

- Beethoven Tschtschulin
Oriente Weber-Kreisler
Sargheto Canto Amorosa
Gavotte Sammartini-Elman

Mr. and Mrs. William Lord of Sullivan, Me., parents of Mrs. George I. Osgood, are here for the winter.

The following additional contributions have been added to the Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle fund:

- Carous A. Farley \$86.50
Ell W. Carey 5.00
Charles E. Sherwin 2.00
Frank S. Pierson 2.00
Louis H. Cushing 2.00

Grand total \$814.95

Mrs. George A. Sanderson was one of the hostesses at the opening of the Hostess House of the Y. W. C. A. at Camp Devens on Monday afternoon.

One of the most pretentious film offerings ever presented at large hall theatre will make its appearance there on Monday, when Mary Pickford will be seen in her newest picture, "Reveries of Sunnybrook farm."

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Melville L. Savage, who has a shoe store in Wilmipeg, Manitoba, has been taken to the General hospital there, suffering from heart trouble and a general run-down condition.

At the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Wednesday evening, it was voted to open the Masonic banquet hall on Friday afternoon of each week from two to five o'clock.

Edward A. Richardson concluded his duties as a delegate to the constitutional convention of Wednesday, when the convention adjourned until next summer.

Mrs. Bridget (Cleary) Brown died at her home on Pleasant street Tuesday morning at the age of eighty-one years.

born in County Clare, Ireland. She came to this place, then called Groton Junction, where she was married to Michael Brown in 1856, since which time she has made this town her home. Mr. Brown died on March 5, 1904. She leaves three sons, George H., William and Burton M. Brown, and two daughters, the Misses Mary J. and Caroline C. Brown, all of Ayer. She is also survived by five grandchildren. The funeral place Thursday morning with a high mass of requiem at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock, which was said by Rev. Thomas S. Dwyer. The bearers were Edward S. Dwyer and Thomas P. Mallin, of Ayer; John Cleary, of Lowell, and Thomas Nolan, of Concord, N. H. The interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery.

An used employee at Marchand's restaurant has not been seen since the fire on Tuesday. It is feared that he may be in the ruins of the burned building. The police state that a search will be made this week Friday morning in an attempt to find the missing man. The name could not be learned at this writing.

The Girl Scouts of Ayer joined the Groton Girl Scouts at the residence of Miss Elizabeth Hill last Saturday. Motors were furnished by friends to convey the troops to Groton where camp was cooked over camp fires.

The state police have ordered the use of gasoline stopped in all the local restaurants and hotels. The many fires attributed to burning of gasoline for cooking purposes is responsible for the order.

It is understood that the house owned by Arthur B. Davis on Washington street is being bargained for to be used in connection with camp work.

William C. Jackson has leased his house on Washington street to an army officer and his wife, and has moved to Leominster. The new occupant moved in this week.

A. Paul Pillsbury is recovering from an attack of pleurisy pneumonia. Mrs. Mary Barrett, widow of James Barrett, died at her home on Shirley street Wednesday night, aged eighty-six years.

Death was due to infirmities incident to age. Mrs. Barrett had enjoyed good health for some time past for one of her years. The last illness, however, was very short, being less than twenty four hours in duration. She was born in County Clare, Ireland, and had lived here for many years. She lives a sister, Mrs. Kate Wallace, of Buffalo, N. Y.; three sons, George H. and Richard E. Barrett, of Ayer, and William Barrett, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter, Mrs. Marie E. Barrett, of this town.

The funeral will take place this Saturday morning with a high mass at St. Mary's church at 9.30 o'clock.

All members of the local board of Girl Scouts of Ayer, Shirley and Groton are invited by Miss Cora Nelson, national field captain, to attend a luncheon and conference at the Girls' club house, Thursday, December 6, at 12.00 o'clock.

The conference from one to 2.30 is called in order to adopt a constitution and elect officers. R. S. Hubbard, representing the war department commission on training camp activities, will preside.

A fire that resulted in the injury of several persons, one seriously, causing a loss to property conservatively estimated at \$20,000, broke out at a time seriously threatened the business section of West Main street, broke out about four o'clock Tuesday afternoon in Marchand's restaurant.

