The Paugus Camp Fire circle have a business meeting at their usual place at three o'clock on December 28.

Boynton Merrill, a senior in the Union Theological seminary of New York, will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45; Sunday school at noon. Forward club meeting at 6.15. The pastor will preach at seven o'clock.

An exclesionical council has been

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News Items.

Ensign Gerald A. Shattuck U. S. N. arrived home last Sunday evening on a forty-eight-hour furlough. The usual difficulties of holiday travel caused him to miss the train at Ayer, the auto in which he attempted to complete the home trip became stalled, and finally only his perseverance and own feet brought him to his home somewhere around eleven o'clock. He enjoyed his short stay at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck, starting to return to Philadelphia on Tuesday afternoon. All the Pepperell boys uniforms are worn well and becoming, but his was notably so.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shattuck, of our first parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shattuck, of out on Christmas eve to sing carols at 1

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce went to Somerville on Monday to pass Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. Herrig, and family.

Edward McCord, who now has a po-sition at the Charlestown navy yard, relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shattuck, of Melrose, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Shattuck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Shattuck.

The regular meeting of Acoma Rebekah lodge will be held on Tuesday evening, January 8, instead of on January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pierce will probably occur the following week. Christmas. day with their daughter, announced later. announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cook spent Christmas day at South Lancaster with

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Miss Lois Patterson and George Proc-or of South Merrimack, N. H., and Charles Harris of Lowell spent Christ-nas with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris.

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Mrs. Maurice Glichrist and Miss Katherine Malla from Winchendon have been spending the week with Mrs. E. Grenache. Mrs. Glichrist was also a guest over Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Anderson entertained their nephew, Laurel Anderson, over Sunday and the holiday. He has finished his course at the Harvard Radio school and is now at the submarine station at New London, Conn.

spent the holidays with his family on Oak hill.

Mrs. Louise Dunton, who has been assisting in the care of her brother, the late Albert Deware, returned with her sister, Mrs. Abbie Willett. to Lynn on Tuesday evening.

Raymond Gaskill spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gaskill, Oak hill, returning to his work in Ayer on Wednesday.

Miss Clara Shattuck spent her arise in the war situation he expects Christmas holiday with her sister, Mrs.

three o'clock.

A family gathering assembled on Christmas day with Mrs. Catherine Gardner at the old home place in Dunstable. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardner and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lorden and family and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gardner and family, all of Pepperell.

Howard Slocombe came Sunday from Bristol, Pa. to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocombe. He returned Tuesday in company with the O'Neal brothers, of Hollis, N. H., and his brother Bernard as far as Connecticut.

Mrs. Charles Weaver of New Boston, N. H., has been a holiday week guest of Mrs. Rainsford Deware and other relatives.

Mrs. Frank Kennedy has been entertaining Miss Violet McKenzle of Townsenid during the week. Mr. Kapka-of Boston was also a guest at Pinerhurs over Christmas and in honor of her guests Mrs. Kennedy held one of her pleasant evenings, with music and dancing and a late turkey dinner. About fitteen were present, including several young folks about town.

Dr. Horace Dennen and wife of Athol were Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. B. Carter.

John A. Lawrence came from Springfield to pass Sunday and the holiday at the Lawrence homestead. Nashua road.

Charles E. Boynton spent Christmas with relatives at Swampscott.

A cablegram received on Wednesday from Ray Willoughby states that they arrived at a French port on Christmas day. As a member of the Aviation corps he solied for France about two weeks ago in the French transport Espagne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Andrews went to Nashua to spend a part of Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Andrews.

Alexander Odette and family moved to Leominster on Monday. The cottage house on Pleasant street vacated by them was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shattuck on Thursday, who moved from the Winch house on Main street.

Mrs. Leo Russell returned to her home at Lawrence on Thursday, with gher little brother: Master Kenneth Boulla, with her for a visit. Mr. Russell spent Sunday here, also, and Miss Doris Boulta from Nashua.

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tions.

On Friday afternoon of last week, Miss Strong of Ayer gaye a talk before the Camp Fire Girls and guardians and a group of Blue Birds at the high school building. She spoke of Camp Fire ideals and activities and urged the girls to contribute to the "war chests," which is needed to extend the Camp Fires and to meet war conditions.

Rev. D. R. Child will conduct the services at the South road schoolhouse on Sunday afternoon at the usual hour, three o'clock.

meeting at 6.15. The pastor will preach at seven o'clock.

An ecclesiastical council has been called to meet at the Congregational church on Wednesday. January 2, to advise the church regarding the ordination of Boynton Merrill to the christian ministry. The council will meet at 10.38 and the public ordination service, subject to the approval of the council, will be held at two o'clock. Pres. Begjamin T. Marshall, of the Connecticut Woman's college, at New London, will preach the sermon. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, of Belmont, will offer the ordaining prayer, Rev. William S. Beard, of New York, will give the Charge to the pastor. Frederick B. Withington, of Union seminary, Y., will read the scripture lesson, and Pev. J. B. Lewis, of Pepperell, will extend the right hand of fellowship. It has been many years since a service of this kind has been held in Pepperell, and the public is invited.

Camp Fire Activities.

The Camp Fire Girls went to Ayer on Thursday evening of last week to give an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. hut No. 22. They were accompanied

tudience.



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An entertainment will be given in the Congregational vestry next Friday evening. A. H. Wardle, superintendent of the Christian Federation of Ayer, will give a series of Cape Cod stories. He will bring with him two musicians. Mr. Wardle has entertained with much acceptance around Feston, and the Forward club, under whose auspices the entertainment will be held, are pleased to present him to a Pepperell audience. all wind proof and storm proof.

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At the Main street school building on the afternoon of the closing day, last week. Christmas exercises were

Congregational church.

Morning preaching service will be held as usual at the Unitarian church on Synday. Rev. D. R. Child will take for his sermon topic. "Telling lies." The annual meeting of the Sunday school will be held at the usual hour, following the service, with reports for the year.

Rev. F. H. Morgan, field agent for Zion's Herald, published by the Methodist Publishing House, Boston, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning on the subject, "Religious

lay morning on the subject, "Religious iterature in the home." Epworth league service at 6.45, and preaching by the pastor, with song service at

on the afternoon of the closing day afternoon in the stary last week. Christmas exercises were held in the hall, with carois and recitations by the children, and a treat of fruit was enjoyed.

The sum of \$22.10 has been gathered together by the teachers and pupils of this building which has been sent to the suffering children of the Allies. Santa Claus, with games and light refreshments at six of clock filled to the suffering children of the Allies. The transmission was made through the office of the Old Colony Trust Colonston.

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At seven o'clock a Christmas coace cert was given by the Sunday school, with selections by their orchestra, composed of Messrs, Thibault, Shattuck, Kleinburg, McGraw and Nutting, and Miss Anna Peabody. The choir also assisted, rendering two anthems and soveral hymns, and a ladies' sextet gave a "Christmas ulilaby." Following large selections of music, responsive reading, and prayer by the pastor, the program of the children was opened by a "Welcome," Albert Parker, Jr., and Fred Cobb, and continued with a Christmas exercise by the primary class; recltations, Ruth Chapman, Esther Martin and Geraldine Parker; exorcise, "Soldiers of the U. S. A.," by three boys; primary song, "Christmas belis"; exercise by two girls; one by Miss Durant's class, and by Clayton and Gwen Parker; recitation, "God give us men," Edward Durant; exercise, "Bethle-hem star," five girls.

A well trimmed Christmas tree

adorned the stage in the evening and added to the Christmas cheer.

The Christmas social of the Congregational Sunday school was held Monday afternoon in the vestry. More than fifty children were present and quite a goodly number of adults, the affair being arranged by Mrs. Tower's

centations

On Monday evening in the vestly a light children. An entertainment was given at seven o'clock, consisting of the since ing of Christmas hymns and carols by the children, a solo by Alice Marshall I and duet by Gertrude Cherry and Helem Marshall. Rev. W. H. Beers recited Van Dyke's beautiful story of the "Other wise man," which was illustrated by stereoption, operated by kindness of Mr. Marchant. Following the program Santa Claus appeared and the well-laden tree was soon stripped of its fruit, for the pleasure of all the schildren.

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drilled and showed the result of good team work among their teachers, and the hall was well filled with interested parents and Mrs. O'E. Campbell and seven children of a family of eight, of Hudson; the eighth one was Oscar J. Campbell, "somewhere in France."
There were also Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ranney, of Wayland, and three children, one of whom is Miss Grace Ranney, our teacher at the Parkerville school: also, Mr. and Mrs. Yetton, of Wayland, and two children. Mr. Yetton is in-training at Ayer. Mr. Knight has four grandsons in the nation's service, the two mentioned and Joseph E. Knight. 2d, in trainink with the aviation unit in St. Louis, and Stanley Sargent, "somewhere in France."

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species in this town. Capt. Sherman, H. Fleicher, in charge of the various tennes sent to the Lowell headquarters for their meeting at Memorial hall. Wedresday evening, the splendid total of 127 names, and by the time the Westford cansass is finished some additional names will be added to this list. Those in charge of the various learns have worked hard and met with road response in nearly every instance. Every member of some households, in some cases including the children, have had a membership word. Every member of some households, in some cases including the children have had a membership paid.

The Christmas party, supper and tree for the children of the Unitarian Sunday school, under the direction of Miss Mabel Drew and Mrs. Buckshorn, a a great success if it was gauged the evident enjoyment of the chilby the evident enjoyment of the children. The following program was given: Plano solo, Marion and Mildred Pletcher: song, Marion and Mildred Pletcher: song, Marion and Mildred Pletcher: Alice, Ruth and Freida Johnson: greetings of Christmas, Huntington Wells, Richard Wells and Edna Hamilin; song, Elizabeth Wells, "Letter to Santa Claus," Elizabeth Carver; recitations, Betty Prescott and Elizabeth Wells, A supper for the children was served at six o'clock, and Carver; recitations, lefty to the Elizabeth Wells. A supper for the children was served at six o'clock, and the Chfistmas tree was at seven. Santa Claus was in attendance, coming down the chimney, and the andirons in the fire-place were moved for his con-

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS ventence. Its voice somewhat reper YEAR IN ADVANCE sembled the pastor of the church.

At the Congregational church last Sunday a program of special Christ-mas music was given with sermon, prayer and other parts of the service appropriate to Christmus. Mrs. Chas. Wright directed the music and Mis-B. Hartford was at the organ a full choir of voices. "America" "Coronation" were sung duet, Miss and "Coronation" were sung duet, Miss Elva Judd and Miss Lillian Sutherland; responsive solo, Mrs. Charles D. Colburn; offertory solo, Mrs. C. A. Blaney. The church was handsomely decorated with evergreen and red poinzettas. This latter was the skillful work of Mrs. A. W. Hartford, At the evening service a special Yuletide service was arranged by the pastor.

School Exercises.

The pupils of the William E. Frost school, under the direction of their four tenchers, Misses Dunn, Crocker, Grant and Wright, assisted by Miss Raynes, musical supervisor, gave one of the best of Christmas entertainments last week Friday afternoon at the town hall. The children were well drilled and showed the result of good team work among their teachers, and the hall was well filled with interested parents and friends of the young people.

The following program was also were loved.