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Main street was held up for over an hour by the fire. The fire was started by a gas stove which had been lit. The fire spread to the Devens Arcade, containing newly constructed business quarters, and to the building on the west side of the street. The Ayer fire department, with its usual efficiency, stopped the fire in this building after an hour of most strenuous work.

Two trucks from the Camp Devens fire department, headed by Chief J. F. McCarry, hurried for the scene and gave assistance. Soldiers from Camp Devens also did good work in assisting the police squad, headed by Chief Fealty, in keeping the immense crowd from interfering with the work of the fire-fighters, and in subduing the blaze.

The Ayer fire department, which was promptly on the scene, worked at a fire that the restaurant building was doomed, promptly and properly set about to check the spread of the flames to the adjoining buildings, and with the success. The business places which were in the danger zone received the attention of the occupants who removed a part of their equipment when it was found that danger to themselves was imminent.

Continuing stories are current about the cause of the fire. The general belief is, however, that the fire originated in the kitchen on the street floor of the restaurant building, following an attempt to fill a gasoline stove which had been lit.

Another story is that Joseph Marchand, brother of Henry Marchand, of Lowell, the former conducting the restaurant, and George A. Sargent, of Nashua, N. H., an employee, had left the kitchen five minutes before the fire broke out, when everything was all right.

In the upper floor, where the main restaurant was located, were several employees and four soldiers from Camp Devens. The flames spread so quickly that they were unable to escape by the stairway and all but one jumped to the ground. The chief, George Drake, of Lowell, who was asleep in the help's quarters, became panic stricken, and smashing a window, plunged to the ground. His condition was so serious that he was taken to St. John's hospital, Lowell. He received injuries to his head and body.

Miss Daisy Noyes, of Bethlehem, N. H., the cashier, was severely injured on the hips and legs. She was taken to the home of relatives in Lowell. Miss Grace Folsom, of Rutland, Vt., received internal injuries, a sprained shoulder and injuries to the hip. Joseph Marchand, of Lowell, the manager of the restaurant, received a blow to the back and head by a fall down stairs. Alice Noyes was also injured.

The injured soldiers were Harry E. Sawyer, who is attached to the 1st Cavalry, member of Company C, 21st Field Signal Battalion, who sustained a severe cut on the arm and wrist and sprained leg. Private Fabian Valme, also of Company C, of the above battalion, received injuries to the back and was severely shaken up. Sergt. John Crosby, of Lynn, of Headquarters Company, 301st Field Artillery, sustained a sprained leg. Nicholas Angelle, of Manchester, N. H., a civilian, was injured on the shoulder by a falling beam.

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A Letter. The following letter, under date of September 14, has been received by H. N. Tower, who spent his boyhood days in Pepperell, and is kindly remembered by many of our readers.

We left ... Friday evening, September 7, about 6.15. Six great tugs pulled us out of dock and started us on our journey until our own engines were under way and we glided smoothly but swiftly out of the harbor. We were not allowed to be on deck as we departed which we would have liked very much.

Being bound on a war mission and also traveling a war zone, for the whole sea is the war zone for us now, no lights are allowed on board after sunset, and a dark blue light is to be shown at night on an unlighted ship at night on the ocean.

It will probably be interesting to you to know that every minute during day and night there are at least a hundred pairs of eyes looking in the water which might be submarines, or for strange ships coming into view. Whenever a foreign vessel or any vessel whatever crosses our path, our eyes are directed to it.

paying transports and convoy. For 48 hours we traveled solely alone and a very elaborate watch we held during those hours for it was thought we might make the whole journey on our own protection.

For three days now we have sailed along smoothly in this same manner. Occasionally the leading member of our convoy, an armed cruiser with many more smaller ones, an airplane, a hydroplane and a dirigible balloon used for the time a thousand feet up in the air, observed our progress.

So far the journey has been perfectly delightful and I've enjoyed every moment of it. When the weather is of such a thing as being sick and very few of the officers have been troubled that way. A few of the soldiers, however, who are down in the quarters have been sick, but now huge ventilators have been provided and that condition remedied.

One of the precautions undertaken by the colonel is first drill and abandon ship drill. Every officer has been assigned a post and duties to perform there, and every soldier knows where he is to come in case we have either of these calamities when the first lines we rush all to our posts with life preservers on properly (for we carry our life preservers with us at all times).

Still out at sea. How wonderful the ocean is. Not a day's sea sickness—perfect weather, calm water—our only anxiety is the submarine. We have been in the danger zone now for forty-eight hours, yet not a sight of them. We have been informed, however, that they lurk in our path ready to pounce upon us at an unsuspecting moment.

I went on duty on the bridge as lookout yesterday afternoon (Saturday) at two o'clock and watched for an hour and a half, and was relieved four, and so on until two o'clock the following day. My tour of duty, therefore, ended only an hour ago (with you at home).

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head and tall light. The wake of every ship looked like so many milky ways for several miles in the rear. Several of the ship's officers who have been fifteen years of service said that had never seen a sight equal to it. It is a common sight in the south seas they said, but in this latitude it is unusual.

At last the dirt was "out," except what had adhered to her, and she came to the sorting-out process. Reserve bed clothing had to be shaken out of its moth-ball coma, summer garments ousted from trunks to make room for furs, and accumulated "junk" sorted for the ragman, keepsakes gone over, laughed over or cried over and replaced in their pasteboard boxes.

Why hadn't she married Fred? She picked up the photograph again and looked thoughtfully into the intense eyes, and glanced rather fondly at the dark hair waving back romantically from the forehead.

Looking through the net curtains on the glass door, she identified her visitor as an agent, and opening it rather belligerently, armed with a round of copper-tipped refusals, she suddenly found herself voiceless and unable to move with chagrin and astonishment.

But it was neither the clothes, the baldness nor the agent's case he carried that fairly stupefied Mrs. Irons. It was the eyes—eyes that spoke of indulgence, soft living and decline, eyes that had lost their temper—their manhood. She drew back involuntarily, and he caught the motion.

"Is—is the lady of the house in?" he asked, hurriedly. "No—no," said Mrs. Irons falteringly, starting to shut the door. "I—I'm sorry," she added, rather compassionately before the latch clicked.

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APPLE BLOSSOMS.

By LOUISE OLIVER. Mrs. Irons, lingering over her cup of coffee after her husband had left for the office, unconsciously several times as the warm blossom-laden breeze gently blew in the dining room window.

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MEDIEVAL SLEEVE WELL LIKED HERE

American Women Quick to Adopt Idea Brought Out by Paris Designers.

They Are Placed on Skirt or Bodice and in Some Extreme Gowns They Swing From the Shoulders.

New York.—It is not possible to divide the new gowns into strongly differing sections. No designer has taken a period and copied her gowns from it with certainty and exactitude. All of the French and American workers have jumbled their history in a way that would give the seeker after truth a brainstorm.

It is wise for every woman to learn, and it would be well if one could only teach the artists and decorators the same thing, that exhibition work is one thing, but the kind of work that one must live with is another. We can go to museums or department shops and see period rooms and period dresses, but human nature resents the thought of having such limited waking and sleeping hours.

There is another important feature in the new fashions that no woman can fall to overlook. These are what are known in France as flying panels. They are supposedly adopted from Chinese dress. They are placed on the skirt or on the bodice, and there are extreme gowns in which they swing from the shoulders.

Jenny uses them in a gown that is fashioned after those worn by Chinese women. It has an oddly shaped, trousered skirt of chiffon that is exceedingly modest and graceful. Over this fabric hang straight, flying panels in iridescent taffeta that is weighted with gold and crystal fringe.

Jenny, however, is not the only one who uses panels in whatever way they can be accommodated to the human figure. Doeillet puts them on one-piece frocks and gathers them together at the waist under a girdle of some ornate, glowing fabric.

Mme. Paquin makes an evening gown that is just two panels over a tight, sheathlike skirt, and the two are held in at the waistline by a brilliant-colored sash that somewhat imitates the American bustle silhouette by resolving itself into a bow and ends at the side.

Need Not Match Skirt. It is not necessary to go to any trouble to have the panels match the tight skirt beneath in either color or material. Lanvin insists that the greater the difference between the two, the better the style. She will use hydrangea blue and black together or golden tan and deep purple.