At the home of Mis, Mary A. Lowther four generations were present at the Christmas dinner. Mr. and Miss Present at the Christmas dinner. Mr. and Somerville, and Miss Mary H. Cherry, also of Somerville, were the guests. The important guest was the great-grandson of Mrs. Lowther, Frederick Lowther Hargreaves.

William Davis, of Amsterdam, N. Y. Is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Davis.

Miss E. Mae Lord, district nurse of Frederick Davis.

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Death.

The town mourns the passing this week of Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney, one of Westford's best loved and esteemed women. Mrs. Whitney passed away in the early morning of Saturday, December 22. She had not been in good health for quite a long time, but death resulted from a stroke of paralysis from which she was stricken about ten days previous.

Cornouls made by herself.

George T. Dav who was sick and confined to his bed following the hard ordeal of Mrs. Day's death and funeral, is reported as better.

With this war-time winter of conservation along all lines there will be no annual dinner for the town officers on appraisal day at the town farm, but the three appraisers appointed by the selectmen will attend to their dutles this Saturday.

Edward Clement has recently resigned as motorman on account of being drafted, and Alfred Tuttle is acting as motorman with George Suilivan as conductor.

Nathan Prescott has a new tele-

Monday afternoon.

Miss Eva Pyne's many friends are Sorry to learn of her serious sickness at her home at Pine Ridge.

The next meeting of Middleses-Sorth Pomona Grange will be held in Odd Pellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, January 4. The meeting at her home at Pine Ridge.

Hartwell & Hosmer's calendars bestered to their customers this year are most attractive, depicting in beautiful colorings the "Frist American Thanksgiving," from the painting by Brownscombe.

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A second son was born to Mr. and that may legally come before the meet-Mrs. George Howard, of Bound Brook, N. J. December 22, at the home of Mr and Mrs. S. L. Taylor. The lit. L. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Beautiful Christmas carols were sung by a chorus of community sing-ers on Christmas eve in West Chelmsford. The village people enjoyed the singing from house to house. After-wards, Mrs. F. A. Snow and Miss Lottie L. Snow served a much appreciated luncheon to them at the home of F. A. Snow.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. William R. Taylor and Mrs. F. A. Snow attended the wedding of Miss Dorothy Howard Haviland to Roscoe Foote Patt in St. Mark's church, Southboro. The bride was a classmate of Mrs. Taylor at Framingham Normal school and was a bridesmaid at her wedding.

Don't use steel knives for cutting fish, oysters, sweetbreads or brains. The steel blackens and gives an un-

The Christmas holiday passed off very quietly here and in many homes family reunions were held. Among the many out-of-town guests were noticed John O'Neil, who enlisted in the Medical Corps last August. He was under orders to report in New York on Christmas day, from Indiana, where he has been training for several months. Arriving an Lowell at two o'clock Sunday morning he managed to get as far as North Chelmsford and then walked the remaining six miles to get as far as North Chelmsford and then walked the remaining six miles to the home of his parents here, where he arrived at five o'clock in the morning. The young man only had a few hours with his parents, as he left at noon time to complete the mp to New York, and will shortly leave for "over there."

Miss E. Mae Lord, district nurse of East Jaffrey, N. H., and Miss Helen Lord, also a nurse at the hospital in Barre, and Miss Geneva Perry, of Winthows were entertained, at the Westboro, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Lord. Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler and daughter Elisie, of Worcester, were the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of the Ridges, had a large Christmas family gathering, among them being Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, of this willage: Mrs. Laura Jones and daughter, and Mrs. A. E. Jones and two children, of Worcester, and Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and son William, of Westboro. Sergt. A. E. Jones was the absent member. He is the grandson of William Burnett and has been in France for several months. He also did duty in Mexico.

A daughter was born on Monday to

A daughter was born on Monday to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Weaver. Miss Lottie Parrott: of North, Adams, spent Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Shaddick, of Dorchester, and Wilfard Bennett en-joyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. John Shaddick of the Tadmuck farm,

Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Bicknell, of Somerville, spent the week-end and holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton entertained a number of soldiers from Camp Devens on Christmase day. Miss Sarah Precious spent Christ-mas with relatives in Townsend Har-

Rev. Angus Dun will have charge of the Sunday school at St. Andrew's mission on Sunday. He will read a Christmas story as a special feature. Robert Wetmore, of Boston, was in

Boward celebration of account of being drafted, and Alfred Tuttie is acting as motorman with George Sullivan as conductor with George Sullivan as conductor that as new telephone installed—193-3.

Miss Winning, the nurse, who is carming for Miss Ella F. Hiderelth, was with her home people in South Chelmsford for Christmas. Miss Hidderth is reported improving and able to be down stallers.

Mrs. Clarence Hildreth spent the Christmas holiday with her husband at Camp Devens.

Albert W. Heywood, of the U. S. Guubbat Dubuque, is enjoying a furlough at home.

At the last meeting of the Grangs Mrs. Mattie E. Sutherland had charge of the program. There was pleasant evening is reportations sole, Miss Rachael Well, Edward Hildreth Statemann, while it is more than the program. The musical numbers with Mrs. Hillsen, Herry Collegen, and Charles Mrs. William Stiheeland, was the silician statemann with the secrets of the grown was a nature of gracious poison. As well as the provided and the provided so well and the provided so well as the provided so well. These grounds are known as the beauty spots of the grown was the gift of the playstround and a camp levens.

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parts were very well taken and also that of the corporal. "Job Harkins" directed the company of singers and received merited applause. The songs

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iots of this Bank will be held at its Banking House on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1918, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any other business

Aver, December 29, 1917.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY BARRETT late of Ayer.
In said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by RICHARD E. BARRETT who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

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 fourteenth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Some of Purest Metal in the World is Found Here, Although in Small Quantities.

"It must be admitted that the English have not been very generous," marked Napoleon as he surveyed his kingdom of Elba from the top-of-its highest peak. - Yet a man more modest than the great Corsican might have been well content with this fair and rich little island, to say nothing of the title of king.

Elba today has come into a new importance, owing to the war stimulated values of its iron mines. Some of the purest iron ore in the world is found here in beautiful crystals, although the quantity is not great enough to be of any wide significance.

The little isle includes all manner of little industries in its 10 by 12 mile contines. On the lower slopes there are fertile little valleys, and along the beach a tiny fishing industry manages to thrive. Besides the iron mines there are famous stone quarries, and the scenery is rugged and imposing on a miniature scale. Had Napoleon been a philosopher he might well have found contentment here. But Napoleon was a general and a builder; instead of settling down to en-

joy what the gods had left him, he instituted all manner of projects for de velopment in his tiny kingdom, and even conducted from here his least known campaign. Across the blue waters to the south of Elba is visible the smaller island of Pianosa, low and fertile. Pinnosa was deserted in those times on account of the depredations of Mediterranean pirates. Napoleon directed an expedition of 40 men against the corsairs with the object of adding Planosa to his kingdom. He probably would have led the pirates a hard life had not the opportunity for escape presented itself that led to France and Waterloo,

MEXICAN BOYS WERE BRAVE

Cadets of Chapultepec Put Up Gallant Fight at Defense of Their City in 1847.

The defense of Chapultepec, during the war between the United States and Mexico, in 1847, was almost as gallant as was the attack. In this attack 48 Mexican cadets, among others, lost their lives. The story is a stirring one,

observes the Los Angeles Times. For many years the celebrated Castle of Chapultepec, where Montezuma held his barbaric court in the surrounding groves of cypress; where during nearly three centuries lived the successive viceroys of Spain, and with the family. where Maximilian made his imperial home, has been the West Point of

Mexico. When General Scott had taken the place by storm and General Bravo had surrendered, a Mexican cadet only fifteen years old, seeing the flag of his country in peril, most of his comrades being already slain, climbed the flagstaff, tore the banner from its place, wound it around his body and slid down, intending to plunge over the precipice, in order to save the colors from falling into the hands of the enemy.

That act of heroism being frustrated. the brave boy, with the banner still wrapped about him, fought until he was cut in pieces. Forty-eight of these schoolboys, ranging in age from fourteen to twenty years, lie buried in one grave at the foot of the hill. after year the cadets of Chapultepec strew flowers upon the grave.

Disappointments.

Have you stayed at home all afternoon, some time, waiting for some one who had said: "I am coming over this afternoon," then she did not come? Has some one promised to do something for you, then didn't do it?

he would, or when some one promises to do something and does not. This life is full enough of other sorrowi without doing something like that.

Oriental Architecture.

Mosques and other buildings are now erected in re-enforced concrete in Egypt and other countries, but adhering to the national type of architecture as regards the design of such structures. Among others is the Sultan Hassan mosque at Cairo, in which re-enforced concrete enters largely. Another very handsome structure of Oriental type was recently erected near this city, the Grand Palare hotel of Heliopolis. It is a vast building of four stories, and presents a pleasing aspect owing to the excellent architectural design inspired by the prevailing styles.

No Confetti Wanted

"No confetti," was the request the vicar of East Ham, England, made when announcing his marriage. In announcing his wedding in the parish magazine, the clergyman said that owing to the war it will be very quiet, and ends with the request: "N. B.— Please bring no confetti."

Aptly Put. "Yes," said Mrs. Twickembury, "we have installed recrudescent lights in every room in the house."-Christian Register.

Better to Play Fair.

ELBA'S VALUABLE IRON MINES NOTABLE GATHERING OF 1787

Convention That Formed Constitution of United States Assembled at Philadelphia May 25.

The convention that formed the constitution of the United States met at Philadelphia on the 25th of May, 1787. The articles of confederation under which the revolutionary war fought were not satisfactory, and it was proposed to amend them. Most of the delegates to the convention were so instructed. The states of Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey appointed their delegates "for the pur pose of revising the federal constitution"; North Carolina, New Hamp-shire, Delaware and Georgia, "to decide upon the most effectual means to remove the defects of the federal Union"; New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut, "for the sole and express purpose of revising the articles of confederation"; South Carolina and Maryland, "to render the federal constitution entirely adequate to the actual situation." But when the convention met discussion of the situation led the delegates to decide upon framing an entirely new constitution instead of patching up the old articles of confederation.

The convention sat nearly four months, and ou the 17th of September, 1787, the completed constitution was signed by the president of the convention, George Wushington, and by all the members except three. It provided that "the ratifications of the conventions of nine states shall be sufficient for the establishment of this constitution between the states so ratifying the same." The first state to ratify it was Delaware, on December 7, 1787, and the minth was New Hampshire, on June 21, 1788. This made it the constitution of the states that had ratified it, they constituting the union, but New York did not ratify until July 26, 1788, North Carolina until November, 1789, and Rhode Island until June, 1790.

NEW AX OLD LADY'S CHOICE

Tired of Chopping With Dull Tools, She is Easily Satisfied, Despite Newly Acquired Wealth.

On a clear cool evening in the early spring a man on a horse crossed the ridge of a mountain, and, seeing a cabln in the valley, turned his horse in that direction. The cabin was whitewashed and clean. The mountaineer and his family sat on the porch. Several children played in the yard. The stranger arrived at the gate and was thing up." invited in and sat down on the porch

"Stranger," asked the mountaineer "are you interested in our oil up here?"
"Well, no," said the stranger. "I haven't much faith in oil. I hear of these people who suddenly strike it rich, but I never find them."

The old man chuckled and said: "I am one. Yesterday I was poor; today I am rich. I was just asking my fam- er Tom. This in itself would have warily, now that we could have things, ranted her in accepting almost any fahat they would rather have. Now, John here, he wants a horse, and Molaway while he told of Tom's initiation ly wants a new dress, and Susie says into their fraternity, and then she she'll take books. By the way, wife,

what would you rather have?" The old lady never hesitated a minute. "Well," she said, "I'm pretty tired cutting wood with a dull ax; I'll have a new ax."—Harpers Magazine.

Romance Has Vision.

The young gentleman who wrote his name on an egg shipped from his fawife," notes the Bartow (Fla:) Couricr-Informant, has received a blow in the answer from a woman who replied briefly and effectively, "You poor stowed remarkable attention upon his

"Has Romance Died?" is the caption put on the story by an editor who prints it. That question is easy to an opened it, just after Dick had gone. swer. Romance is deathless. But the woman who got the inscribed egg had sense enough to know that the type of college with a girl who blew into town

Love may be blind, but the true ro- er tried to hol

eggshell. May the sentimental youth find t get her's all right.

The Delirium of Arabs.

Observation by travelers and others who have visited in Palestine show that the Arabs of the Syrian Desert have an extraordinary fondness for tobacco. A few whiffs make them giddy and give them a headache. Even a cigarette is too much for them. A common smoke among Arabs consists of the dry leaves of a plant belonging to the genus Hyoscyamus, and called by the Arabs "Sekharan." It has fleshy leaves and purple flowers. The smoking of these leaves produces a sort of intoxication or delirium, which the Arabs prefer to the "white man's smoke.'

Smoking Backwards.

The peculiarities of the ancient smokers are themselves a study as well as an education. The negritos smoke with the lighted end of the cigar in their mouth-let the reader picture in his mind a man smoking with the lighted end of a cigar of cigarette stuck calmly in his mouth; no fear of burning the tongue or other possible harm; just smoking and enjoying the weed as would the most unconcerned among white men, who prefer the lighted end the other way around.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.—Hume.

Suiting Temper to Circumstances.

Heard in Court "Your honor, I acknowledge the ref-

"De man dat's afraid to take his strate of de risk," said Uncte Eben, takes bigger chances fan de man dat plays fair. I learned dat watchin."

The hair of that gentleman is black what happened to a felles-nat got his and will continue to be black as long se's ketched cheatin' in porap mame." as he dyes." Boston Transcript.

Seculation de la Companie de la Comp MOVING DAY.

By ISABEL FROST.

It had never occurred to Alice Bar ron that Mr. Paxton, her landlord, would not trust her indefinitely, even though she had not taken the time to apprise him of her intentions. She had meant to drop in the office on her way to the station and tell his slave at the desk that they might renew her lease; but it was pouring pitchforks. and she had to make a train; therefore she trusted to luck and the landlord's intuition.

When she returned on May 1 she encountered large packing cases in her hall, niso a young man in shirtsleeves wrestling with the same.

"I'll have these out of the way in just a minute, so you can get by," he told her, pleasantly.

"But I don't want to get by," said Alice frigidly. "Thank you. I merely wish to get into my apartment." He looked at her in surprise. "There scens to be some mistake here. I rented this apartment under

the impression that it was vacant," he explained. "From May 1 for one year. I'm just moving in." Alice's face turned a shade paler. Manners were instinctive second na-ture to her, and she forced herself to

speak very quietlý. "May I phone the office?" she asked, bit helplessly.

Paxton's voice was suave but firm He reminded her that they had written several timés, inquiring her intentions on the renewal of her lease, and she had calmly ignored them.

"Have you anything else left in the building?" she asked.

"No, I am very sorry, but there is nothing at all left. We waited until the very last moment for your decision, but Mr. Reeves wished the apartment on the first, and we accommodated him. If there is anything that we can

No, there was nothing they could do. She thanked him and hung up the re-ceiver. Drawing off her gray suede gloves, she looked around her a bit tiredly. "I'll pack up my things right away,"

she said. "You won't do anything of the sort. I shall not retain the apartment," he told her resolutely. "It was beastly of

them to rent it without your knowledge. I'm going to throw the whole "But you can't, you know. Not if you've signed a lease." She laughed rather wearlly. "If you don't mind, I

think I'll make a cup of ten for myself

before I pack my dishes. Won't you join me?" Before the impromptu tea was half over, she made several enlightening discoveries. First, Mr. Reeves was Yale man, the same class as her brothvor at his hands. The time slipped found herself reading to him Tom's last letter from France, where he had

joined the aviation corps. "Of course, you understand," he told her, when they had finished tea, 'that I can't possibly let you go out of here. If they won't let me step down and

out, I shall sublet to you." She wrote to Tom, telling him of the accidental meeting, and asking him if ther's farm together with the state he remembered Dick Reeves, class ment that he wanted a "nice little 13, Yale. The answer did not come back for nearly two months, and in that time Dick had securely established himself as a landlord who be tenant. He called frequently.

Then came the letter from Tom. She opened it. just after Dick had gone.
"He's one of the finest old chaps I

ever met, but he got into a mix-up at romance indicated was a filmsy sort on with a road show. I guess she was a which to build a life work. mance has vision. And it requires a was making a fool of himself for nothmore substantial foundation than an ing. His old man went mad over the affair and cut Dick off without a cent. He stuck it out, though, working his sensible happiness around the corner. way through his last year, and took his One doesn't need to wish romance for degree. I don't know what became of the iconoclastic young woman. She'll the girl. I believe he's working now in his cousin's automobile factory, learning the business from the ground up.

I'm mighty glad you've met him." It was two weeks later. He sat on the window-seat looking down at Gramercy park. "Alice," he said suddenly, with a touch of desperation in his tone, "I've got to tell you some thing. Something I'm mighty ashamed of, now that I've met you and known the real thing. Maybe I'm wrong, but it seems to me you ought to know be-

fore I ask you to be my wife." Alice bent a little lower over her emproidery as she sat in a dark-green willow chair beside him.

"I've heard all about Peggy," she said, quietly. "Tom told me. I like you much better as a worker, Dick, than as you must have been before she switched your life into the manlier way of independence. Was that all?"

She glanced up at him with a little mischievous smile of inquiry, and Dick

left the window seat. The following morning Mr. Paxton glanced up from his desk. Dick's tone

was very decisive.
"We wish a few alterations made in the apartment, Miss Barton and myself. We will be married on the 19th, and it will have to be in shape by the lime we get back from our honeymoon. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

When a Man Changes.

Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbor. He has changed his market cart into a chariot of the sun.-Emerson.

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deed, why may it not as well be that

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Whereupon they made sall and dis-

appeared adown the western horizon.

And from that day nearly 400 years

ago until but a few months ago no eye

Up the Gulf of Mexico the oil barge

the trough of burly, rough and tumble

seas that ran over her like the slath-

ering tongues of monstrous brutes

gone mad. Deep down in her the old

engines clanked and wheezed, while

McArdle, the engineer, scrutched his

head dublously as he watched their

the grace of the Lord they may last the trip out, I sometimes misdoubt it,"

he muttered. "For at any minute are

they liable to fly to flinders like the

And fly to pieces they did. With

the report of a gun a connecting pin snapped asunder, and the next instant

its rod had jammed, while with the roar

of a cannon a cylinder head went

crashing through a bulkhead. In an

with live vapor, but with one thrust

of his arm the engineer shut off the

rteam and half fainting from his scalds

went working his way forward be-

tween seas to the bridge where Cap-

tain Travers was clinging in a smother of spume. "And its gone to glory they

have, sir," he reported, with a death's

head grin. Gray of face, Travers pointed to the bar of Madre de la Laguna

with its spouting foam a few miles

"Then so have we along with then

Our anchor will never hold on this

bottom, and we'll all eat Christmas

dinner tomorrow in Davy Jones' lock-

er." Reverently McArdie drew a small

cross from his pocket, kissed it and

replaced it while the captain looked on

"It will take a bigger cross than

"That may be, sir. Yet big and

small, that same token has saved

many a man and 'tis my belief it will

save many another. Leastwise, 'tis

our only hope." Down to his own cabin he went creeping in search of

All night long the Crescent, plung-

ing backward against her restraining

cable as a wild horse bucks against its

tether, dragged the anchor closer and

must break her back, casting them all into a seething pot, where neither man

dawn of Christmas morning, with de-

Travers summoned his men before him. He pointed an ominous finger at

"To the cross I cling-" One by

one they joined their voices in a ragged accompaniment of chorus that

was torn from their lips by the hurri-

cone to be lost in the veil of the surf

upon the bar. And as their last words

the cable as if some giant of the

eased there came a mighty tug upon

"The anchor has found its grip and

is holding," they told each other. But

Yet 24 hours later when the sea

had calmed they still found themselves

steam winch full power and gradually

the anchor came to the surface, still

the waters in the anchor's grip a great

object blackened and incrusted by the

waters of the sea, a monstrous iron

cross such as it might take 40 strong

men to carry. (Copyright, 1916, Western Newspaper Union.)

Garlic Almost a Panacea.

Garlic "seems to be swinging into

therapeutic favor," remarks the Med-

ical Record, in commenting on how

American physicians and chemists

have awakened to a desire for a re-

turn to nature's own remedles, after

many years of ignominious dependence

upon German thtented chemicals. Gar-lic is now used as a remody for diph-

theria, whooping cough, typhold fever and tuberculosis.

tinue each had but, little faith.

that to save us," he announced grimly. The engineer straighted his

under their lee.

pain-twisted face.

oil and bandages.

length away.

silently.

instant the engine room was deluged

wond'rus old one-horse shay."

spasmodic laborings.

of man saw sign or trace of them.

WAS upon one of those good old days of nearly four hundred years ago that prince of bold buccaneers, Cortez, was grinding Mexico under his fron heels and sending his

ships back laden with treasures, and while all Spain was ringing like a bell to the tune of his deeds, that the beginning of the circumstances happened. As to whether the ending was due to a near miracle or pure chance ench must

take his choice, but the way it all happened was like this: Carlos de Montbar, grown old and gray as a silver fox in adventures upon land and sea and adventures upon land and sea and listening with his ear to the ground the better to hear the rumbles from far, arose saying to himself: "Cortez! Who, then, is he to be

worker of marvels which I cannot do? True, he has shaken the tree of conquest first and many golden apples have fallen into his helmet, but in his haste has he not left as many mor behind? I will follow in his steps, and with much less trouble than be fell him gather those he has left behind, also becoming rich and famous I will take my two ships, summon my men and sail to this land of gold." And thus having determined he as sembled his crews, after which he sought out the good padre Ferdinand

"Father," he said. "I have two as good ships as ever broke a wave and



There Came a Mighty Tug Upon the Cable.

crews of whom even Satan himself in afraid. We are to sail to the wonderful land of Mexico and fill our holds with its treasures. But there will be storms to overcome, dying comrades to minister to and proper prayers for our success to be said, without a priest. Be one of us as our holy ad- they be?" From somewhere among visor and your share shall be next to the despairing dozen the hoarse voice mine." The priest smiled up at him. of the engineer arose in a croaking at-

"Yes, you will need a priest, and tempt at song. therefore I will go. But it is not the gold of these heathens that I wish, but merely their souls. May I claim them Montbar laughed

"As many as you can get. But how do you plan to snare such cunning

depths inconceivably vast had seized "Listen and I will tell. Upon some the anchor and was holding the ship mountain top from whence it may be fast against the drift. And as they seen from afar your men must build saw that it dragged no more they me a great mission. In front of this looked at each other, first in amaze mission I will place a great magic lure, so that all seeing it shall be ment, then with the joy of men snatched from the very laws of death drawn closer. And once I have them by a miracle. before it I shall-talk to them of the true faith until one by one they shall embrace it that Christ may receive that such good fortune could long con them. Thus in my keeping will be their souls. Am I not crafty, also?" Monthar slapped his thigh.