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This is a blouse for the busy woman. It is made of white butcher's linen with long shoulder seams. Cuffs, high stock and cravat are made of blue and white cross-barred silk.

foreshadowed by the voluminous tulle sleeves that reached to the wrist and hung downward in points. Every cable from Paris insisted upon the preference shown by the French women for gowns that did not expose the arms, even though they were half low at the neck. Fantastic gowns in this country, designed for the footlights, brought a good deal of attention to themselves by the immensity of their sleeves, but these were usually fashioned on some antique Chinese idea, for their square outline was held in place by Chinese tassels and jade bracelets.

Then came the first Callot gown with the genuine medieval sleeve. The men who were in Paris early in the summer and who saw the possibilities in the renewal of such a sleeve, got it over here before the actual Callot gowns were unwrapped and displayed to the American public.

It is not easy to define these sleeves by simply calling them medieval. To our American minds, they are reminiscent of the Abbey drawings. They might have been worn by the daughters of King Lear. And above all, their beauty catches the eye because of the cathedral colors in which they are dyed.

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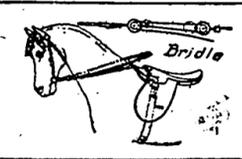
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DEVICE TO RESTRAIN HORSE

Pulleys Arranged on Each Side of Animal's Neck—Force is Multiplied Three Times.

It is said that a horse which "pulls on the bit" may be restrained by the use of this invention, writes C. J. Lynde in Farmers Mail and Breeder. The inventor has employed the well



Device to Restrain Horse.

known device of pulleys, using two on each side of the horse's neck. The larger cut represents this bridle in use on a saddle-horse, and shows its method of attachment to the saddle by a strap passing over the withers and fastened to each side. The smaller cut shows how the rein passes around the pulleys. This arrangement multiplies by three the force applied to the rein by the hand.

CORNSTALKS GOOD FOR FEED

Stover Not as Good as Clover or Timothy Hay, But it Will Sustain Cattle in Winter.

"Where corn has not been put into the silo this year, the stalks should be cut and shocked for dry forage this fall," says C. P. Bull, University Farm. "It may not be as good as clover or timothy hay, but it will sustain cattle through the winter and that is everything to the farmer who is just beginning to develop a herd."

"Most of us," continues Mr. Bull, "do not realize the seriousness of the shortage of roughage this year. If we did, we should save every bit of corn stover possible. It should be saved and used in order that hay may be baled for shipment to other sections of the Northwest where roughage is very scarce. The crops division of the state committee of food production and conservation believes it a patriotic duty this fall to save the corn-stalks."

WASTE APPLES MADE USEFUL

Many Products Into Which They May Be Converted, Such as Cider, Vinegar, Butter, Etc.

Thousands of bushels of apples which usually go to waste under the trees would bring some return and add to the available food supply if properly handled. There are many products into which they may be converted, including cider and vinegar, evaporated fruit, chops, apple butter, jelly and boiled cider. The last two products occupy a place which would be hard to fill by any substitute.

In addition to the cider press, the apple butter cooker and steam evaporator should particularly appeal to the custom older maker because they offer a most desirable means of preserving and turning sweet cider into the most palatable table products. The evaporator prevents the cider from fermentation and converts it into a form suitable for an unlimited number of fine table products.

FATTENING TURKEYS IN FALL

Ration Consisting of Wheat Middlings, Cornmeal and Beef Scrap is Highly Recommended.

Although the finishing of turkeys for market is sometimes quite difficult, it is nevertheless very profitable, writes W. E. Shetrone, a leading poultryman. I have had best results by using the following fattening ration: Six pounds cornmeal, two wheat middlings and two beef scrap. This is mixed with sour milk and fed for the two weeks just previous to marketing. The turkeys are not closely confined, but are given only a small run during this period. My young turkeys are fed plenty of green food and sour skimmed milk. As they grow I gradually increase the feed and change from cracked to whole grains. After six weeks a good mixture is two pounds cornmeal, two wheat bran, one beef scrap and one pint charcoal.

Can't Do Both.

"De man dat wants to do all de talkin'," said Uncle Eben, "is mighty likely to leave other people do most of the thinkin'."