"Wondrous so, Father, and it is a good bargain for both of us the souls riding in safety. Then they gave the for you and the gold for me. But what is to be the magic lure?"

holding in its grip the object which good time. You say you sail in a it had found and fastened itself to so desperately. And us the crew burning departure was much as a superior desperately. "That, my son, you shall know in fortnight. Upon the morning of your desperately. And as the crew burning departure you must send me 40 of with curiosity bent over the rail to departure you must send me 40 or gaze upon the mysterious thing which tour men to convey it to the ship. had preserved them, and which foot

"As many as you wish," Montbar by foot was being dragged from its agreed.

And when the day of sailing came and 40 straining men hauled aboard one of the ships a great cross made of fron, Montbar walked about it in much awe. "By all the snints, Father," he

"Droop" of Modern Guns. So long in front of the trunnions is the modern gun of 12-inch caliber or more that the bending is said to be perceptible to the eye. This "droop," as it is called, is due to the elasticity. the metal or imperfections of mancture or design, and in some cases has been found to exceed half an inch.

Optimistics Thoughts.
Discontinuous and bradence are the second to

They Mean to Her the Very Opposite of Green Fields, Pleasant Odors, Birds and Bees.

WHY JENNIE HATES FLOWERS

"I hate flowers," said Jennie, a little Italian girl of 9, as she bent over the pile of white daisy petals on the kitchen table. She was busily picking up the "peps," first dipping each stem in paste smeared on a piece of board, slipping a petal up each stem and inserting it in one of the green tubes on the wreath.

Flowers to her did not spell green fields, pleasant odors or something soft and agreeable to feel and handle. To this little girl living in the crowded Italian district on the lower west side of New York city, flowers meant piles of hideously colored petals of cambric, stiff with starch and dye and smelling strongly of alcohol, glue and paste These she had to fetch from the factory every day after school. Before school the next morning the family had to "manufacture" them into said as he crossed himself, "you have flowers. Everyone worked, all except the "If the better the day the better the

father, who declared that it was not "a man's work," and an older son, who was driver on a wagon truck. Even the baby, 18 months old, could help by picking apart the petals. Maggle, 4 years old, was too young to go school, but she could work the greater part of the day. Nardo, aged 6, was an expert hand, although his mother complained that he wanted to play, Besides Jennie there was little Angeling, a hunchback of 11 years, who Crescent came wallowing like a pig in was really the forewoman of the group, seeing to it that each day's quota was faithfully done.

The account-book showed that slx dozens of wreaths, with 39 flowers were finished every night. The but-tercup wreaths brought 8 cents a dozen and the daisies 10 cents. For this work the family received \$2.88 or \$3.60 a week, according to whether they worked on buttercups or daisles. -Louise C. Odencrantz, in World Out-

AFFINITY BETWEEN MOODS

Author John Synge's Declarations Regarding Temperament of Peasants of the West of Ireland.

There is a significant phrase in one f John Synge's books, says the Medical Times. Speaking of the spiritual ity and wildness of the peasants of the west of Ireland, he remarks:

"There is an affinity between the moods of those people and the moods of varying rapture and dismay that ire frequent in artists and in certain forms of altenation," These peasants, descendants of an ancient bard that were chased to the West, are said to be born poets. Synge noted in them the quick changes from gloominess to gayety, and saw the relation of these changes and the Celtic dreaminess to the genius that has shown itself among

these people. Especially acute was his realization that such traits bear some relation to did not understand that the genius is not insane but specially predisposed to insanity because of his delicately organized nervous system. When the genius becomes clinically insane he ceases, perforce, to be a creative art-All the confusion about genius and insanity is unnecessary if these simple facts be kept in mind.

Poet and Blacksmith.

The professor came to be a neighbor of the blacksmith in the year As he walked daily past the 1837. closer to the seething bar where she nor boat could survive a minute. At struction but an hour away, Captain the roaring bar now but a cable's "My friends," said he. "In an hour from now it will all be over. This will be our last Christmas day. We have but little time in which to say our last words. Therefore, what shall of the town still did their washing.

The name of the street where lived the blacksmith and the professor is the same today as in their time. If you visit the great city of Cambridge you will easily find your way to Brattle street, and the homes of "The Village Blacksmith," by name Dexter Pratt, and of the professor and poet, W. Longfeilow.-Vlyn Johnson, in St. Nicholas.

Banana a Bread Fruit.

The orange, apple and banana cannot be compared for the reason that they represent three extreme types. The orange contains no starch and the banana is nearly all starch. The apple stands midway between the two. One can make a meal of ripe bananas, but ripe oranges would, by themselves, hardly suffice. The orange is a re-freshing food, the banana a nourishing food. The orange and the apple should be consumed with other food, and wheras one might eat half a loaf of bread and half a dozen apples, he would be very foolish to cat half a loaf of bread and a half dozen bananns. The banana is really a bread

Excusable.

"Those Dubwaites put on a great many airs, merely because they have had the same cook for more than twenty years."

"There are some forms of vanity I "and keeping the same cook for more than twenty years is one of them."

Gulding Fingers. A machine has been perfected which will copy to the smallest detail in a piece of stone fastened under its cutting tools a statue carried under guid-

ing fingers.

Cloero's Estimate of Freedom. The recovery of freedom is so splen did a thing that we must not shun even death when seeking to recover it.

WARSHIPS MUST HAVE AIR

Ventilation is Secured Through Watertight Trunks, Which Are Continued Up to Weather Deck.

One of the most difficult problems

in building a modern battleship is to

secure satisfactory ventilation, says the Minneapolis Journal. A ship is such a complicated thing, made up of many steel boxes, large and small, for the accommodation of officers, men, coal, ammunition and stores; dotted here and there with so many steel ladders, automatic lifts, steel bulkheads, and watertight doors, varied here and there by miles of electric wires belonging to lights, telephones, bells and motors, to see nothing of the endless mileage of pipes for flooding, draining, pumping, fresh water, fresh air or compressed air, and speaking tubes. First in importance comes the ventlinting of the boiler and engine rooms. When you begin to think of the gangs of coal black demons working away in the bowels of the ship at a temperature of 120 degrees; when, too, you commence to realize that unless the furnaces receive their required draught the speed of the battleship drops to below that of her sisters in the squadron, you appreciate the importance of steam-driven fans to the furnaces and boiler rooms. The supply of air comes down through large watertight trunks which are continued right up to the weather deck, armored gratings being provided at the protect-

For ventilating engine rooms, large electric fans are employed. So, too, the coal bunkers have to be ventilated, owing to the gas which the coal gives off. This gas, when mixed with air, forms an explosive; s8, in order to prevent a possibility of injury to men or ship, a supply and an exhaust pipe are fitted in such a manner as to cause a current of air.

JUNGLE FARM OF 50 ACRES

Only Ranch in World Where Crops Are Produced for Exclusive Use of Wild Animals.

On a large tract of ground on the outskirts of New York city there is the only farm in the world where crops are raised for the exclusive se of wild animals. Little is known even in the metrop-

olis, about this curious jungle farm yet it covers about fifty acres, and has been in existence for some time. It has gradually become a veritable clearing house for foodstuffs for more than 5,000 captive beasts, birds, and reptiles hailing from all parts of the world, who now live as one happy family in the fine New York Zoological park.

Until the establishment of the farm, the provision of a bountiful and varied menu which would satisfy the residents of the zoo and keep them in good health the year round, was a most difficult matter, particularly in winter; but the products of the farm have solved this problem perfectly. Not only do these include corn, carrots, maniac-depressive insanity, though he beets, cabbages, turnips, potatoes, and other good things that delight the appetite of vegetarians among the jungle folks, but the needs of the carnivorous beasts are also looked after. For this purpose, the farm contains several big breeding houses in which are raised large quantities of chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, white mice, pigeons, squabs and pigs.

The Pilot's Heart.

"The romance of the air," writes an aviator of some experience, "is a difsmithy and the simple comfortable home of the blacksmith, he came to watch and know the kindly man. It was not long before they became good friends. The blacksmith was proud of his home, and doubtless told the professor how happy he was when, in 1825, he had made his first arrangements to buy it from a man named Torrey Hancock. And perhaps sometimes they talked about the wonderful spring that was famous for its clear and sparkling waters, for this was right at hand. Below the spot where the spring gushed forth, the women of the town still did their washing.

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Hardwood Floors Darkened.

generally need to be scraped. Sometimes a paint or varnish remover, bought at a paint shop, is used first. One housekeeper improved a discolored floor by scrubbing it hard, using naphths seep and adding months. colored floor by scrubbing it hard, using naphtha soap and adding washing soda to the water. She did only a small piece at a time, using one of the small wooden-backed nail-brushes with very hard bristles. Cracks can be filled with a mixture of sawdust and glue. This can be darkened with a little burnt umber to match the floor. In mixing use water 20 parts, glue one part and sawdust as necessary. Another filler is a multiple filler is a multiple

against the town be presented numeral from Gohenville, Pa., on the plot of ground owned by the Lutheran church, stunted on the Bowersox farm. He hands for the very wear of the content of An odd-shaped hickory tree grew on the J. H. Bowersox farm about a mile can condone," replied Mr. Glithersby, high to the top part of the hook, or

LITTLETON

The United Workers will hold their January meeting on Wednesday, Jan-uary 2. Hostess, Miss Martha H. Kimball; leader, Mrs. Fred S. Kimball. "Mohammedanism in Africa.

The Alliance calendar announces The Alliance calendar announces a eception to the young people in the estry of the Unitarian church on anuary 4 in charge of Mr. and Mis. H. Whitcomb and Rev and Mis. J. J. Fairfield. Music by Marac Wilson. CON.

The C. E. topic for the next meeting is "Planning for the future"

The King's Daughters will hold heir annual business meeting nev Tuesday. A large attendance is required, and all who have completed their seven-inch worsted squares are requested to give them in. John Tarbox moved his household

goods and took his family to New survivort the last of the week. He has found employment in a wet wash aundry of that city.

Misses Laurice Flagg, Elizabeth Brown and Margaret Commt are with the home people for the holiday sea-A. Heywood Knowlton is entertain-

A. Heywood Knowiton is entertaining his room-mate and two college friends from Camp Devens over the week-end. His cousin, Mr. Hayford, of Chicago, now stationed at New London, Conn., in the U.S. N. service, was a Christians guest. The Normal school girls are enjoying a vacation with the home people.

The grade schools had their Christmas festival, with literary and musi-

cal program, followed by exchange of gifts, last week Friday. Foster Kimball is at home from mherst, and with other members of hee family accepted the hospitality of he George A. Kimballs Christmas

Misses Evélyn Kimball, of Athol, and Katherine Kimball, of Williamstown, were in town for the holiday scason.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ireland, of Gardner, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ada Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb en-tertained her sisters and brothers on Tuesday.

Eight young ladies received the right hand of fellowship at the Unitarian church last Sunday.

A. W. Knowlton, son and spent the holiday with the H. Mrs. A.

Edwin Esten returned to his posi-tion on Wednesday after his two-weeks leave of absence.

Eugene Esten has been working in the express office at Ayer during his acation.

vacation.

The day before Christmas a mailbag and two pounches, thrown from mail cars, were destroyed and many of the contents were lost. This may account for many misunderstandings relative to Christmas remembrances not received.

Langdon Prouty is the purchaser of a new Ford car.
William L. Pickard has ordered a milking machine. Edward Wesley is one of the dairy men lately to install

After the ceremony refreshments were served in the dining room.

most ciproma reward the rener of toese several post cards have been remobile.

Misses He'en and Hannan Dalge stationed at Jacksonville, Fla

the hospituity of Mi and Sirs Derial, the noise of Mrs. Orville ressender min Taft of Ayer, Christinas.

The selection request that all least hold a very serios time with her hand against the town be presented immediasable to use it considerable now. It intely, as the hooks for the very wall is eighten, weeks since she was being be closed on December 21.

The community sing will be con-nued after the New Year, but a diferent meeting place will be selected. Ralph Hill was at home for the

pear on the coats of many weaters.

forces and a few days ago his brother W. R. Peabody, received a letter fron him saying he was well and hearty

has good food and good quarters and

hung at half mast all day Friday.

school—John H. Davidson, supt.; John G. Gilchrest, asst.; Miss Mildred Arch-ibald, sec.; Miss Thelma Brown, treas.; Miss Edna Adams, lib.; Mrs. S. U. Me-Intyre, supt. cradle roll; Mrs. Carl E. Brown, supt. home dept.

roll: Mrs. Carl E.

times near the village.

Christmas Exercises.

Littleton

News Items.

likes the service.

school enjoyed a Christmas tree at their schoolroom on Friday afternoon of last week. The children entertain-of their parents and friends week but has since been with tela tives in Portland.

t their parents and friends ongs and recitations. The school board held their monthly Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Burtt and bacy from Brooklyn, N. Y., spent Christmas with her people, the E. A. Flaggs. Miss Laurice Flagg was also with the home meeting at Daniels academy building last Friday afternoon.

Alfred Cox has returned to New York after it month's visit at the material home George W Mitton, state merchant representative for Massachusetts, announces the appointment of A. F. Containt a local merchant representative on the food administration board dor Boston last week

O D Lessenden spent two days in

The children of the viliage primary

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The led Cross met at the Elmwood on Friday A letter from Carl Clifford, who is somewhere in France, was read. He is expecting to be granted a two weeks furlough, which he will spend in visiting towns in the vicinity of his headquarters. He is very comfortable studied and enjoying doing his bit for his country, her where Columns and the past.

wew members in town during the past walter Gilmore of South Brooklino week and now the bright red symbol is seen in the window of nearly every house in town, while the buttons approar on the costs of many weathers. Another of our Lunenburg boys has been heard from "somewhere in France." Several months ago Joseph L. Peabody enlisted in the forestry department of the U. S. expeditionary Harry Hall and family of Fitchburg and Charence Stickney of Boston were holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Adella Whitcomb.

Miss Margaret Whealon of Athol, Mass, is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Charles Dunbar, for a two weeks' vacation.

William Hall is at home for Christ-

Another of our boys, James N. Grarelle, one of the first draftees from
this town, who left here October 5, has
been heard from in a way that makes
our hearts very sad and makes us
realize what war is and our boys so
far away from home Mr. Gravelle
was a member of an engineering regiment of American expeditionary forces The members of the Federated Sunday schools gave their annual Christ-mas concert on Sunday morning. The children pleased the congregation with was a member of an engineering regi-ment of American expeditionary forces and died of spinal meningitis Decem-ber 17 in France. His mother lives at 41 Kingman street, Lunenburg. News of his death was received here on Thursday evening and the town flags

mas concert on Sunday morning. The children pleased the congregation with songs and recitations. There was a reading by Mrs. Clarence Russell and remarks by Rev. Mr. Kelley. Mr. Kelley has been cailed as a pastor for the Federated churches and began his duties last Sunday. The service in the evening consisted of singing, remarks by Rev. C. W. Dockrill and a Christmas sermon by Mr. Kelley.

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet, Emily Rideout was held at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. She leaves a son, Elmer J., of this town and a daughter, Mrs. William Hobart, of Nashua. Four grandchildren, Clarence and Clayton Hobart of Nashua, Harold Hobart of Proctor, Vt., and Edith Hobart of Nashua, mourn her loss. She also leaves one brother. Daniel Hayden, of Hollis. Mrs. Rideout was born in Hollis about eighty-one years ago. The body reposed in a gray casket and was surrounded by beautiful flowers. Rev. C. W. Dockrill of Arlington, Mass., officated, assisted by Rev. Mr. Kelley. Miss Marion Stiles, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown and Harlan Whitcom's sang "Abide with me" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Burlal was at the South cemetery. hung at haif must all day Friday.

T. B. Snow, the mighty Nimrod of the town, proudly exhibited a fox weighing twelve pounds, which he bagged near the Savage place last week Thursday. Forces are reported as unusually plenty this winter and are often seen playing in the fields and sometimes near the village. times near the village.

At the annual meeting of the Congregational church the following officers were elected: Geo. C. Jewett. treas.; John H. Davidson, aud.; John G. Gilchrest, collector; Warren Lewis, ex. com. 3 yrs.; Mrs. Wm. Harley, ex. com. 3 yrs.; Mrs. Wm. Harley, ex. com. 3 yrs.; Mrs. Wm. Harley, ex. com. 3 yrs.; Mrs. L. A. Whiston, Miss Fannie C. Graves, Miss Blanche E. Lancey, music com.; Mrs. Wm. H. Adams, Mrs. Prederick L. Francis, Mrs. R. D. Field, social com.; Mrs. Carl E. Brown, Mrs. N. G. Bigelow, Mrs. Nettie F. Barter, calling and reception com.; S. U. McIntyre, Norman G. Bigelow, Carl E. Brown, jr. and Lawrence M. Bigelow, ushers. Suncay school—John H. Davidson, sapt.; John G. Gilchrest, asst.; Miss Mildred Arch-

AVIATION CORPS

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American aviation units have moved up to stations immediately behind the front in France. The vanguard of the new army of the air for which congress voted \$540,000,000 last summer is about to join the forces of land and sea in action against the Germans. The navy has tripled in size since the war began, and the army has multiplied itself by thirteen. These are rapid increases, but the first year plans for the air service call for an increase of more than a hundredfold. Last spring the aviation corps had

Institute in the purchaser of a give Yord core.

A new departure in Christmas down was tried at the Congregation of the dairy men lately to install a milking machine. Edward Wesley is one of the dairy men lately to install a milking machine.

Seventeen members of the Robinson family accepted the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brooks Edwards visited their parents recently before feaving for their new home in Kansas (Ity.

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Carlton Needham and Edwin Robinson, who lately enlisted, are in the medical or hospital corps at Cambon Common, who lately enlisted, are in the medical or hospital corps at Cambon Common, Supt. Several days last week as the guest of her sister in Springfield.

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sick and shut-ins, some at their homes and others at the sanatoriums

BROOKLINE, N H.

News Items.

Miss Juliette Gilson of Walpole, Vt. is spending a few days with her sister. Mrs. Amanda Russell. Mrs. Russell is passing the winter months at the home of Mrs. Nancy Daniels.

passing the winter months at the home of Mrs. Nancy Daniels, and home of Mrs. Nancy Daniels, and Mrs. Charles Holten has been a visitor in Nashua.

Dr. C. H. Holcombe and wife were in Mifford on Thesday last.

Miss Mattle Kent of Rochester, N. Whas been a guest at the home of William Shattuck.

Little Miss Alberta Elliett has been suffering with a sore thumo. The services of Dr. Holcombe were required to lance of the Mrs. Richard Wright, Mrs. George Rockwood, Mrs. Walter Farns worth.

Paysor Burge has been confined.

The Thrills of Youth.

After all, the joys of youth are fair

well distributed between the sexes an while a girl does not know the thr other filler is a pulp made from newspapers torn up and pounded into a flour and water paste. It hardens in the cracks.

Misses He'en and Hannan Daige statuered at Jacksonville, Fla Harry Powers is in the employ of the bridge as holodity guests of Miss Ess Holon and Maine railroad at discontant he and flower and Mrs. Powers are making their home that comes when one gets into our first pair of long pants, though even the track of the home of Mrs. Powers are making their home that comes when one gets into our first pair of long pants, though even the track of the home of Mrs. Powers are making their home how, on the other hand a boy doesn the hospit city of Mrs. Again (C. Smith accepted). Miss Jennie Sheridan is a guest at Nye and Mrs. Again (C. Smith accepted). Miss Jennie Sheridan is a guest at the hospit city of Mr. and Mrs. Bernar the home of Mrs. Orville Fessenden min. Taft of Ayer, Christmas.

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New Advertisements.

All Advertisements Appear in All the

Ten Papers We Publish "Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals owe,
All we believe and almost all know."

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

Saturday, December 29, 1917.

GROTON

Due to the scarcity of ammonia, which goes to make up a part of the process of making artificial ice, it looks as thought the rivers are to come own again this winter, for great activity is predicted in ice-cut-ting; and man goes back to Nature for

Mrs. Sawyer, mother of Mrs. Millard Sawyer, was the guest of Mrs. George Mason on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Blood, of Beverly, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Blood's mother, Mrs. May Blood, Main

street.

Lovers of cheese may be somewhat surprised to learn that their favorite delicacy, that in the past used to be imported from Europe, is now being supplied by South America. Europe is retaining what is made over there for her own pressing needs. The average monthly imports from Europe used to be about 5,200,000 pounds, but in the month of August of this year exactly ninety-nine pounds were imported. Argentine has now turned to cheese making on a large scale, and is now placing large quantities in the United States.

The meeting of the W. R. C., slated for Tuesday, January 1, will be omitted. The first meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 15. when there will be a joint installatio of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

The Community club will be enter-tained at the home of Mrs. Reynolds on Friday afternoon, January 4. Mrs. David Gibson entertained over

the recent holiday her sister, Mrs. Wil-llam Gleason, and family.

The Misses Gertrude and Helen Forbes, of Worcester and Lancaster, respectively, spent Christmas at home with their mother. Miss Helen remains for the rest of her vacation.

The Girls' Knitting club of the high school has finished 21 sweaters and 4 mufflers for the Red Cross this term. Much interest has been shown by them and their work has been reported as exceptionally good.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be held at the home of Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish, Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 2.30.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer spent Christmas day with their son Howard and family in Marblehead. The young people's dancing club will on Thursday, January 3, at Odd

Fellows' hall. Mrs. Leila Nutting and Mrs. Fannie B. Woods were entertained over the Christmas holiday at the home of Mrs. Nutting's sister, Mrs. Simmons, of

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The music section of the Woman's club. A lorse attendance in the shore of Mrs. Charles B. Ames on Wednesday evering, January 2, at 7.30, to begin on a cantata to be given in March before the Woman's club. A lorse attendance is desired.