Hard Name to Remember.

Olive was watching a neighbor making pie and was told it was lemon meringue. The next day the little tot came back and asked, "What was that pie's last name?"

Rapid-Fire Forgery.

Forgery while you wait was the trade of an eighteen-year-old lad recently charged at Guildford, England. He claimed that he could sit down and make a treasury note in half an hour. The forged notes, though somewhat crudely executed, might deceive in a bad light, being the exact size and color of the genuine ones.

SHIRLEY

News Items. A delightful concert was given last Saturday afternoon at the Elmhurst, Shirley Center, by Miss Ethel Battine, monologist, and Miss Ruth B. Zim, soprano. Miss Zim was a splendid vocalist and charmed by several Hawaiian songs accompanying herself on the Hawaiian steel guitar. She later sang some negro dialect songs very cleverly. Miss Battine gave some of her original songs and impersonations in a manner that upheld her reputation as an artist. The closing number, "Following the Stars and Stripes to Freedom," was especially arranged for the boys at Camp Devens by these two entertainers. Misses Battine and Zim have been entertaining at Camp Devens for the past week, and the Y. M. C. A. directors state that they are the best attraction that has visited the camp. Mrs. R. C. Cool was hostess and served tea at the conclusion of the entertainment.

The Shirley fire department will hold a social dance in Odessa, Vermont, this Saturday evening. Muzza's singing orchestra will furnish music. This is the first of a series of four dances to be held under the auspices of the Shirley fire department.

Caleb Slocumb of Alberta is visiting his brother, John W. Slocumb. This is the first time in thirty-six years the two brothers have met. Caleb Slocumb operates a farm of 800 acres in the wheat belt of Alberta.

The sons of Mr. and Mrs. Perry O. Holden on November 21. Mr. and Mrs. Holden are now residing in Framingham.

George Morin, who enlisted in the regular army in Boston last week Thursday, has been ordered to report for duty at Fort Slocum on December 3.

A collection amounting to \$26.12 was taken for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. red triangle war fund at the Congregational church last Sunday evening at the union Thanksgiving service.

Mrs. M. J. Johnson and son Milton, of Boston, are at the home of Mrs. Johnson's parents for a visit. Mr. Johnson spent Thanksgiving with them.

The public schools opened last Monday after being closed for one week, owing to the many cases of measles among the children.

Henry D. Martin, agent and manager of the Selma Mfg. Co., in Alabama, is meeting with good success in the south with prospects of a very promising future, as the cotton industry in the south is increasing every year. A leading paper of the south says: "H. D. Martin, the present agent and manager of the Selma Mfg. Co., conducted a textile school in Connecticut for some time. He is an expert in textile manufacturing and therefore qualified to instruct others. He has been superintendent of large mills in the south and the north. He is a man of mature judgment, discretion and energy, and has been employed by the Selma Mfg. Co. for the express purpose of increasing the efficiency and development of a higher type of usefulness among the employees."

Center. Roy C. Cool spent several days in Boston last week.

Twenty-two ladies spent a pleasant evening at the knitting circle of Mrs. Steele Mackaye on Monday evening of last week.

At the meeting of the Grange last week a Thanksgiving program was given by Charles E. Bradford, Everett Buxton, Mrs. A. G. Dunn and Mrs. Lester Holden; vocal solo by Mrs. George F. Buxton, and songs by the Grange. The exercises will be on December 4, and will be in charge of the Shirley Center members—Mrs. Eva L. Marsh and Mrs. Mabel E. Graves, committee.

An electric light has been established on the Horsepond road, opposite the home of Mrs. Hattie P. Holden.

Raymond Bradford, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, who has been employed in Watertown for the past two years, has enlisted for aviation and has gone to Fort Slocum for training.

The Center schools closed on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving recess, and will open again on Monday.

Miss Christine G. Longley, of Thompson's Island, spent the weekend at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbie Longley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leavitt, who have been occupying Clifton Harris' cottage on Clark road, moved this week to the village.

Mrs. Cynthia Lynch has moved from her house on the corner of Hazen and Center roads to her bungalow on Center road. Her house has been let to an officer from Camp Devens.

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