Herman Fraze, Elm street, received were saved on the death of his father, who was in California.

The usual Christmas festivities of the Bapits church were observed on Tuesday evening with a good number present. An interesting program was much enjoyed by all, which consisted of recitations by the children choruses, a Christmas reading by Miss Jacomis, vocal solo by Mrs. Robley and a vocal duet by Dorethy Stevens and Bertin.

Mose. On the Samman delighted the children with his gifts. Ice cream and fancy cookies were served.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dugas spent the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dugas spent the holiday with Mrs. Dugas papents and sister, or Fichioury, Christmas, and Stifts. Ice cream and fancy cookies were served.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blood, of Court street, cnertained Mrs. Blood's paperetts and sister, of Fichiourg Christmas.

Miss Annie Cullen, who has come to Groton as its district and school nurse, has becun her duties in town and would be glad to have anyone call her at any time. She is at present at the home of Mrs. Roy Cunningham.

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the home of Mrs. Roy Cunningham. Miss Annie Mooney was a guest over Christmas of Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish.

Christmas of Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish. Word has been received from Stanley Sawyer that he has reached his destination. Houston, Texas, the temperature being far different from that in New Rochelle, N. Y., where he was stationed. In Texas it is very warm. He writes of going about in his shirt description.

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The Christmas festical at the Conscregational church on Tuesdav evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. After a bountful supper an interesting program, consisting of sins.

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George Elder, of Ayer, was a guest t the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robley at the home of M on Christmas day.

Maurice Hayes, student at Harvard college, Corporal John J. Connole of Camp Devens, cousins of Mrs. Daniel Crowley and Miss Mary and Harold Fitzgerald of Cambridge spent the holiday with Mrs. Daniel Crowley and femily.

The engagement of Rev. C. B. Ames, who was to have spoken before the L. B. C. Alliance Branch of the Unitarian church of Pepperell last Friday inference at the home of Mrs. James spent the holiday vacation with their E. Dunn, was cancelled on account of parents.

the heavy storm the night before, which rendered the roads almost imassable.

William Burton Robinson is direct ing a large choir that is to sing at the dedication of the new tabernacle in Ayer on December 30.

Miss Mary McPartland was a recent guest of N. R. Graves of Shirley Center Dr. and Mrs. Eversole, who recently took a trip to New York city, have returned.

Albert B. Farwell and family spent he Christmas holiday with Mrs. Far-tell's relatives in Winchester.

Mrs. Thomas Aitken is reported as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson are enjoying a visit at the home of their con, William Patterson, and family at Norfolk Downs.

Albert B. Farwell and Herbert W. Taylor have been drawn on the jury and are to report at Cambridge Monlay, January 7.

Clayton McKean of Springfield joined his family Tuesday marging at the

ed his family Tuesday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. S. P. Mc-Kean, for the Christmas holiday.

Mrs. Edward Cox of Springfield, Vt., visited Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Mrs. F. G. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fitts left here Saturday morning for Mansfield, where they spent their Christmas vacation with their daughter.

Mrs. George L. Boynton's sister and daughter, who have been east on an extended visit with relatives, returned to California last week.

Edward Attken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aitken, is at home on his Christmas vacation from Hanover. N. H., where he is a student at Dartmouth college. He expects to return on Jancollege.

uary 8.

The community Christmas tree which was lighted at eight o'clook Tuesday evening was beautiful in its colorings of red, white and blue lights, together with the brilliant star which ornamented its top. At this time the townspeople from its different churches where Christmas gatherings were being held, and from their homes, met to sing carols about the tree. Each evening since Christmas the tree has been illuminated and it is understood that it will continue to be until New Year.

Miss Helen Gay, who is attending the Bridgewater Normal school, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gay.

Services will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday, Arthur S. Burrows of Boston, preaching. The subject for the morning sermon will be "Old year witnesses" stories"; subject for the eveing, "Old year wishes."

ming. "Old year wishes."

The regular weekly drill of the state guard was held in the town hall at eight o'clock on Wednesday evening. After a short drill in close order work the company, under the instruction of the sergeants, did interior guard duty. The men in the front rank of the first squad reported to Sergt. Shaw and Corp. Ames for practice in target shooting at the indoor range in the town hall basement. Later, the whole company went through setting-up exercises, under Sergt. Shaw. On next Wednesday evening the first squad is to report at 7.15 to Sergt. Shaw for target shooting at the indoor range.

Mrs. Everett Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warren dined with Mrs. William B. Warren on Christmas day.

Much sympathy is expressed for the many friends of the family—for those who mourn their great loss.

About Town.

Last Sunday was observed in the churches as Christmas Sunday. At the Unitarian church communion was observed, and the vestry very attractive in its Christmas green attire. There was a good attendance and a fine sermon.

oner hast Sunday she was surprised to find her son, Lieut, Edwin Samp-son, at home for a short furlough much to her delight. He could not stay through Christmas day.

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There is a talk of trying to have the three churches in the village unite, alternating first in one church and then in the other, making each church furnish fuel only one Sunday in tree.

Still River. furnish fuel only one Sunday in three.

holiday with Mrs. Daniel Crowley and family.

The annual meeting of the Groton local of the New England Milk Producers' association will be held in the close of the exercises stopped at the community tree and joined in the close of the exercises stopped at the community tree and joined in the close of the exercises stopped at the community tree and joined in the close of the exercises stopped at the community tree and joined in the close of the exercises stopped at the community tree and joined in the close of the exercises stopped at the close of the cross of the care in the close of the exercises stopped at the close of the cross of The various churches enjoyed their

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Mrs. Charles Harrington has been onfined to the house with the grippe and bronchitis, and is not yet able to

Mrs. Thomas Aitken is a little more omfortable at last reports.

The Groton School boys left on last week Friday morning for their homes to spend the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Ebert spent the Christ-nas holiday in Wallingford, Conn. Miss Nellie May Parish, who was eported in these columns as being ill,

Robert Forbes has returned to Groton and is working for H. M. Adams. Miss Helen Forbes, Alice Molson; Marguerite Leonard, Helen Gay and Maria May were all home for Christ-

Mrs. Francis Lawrence entertained her sister over the week-end and hol-

Christmas eve being stormy and very slippery the community singing was not entered into by as large a majority as it otherwise would have

Sergeant Charles, R. Woolley and Corporal H. B. Smith left Thursday night for Montreal, after spending the holiday and calling on friends, having to report at 9.30 Friday.

Mrs. George H. Cook was in town Wednesday to pass the afternoon with her mother before she left for Montreal.

of the matron, Mrs. Barteau, is a very dear-old-lady.-

Leon Barteau and Miss Bertha Ly-man of Northfield spent Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barteau.

Fred Barteau has moved his family to the Shattuck farm, where he is fore-Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barteau

J. B. Harrington of Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sherwin entertianed her family, the Bywaters of Groton, on Christmas day.

Miss Grace Bixby of Lincoln is visit-ing here during Christmas week.

Willard Perrin is quite seriously ill News Items. and in care of his physician. Morning w

on last week Tuesday evening.

E. K. Harrington feels unable to take the position assigned him on the above finance committee and has resigned in favor of A. T. Cuttrell, jr.

News Items.

Last Sunday morning Rev. L. H. Morse gave a christmas sermon in the Baptist vestry. Warren K. Harrod sang a solo. In the evening the Sunday school gave a cantata, using the Christmas program "Sons of Haly," sent out by the Raptist Dubli Italy," sent out by the Baptist Publication society. W. K. Harrod sang a solo, the primary department gave a exercise, "Our Italian neighbors," W

exercise, "Our Italian neighbors," W. C. Haskell sang a solo, the primary class sang a song. Master Luther Willard accompanying on the cornet, and he also gave a cornet solo. There were other numbers also, making the most enjoyable concert given for a long time. long time.

By invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haskell, Monday evening, all inter-ested gathered at their home for the annual Christmas tree that is usually held in the vestry of the church. All had a pleasant time.

overcoat, a nice gold watch, gold rings gilver, etc., altogether taking things

alued at over \$200. valued at over \$200.

Christmas passed on quietly in this village. Mrs. Joyce entertained her children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kenney and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin, Misses Agnes and Nellie Joyce, of Boston. John Neyland entertained his daughter. Mrs. Brospehan, and daughter. John Neyland entertained his daughter, ter, Mrs. Brosnehan, and daughter, and the Misses Nollie and Margaret Neyland, of Bellows Falls. Misses Grace and Edith Farnsworth, of Malden and Springfield, with their reported in these columns as being ill. is improving.

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Miss Katherine L. Lawrence took dinner with Mr. and Ms. J. K. Bigelow on the holiday; Mr. ahd Mrs. John Heeley entertained his daughter, from Lowell; F. W. Bateman and sister Eliza dined with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sprague entertained her aunt, Mrs. Eliza Stone, of Boston.

Morrill Sprague is at home from its studies at Andover for the holiday acation.

Fred Heeley, who enlisted in Low Fred Heeley, who callsted in Low-ell, and went to Fort Slocum, N. Y., for examination, was unable to pass and so was rejected, arriving home on last Saturday. He was disappointed that he could not serve in the army. He had tried five times before he could be enlisted, and then to be thrown down was rather hard.

West Groton.

The usual neighborhood tree was at the hall on Monday evening with the usual netertainment by the children and Santa Claus with his gifts.

The people at the town farm, five in number, wish to thank the Ladies' the control of the co

Mrs. Henry Gale, of Harvard.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse visited relatives in Worcester, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holiand in Jamaica Plain over the holiday.

Mrs. Joyce, who has been living at the old Hutchinson place, and whose son is in the army, sold her house, cow, farming tools, etc., By auction on Monday and has gone to live with friends in Aves.

friends in Aver-The Massachusetts fuel administra-tion has fixed the prices of coal for Harvard, through the local fuel com-mittee, as follows: Egg \$10.35; stove \$10.60; chestnut \$10.65. These are the

WESTFORD

maximum prices.

Center, The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney, Westford, has been illed in the East Cambridge probate court. Under its provisions Mrs. Whitney leaves \$5000 to the town of Westford to be 4000. surrounded by a merry company on Tuesday. At the Christmas dinner covers were placed for twelve. In addition to the family of seven there twere present from Boston Mr. and 1 Mrs. Samuel Richards, the Misses Minnembers of the Marvelous club.

Miss Evadne Harrington left on Wednesday for a visit in Worcester.

The Misses Elsie and Olive Tarbell of Hanover, N. H., are spending the week at the Tarbell home.

Miss Grace Bixby of Lincoln for the state of the country of the state of the state of the state of the country of the state of the

and in care of his physician.

N. G. Prootor of Townsend, coming on Saturday, spent until Monday with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding.

Morning worship at the Congregational Church at 10.45. Sermon by Rev. Douglas H. Corley: subject, "The annual audit." Sunday school at noon. followed by sermon by the pastor on 'Courage."

At a meeting of the community health council held in Ayer on Thurs-day Major E. K. Sprague was appoint-ed chief health officer with a view to conforming to the conditions in the other army cantonments in the country. He will co-operate with the local health authorities in the care of the cantonment and health conditions in towns adjacent to the camp.

The store of Charles R. White was Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrell, rr., and broken into and ransacked some time baby daughter spent Christmas at Tiverton, R. L., with Mr. Cottrell's coat left in the store the police beparents.

Mrs. L. G. Strand, jr., and little daughter visited her mother, Mrs. A. L. Harrington, from Monday until Thursday, and other articles were taked by Guiseppe Antonia, who escaped from the Industrial school on Wednesday.

The Universalist society will hold a dance in Odd Fellows' hall Monday evening at eight o'clock. Music by evening at eight 'o'clock. Music by Henault's orchestra of Fitchburg, Late cars to the camp and nearby towns. Refreshments will be on sale.

SWISS UNIVERSAL TRAINING

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News Items.

The Red Cross membersh.p drive has come to an end. Christmas morn
of the red committee and has reand applied in keeping with their value as regards a systematic, harmonious training of the body and development of its organs.

of a Swiss private of infantry.

As a result of the Swiss system the Swiss citizen soldier is the equal of any regular soldier is the equal of easy regular soldier in the world; and yet instead of making arms his profession-fas-the-asguigr does, he is free to devote the whole of the productive period of his life almost exclusively to the pursuits of civil life.

On the day that war was declared between France and Germany, the citizen soldiers of Switzerland were engaged in the peaceful occupations of civil life. Twenty-four later that little republic, with a population only about 100,000 greater than the population of Massachusetts, had 150,000 trained warriors upon her borders, fully equipped and organized for defully equipped and organized for de and 300,000 reinforcements or the march.

It costs nothing to masticate one's food thoroughly; this insures better di-gestion and less of the expensive, highly flavored food is consumed; money and health are saved.

English Oak Disappearing. English oak, says a book called "Amateur Joinery in the Home." Is the

most beautiful and durable of all the varieties of oak suitable for joinery but it is liable to warp unless thoroughly air-dried and seasoned by exposure Burglars again entered the railroad "We have known boards sawn from station last Sunday night. They did quite a bit of damage with their jimmics to the doors to waiting-room, baggage-room and office, and also smashed the telephone and gum mastate. The finest quality of this wood smashed the telephone and gun man-chine In the baggage-room were two trunks that arrived Sunday, belonging to Mrs. Anna Vaughn, which they broke open and ransacked the con-

tents, taking two suits of clothes, an IS REAL AMERICAN WONDER

Newly Examined Glacier in an Unex-plored Region-May Be Biggest in the Rockies.

We had reached a point of vantage whence we could overlook the whole of the unexplored region of the Rockies from Laurier Pass on the south to the Liard region on the No great secret could be concealed from us.

What did we see? A glance showed us that there was no heaven-kissing peak "taller than Mount Robson," writes Paul L. Ha-

But there were several magnificent mountains higher than any along the Finlay. Much the finest of all these lay far to the northeastward. It was mits, two of them peaks, the third and tallest an immense square block.

This mountain was big enough to have aroused our enthusiasm, and yet we gave comparatively scant heed to Far down the south slope of it. filling a great valley miles and miles

wide, there flowed a perfectly immense, glistening glacier. "That is what makes the Quadacha white," Joe conceded.

There could be no doubt about it For a long time I had realized that it would require a good-sized rock mill to grind up enough silt to color such a big stream as the Quadacha, but where was a mill big enough for the fob?

We were at least forty miles from it, for we were not fully twenty miles west of the works, and from the forks to the glacier must be at least twenty We were eight as one must travel in that region. Yet there that great white mass loomed up far and away the most notable phenomenon in that whole magnificent panorama. It is the biggest thing in the whole Finlay country. I venture to predict that when the glacier has been more closely examined it will be found to be one of

BEAUTY IS NOT LOVELINESS

in the whole Rocky Mountain system.

Women May Possess Both Qualifications, but a Combination is Rarely to Be Found.

"Benuty," at least as distinct from "loveliness," is a big word, writes Mar garet Steele · Anderson in Louisville Post. It has a certain spleador, it has a certain amplitude. You use it for the great things of the world; for the Parthenon and the lost chryselephantine five of Jove and of Athene: for the epics of Homer and Milton, as for Troy and the first host of Lucifer; for the music of Bach and Beethoven; for the face of Helen and the body of Brunhilda or of Siegfried.

But "loveliness" is a very different word—a smaller word and slighter, a word more delicate, more tender. It applies to the more human things. Helen is not lovely, she is beautifulbut, with rare exceptions, the women of Shakespeare have a certain appealing loveliness. Juliet is lovely, for all her strength and courage; the loveliness of Rosalind is piquant and that of Bentrix also; Miranda's is a wild and timid loveliness, that of Desdemona is most tender, that of Ophelia most tragical and touching. Portia, too, is lovely and Olivia-though these two, we admit, do barely escape being beauties: Viola, like Celia, has a sort of dainty leveliness, while Cordelia, Lear's daughter Cordelia, is as lovely

as Juliet herself.

White-Breasted Nuthatch. The familiar winter bird, the whitebreasted nuthatch, is the champion "steeplejack" of the world, says an exchange. It can travel headforemost down any tree trunk in the forest and

It does not know how, however, and so we must take it for its beauty and its society and let the rest go.

Sea-Lion Performers. Any boy who has gone to a circus knows what remarkable "stunts" sealions can perform-human beings can't do some of them. There is, of course the trick of balancing a big ball on their snouts and tossing it from one to another in that way. The sea-lion or-chestra is not particularly musical, but the animals can create an awful din by means of horns, drums and bells. The more clever of them can walk up a ladder and down, with a baton on their snout; while others roll over or dive when there is a tank. Each trainer tries new tricks with his lions, making sure at first that he can do all the most common ones.

Historic Pennant Sold. An interesting relic was sold in Glasgow the other day. It was the old yellow silk pennant of the Earls of Marchmont, on which are the St. Andrew's cross, the lion rampant, and other heraldic devices. The pennant is in a fragile condition and is thought to date back to the fourteenth or fifteenth century. It is satisfactory to know that this interesting relic of an earlier day was purchased by a Scotsman, and therefore will remain in Scotland.

Snakes in Australia. Australia is said to have about 100 species of snakes, three-fourths of

them venomous. The big pythons and rock-snakes are harmless, but as one travels from the various tropics southward the dangerous varieties increase in number, and in Tasmania all are venomous, though only five are really deadly.

Diligence and Good Luck. .Diligence, above all, is the mother of good luck."-Samuel Smiles.

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Harbor. John Harvey has been appointed resident mason at the McLain hospi-tal in Waverley. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey will soon move there.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cummings have closed their house, Riverview, for the season, and will spend the winter months at Elmbank with Miss Jennic

Word has been received from Herpert Cummings, son of B, C. Cum-nings, of this village, that he has been appointed chief sanitary inspector, appointed chief sanitary inspector, working for the American Red Cross under the direction of the U. S. public lealth service at Fort Worth, Texas:

After three weeks' illness Gilman 'onant is able to be out again. Mrs. B. C. Cummings was a guest of or. Walkins, Worcester, over the holi-

Miss Myrtle Gray, of Brockton, is ajoying a two-weeks' vacation at Willard E. Gray, who enlisted in the viation corps several months ago, is alled to report on January 5.

William Buckley was in fown a short time ago. He reported the birth of a daughter—Alice. Mrs. Mary Buckley, who lives with her son, has nearly regained her usual health. Mrs. Hannah Foss delightfully entertained the As You Like It club at a recent meeting by giving a "white elephant" party. The last meeting of the season will be held on New Year's ever gentlemen's night, at Sachem Villa.

down any tree trunk in the forest and can perform other dizzy gymnastic feats with astounding ease. The nuthatch makes nothing of thrillers.

The winter hawks occasionally try to catch asleep this weasel of a bird. The nuthatch, however, can scuttle around a tree trunk, thrice outpacing the squirrel at the same trick. The bird braves the bitter cold, and if it knew how it probably would hearten us in the winter days with something more cheerful than "Quank, quank."

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Don't put damp towels or napkins in the hamper. Dry them first or they will mildew.

New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS We wish to extend our heartfelt hanks to the members of the Grange and our kind friends and neighbors for heir acts of kindness and words of sympathy; also, for the beautiful flow-ers sent to us during our recent be-

Addie J. Smith, Josie M. Nokes, Frank L. Smith, Alice L. Raymor Willard Smith. Groton, Mass., December 26, 1917.

APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE



The above-named committee nect in the Lower Town Hall on Thursday Evenings, January 3,

and 17, 1918, at Eight o'clock for the purpose of hearing all persons interested in appropriations for the nsuing year. All articles to be inserted in the an-

nual Town Warrant must be in the hands of the Selectmen not later than January 10. As heretofore, any article calling for an appropriation must be approved by the Appropriation Committee, or have the required number of signatures. FRANK LAWRENCE BLOOD,

A HOWARD THOMPSON HARRY P. TAINTER, MOSELEY HALE, GEORGE & KNAPP, Appropriation Committee, Groton, Mass. Dec. 26, 1917. 3117.

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The daily labors of the Bee, Awake my soul to industry; Who can observe the careful ant, And not provide for future want? Saturday, December 29, 1917.

AYER

News Items. Rev. J. W. Thomas, Howard G. Hawkes, a soldier, and Hazei M. Man-chester, of Carlisle; Newell G. Hardison, a soldier, and Fannie J. Garland, of Auburn, Me.; Howard S. Dow, a soldier, and Mazie E. Burton, of Methuen; December 23, John R. Phillips, a soldier, and Viola Johnston, of Albany, N. Y. Married in Ayer, December 22, by

Services will be held in the Baptist church as usual on Sunday. Preaching at 10.45 in the morning by the pastor. Sunday school at twelve. At three and seven p. m. the church unites with the other churches at the dedication services in the new Federated house on West Main street.

ated house on West Main street.

The next meeting of the W. T. C. U. will be held at the White Ribbon House, East Main street, Friday afternoon, January 4, at 2.30 o'clock. Dr. N. Louise Rand, president of Middlesex county, and Mrs. Harriet E. Sawyer, president of Worcester-North, are expected to be present and address the meeting. The Pepperell union has accepted an invitation to meet with the local union as guests on this afternoon.

Among those who gathered at the home of O. K. Pierce for the Christmas dinner and Christmas tree were Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Pierce and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Richardson and son Edward, Sergt. Lester Marsh, from Camp Devens, and Miss Emily Cole.

Emily Cole.

The Ayer Brauch Alliance will meet at the home of Mrs. A. M. Phelps on Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 2.30 o'clock. The hostesses will be Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. F. C. Morrison Mrs. H. L. Farnswotth, Mrs. H. B. White and Mrs. W. U. Sherwin.

The installation of the G. A. R. and

W. R. C. officers will be held in Hardy's hall on Thursday afternoon, January 3, at 2,30 o'clock. Supper will be served at 6.39, after which the S. of V. installation will take place, followed by a social hour.

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A party of nineteen were entertained Christmas by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Taft. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Flagg, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Flagg and son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard White, son and daughter, William, Maurice, Irving, Webster Flagg, Misses Ruth and Dorothy Flagg, Mary Nye and Mrs. Annie Bmith—a good, jolly crowd, with plenty to eat and a good time was enjoyed.

Earl Hodgdon is laid up as a result

Earl Hodgdon is laid up as a result of an accident at Phelps' sawmili last week, when two fineers of his left hand were severed by a circular saw that he was operating.

Harlow & Parson cut their usual supply of ice this week at Flanagan's pond, filling their icehouse.

John H. Pender has enlisted for service in the aviation corps and is attending school for instruction for war service in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology building in Boston. Stephen J. Ryan is also a student for similar work at the same institution.

A number of soldlers from Camp Devens paraded through Main street Monday evening. Dressed in grotesque costumes, carrying brooms and led by a camp drum corps, they made merry during the evening to the enjoyment of a large crowd of spectators.

Prof. Fred Barry, of Columbia university, New York city, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry. Miss Gladys Briggs ended her duties

as bookkeeper at Charles E. Perrin's plumbing shop last Saturday evening. Miss Annie Cullen has been appointed district nurse for Groton, taking the place of Miss Towle, who recently

John McDonald received word a few days ago that Mrs. Hennebry, his sister and one son and a daughter, were saved in the Halifax disaster a short time ago. The first reports stated that Mrs. Hennebry was lost with all her children, but now they find that five of her sons were lost.

Private Leroy C. Smith of the sanitary detachment of the medical corps and Miss Amy Estelle Lougee were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. Selden Strong at Mr. Strong's home in Pingryville. There were no attendants. Mr. Smith left this Friday morning for Alabama, where he is assigned for duty in the 113th infantry at Camp McClellan. Both parties are well known and popular here in town. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith and is a graduate of the Ayer High school and Fitchburg Normal school. Prior to enlisting for war service he taught school Mason Turner. Co. A. 303d M. G. bm. Private Leroy C. Smith of the sani-Both parties are well known and popular here in town. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Smith and is a graduate of the Ayer High school and Fitchburg Normal school. Prior to enlisting for war service he taught school several years in Nutley N. J., and Walpole. The bride for several years has been employed in the First National bank of Ayer and will remain with them for the present. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Loukee.

Notice was posted Sunday last call. al bank of Ayer and will remain with them for the present. She is a daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Lougee. groom came home from the South

The schools will reopen next Wednesday morning after the Christmas

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday, January 2, the program will be given by the topics of the day class. It will be by home talent and

When the car reached a point about half a mile from Spencer it jumped the track, skidded across the street and rolled over on its side into an embankment. In all there were eightoen persons injured.

Jenness W. Brown took possession of his lunch room this week Friday ufter a vacation of several months. M. Clement, who leased the place from Mr. Brown, closed the place from Mr. Brown, closed his connection with the business on Thursday night. The excellence of Mr. Brown's service and the food served is too well known for any extended comments.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Brown, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Christmas day. They stopped in Groton over the holidays, where Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. F. F. Waters, fives.

All special trains on the Boston and Maine railroad which have been on the schedule for several months, were discontinued last Saturday.

Albert S. Blood, police officer, gaptured two escaped inmates of the Shirley Industrial School for Boys, Thursday. Word of the escape was sent to the Ayer police by the school authorities who asked that a watch be kept for the boys. The officer, getting a tip that the fugitives were seen about the south railroad yard, discarded his uniform for civilian garb and went to the above point where he found the boys. They were taken to the police station and later were returned to the school. Incidentally the officer is ten dollars richer for the capture, five dollars being the reward given for each and every boy returned to the institution.

The local members of the legal ad-The local members of the legal advisory board, whose duty it is to help those called for the draft in making out their questionnaires, are busily engaged in their work at the court quarters in the bank block. One day recently more than fifty of the papera were made out. When one considers the volume of questions in even one questionnaire, some idea of the work done may be obtained.

done may be obtained.

There will be a special business meeting of the Federated church in their vestry on Wednesday evening. January 2, at eight o'clock. Important business will be transacted and all members are urgod to attend.

Michael J. Carey and Charles A. Mullin were drawn as traverse jurors at a meeting of the board of selectmen on Monday night. They will report for duty at the superior court, civil session, at East Cambridge, Monday morning, January 7. Raiph O. Jenkins was drawn as a grand juror.

Miss Anna G. Taylor, a school teach-

Miss Anna G. Taylor, a school teacher in North Wilbraham, is spending the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J.

Taylor.

Frank Dickerson, who appeared before the Lowell police court, Wednesday, on complaints of breaking and entering and larceny, was identified by the officials of the Division 1 exemption board of that city as a certified registrant, who was ordered to report at Camp Devens on September 10 and failed to do so. He was taken to Ayer by Inspector Walsh of the Lowell police department and turned over to the military authorities at the camp. The civil and military officers have been fafter Dickerson for the past four months. nonths.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis LaPointe left Boston on Wednesday for St. Peters-burg, Fla., for the rest of the winter.

burg, Fla., for the rest of the winter.
All railroad men serving as soldiers at Camp Devens have been ordered to be returned to their former occupations by the government, the idea being that they are more important in the work of handling the railroad traffic at this time than as soldiers. The discharges from military work, however, are provisional, as the men may be recalled for military duty at any time at the discretion of the government.

The dedication of the new officers'

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satuabay, "Dreember 29, is joined Groton lodge, I. O. O. F. in september, 1846. Later he joined Freddonian lodge of Shirley, in 1846, as a charter member, and was the last charter member, and was the last charter member of that lodge. When Robert Burns lodge was instituted in 1872 he joined it as a charter member ber and has continued to be an honoring ber and has continued to be an honoring eight years he was treasurer of the lodge, and had the rare disdiration of being a charter member of three lodge, and had the rare disdiration of being a charter member of three lodges. At a meeting of Robert Burns lodge in honor of his long membership as a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the deep continued to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, covering a period only to those having been a member of the order, order of the order, order of the order, order of the order, order of the orde

and larbell, of Manchester, N. H., a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon with services at the house at 1.30 o'clock, which were performed by Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church, Mr. Thomas paid a fitting tribute to the deceased of his work as a public official for many years and as a chizen. He also referred to the long and faithful work done by the deceased for the Odd Fellows, in which he was particularly interested, and of the Savings Bank. A short: Odd Fellows' service was held. Representatives, of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., attended the funeral; also, a delegation of Vesta Rebekah lodge. The beavers were Edward A. Richardson, John L. Kennison, George B. Turner and Aifred Yates. The interment took place in Woodlawn-cemetery.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Shoe and Leather Journal of Decem-15, published in Toronto, Canada:

Many friends in the shoe trade will learn with deepest regret of the death of Melville L. Savage, which occurred in Winnipeg on December 7. He had not been feeling well for the past few weeks, but with characteristic energy and indomitable will, kept at his work. It was only a fortnight before his death that he was taken to the hospital and aithough the best medical attention possible was given, there

Clipping.

his death that he was taken to the hospital and although the best medical attention possible was riven, there was little hope from the first. Heart fallure and encumonia were the immediate cause of his demise.

"Mel!" Savage, as he was familiarly called, was one of the most popular and widely known shoe travelers in Canada. Big in sympathy, geniality and physical proportions, his good in turned was proverbial and among his numerous customers he numbered sten years he had represented the Tetrault Shoe Manufacturing Co. of Montreal, and J. A. & M. Cote, of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, throughout the five years of age, secured his first position with the Boston and Maine railing the hospital and was a ticket seller at the North Station in Boston. Later he came to the Maritime Provinces and for some years was in the retail shoe business in Fredericton and St. John, N. B., and then entered the traveling ranks.

A few years ago he and George H. Ferquson, Western Canada representative of Clark Bross. St. Stephen, N. Christmas Pageant.

on Wednesday, January 3, the program of the word of Aper's most class. It will be by home them and an interesting meeting meeting of the program of the prog

One of the most beautiful effects was produced, when, during the singing of "Silent night," the church being in darkness, the silvery radiance of a star burst forth high above the altar. The silence was broken by the sound of chimes in the distance and the sound of a belt tolling low twelve. Next was heard the singing of "Adeste Fideles," by a chorus of children off stage to which the quartet responded with "Hark, what mean those holy voices?" Then Miss Bery! Proctor came on and sang, "Shine on, shine or. She was followed by the rest of the children who awakened the sleeping boys and proclaimed Christmas morn.

asked that their gratitude be expressed to the children for their little gifts and for the real Christmas spirit that they had created.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

George Bernier, who enlisted re-ently in the engineers corps, was ently able to come from Maryland to spend Christmas with the Franklin Dean family.

There was a family gathering of more than twenty at C. T. Wetherbee's home on the holiday, comprising the children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence spent Christmas in Stow with their daugh-ter, Mrs. Clarence Braman. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moss of Waltham were guests of Mrs. Porter.

C. B. Robbins has installed a tgle-phone in Mrs. Priest's house, where the family is spending the winter. The number is 103-5.

Mrs. Kathan of Somerville is visit-ing her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Richard-

It is pleasant to record that Mrs. Albert Littlefield, who has been sick for some weeks, is slowly but surely gaining. She is greatly missed in all social activities and her improved condition s the best of news to her many friends The Livermores had a family gathering on Christmas with all the children present, but Waldo, who is quarantined at Camp Devens.

Arrange of the Section of the Sectio

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his son Whitney a most welcome letter. In this he says that he was sixteen days crossing the water in a vessel made famous in recent years by its frequent rescue wors. The Sammies were met by grateful English who stood with upraised hands as the boys landed. They are jubilant with rejoicing over the arrival of American soldiers and they love President Wilson as though he were king of England. The city from which he wrote is encircled by high hills and constant watch for an air craft is kept by the force on guard. The women, dressed in overalls, are busy in the various employments usually undertaken only by men. In conclusion he says that by the time his letter reaches home he will be in France. This, he thought, might be eliminated by the censor, but it passed.

The annual parish meeting and supper of the Unitarian society will be held in the vestry next Monday evening. The committee announce that the supper will be Hooverized to meet the demands of the times. They will provide sandwiches and coffee and request that everyone in attendance shall carry a pound of food ready to be eaten. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fletcher and niece, Miss Reba Doyle, were in the ac-cident that happened a few days ago in Spencer when a trolley car in which

in spencer when a troley der in which they were riding jumped the track, crossed the road and hitting an embankment, fell over on its side, injuring nine passengers, of whom Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher were two. Miss Doyle escaped uninjured: Harold W. Conant and family spent Christmas at F. B. Priest's.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Brown were holiday guests of their sister, Mrs. Charles Gordon and family in Newton. Miss. Reba Doyle is visiting her cousin, Mrs. P. L. Brown. Mrs. Albert E. Hopkins has been visiting relatives in Wakefield through the Christmas season.

John E. Gardner spent Christmas Depot Square

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AYER, MASS

A successful and very happy Christ-mas celebration is reported at the dif-ferent churches with plenty of pres-ents and enough good things to cat and very entertaining programs. Mrs. Ada Bradlee of Tilton, N. H.

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Church Notes.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "A backward look." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening everelebration at the town hall was eve celebration at the town hall was left the sketch, "Good Samaritans today," which was presented under the auspines of the Sunday school. In raising money for the Aremenian relief, the work of Mrs. G. W. Burroughs, the cast of characters in the sketch, and in particular the beautiful spirit of the children in going around in their districts and soliciting money for the same purpose were highly appreciated. All the money that the generous-hearted Boxborough people contributed to the cause amounted to \$80.19.

The pastor is pleased to hear that the cause amounted to \$80.19.

The pastor is pleased to hear that the west Acton Baptist Sunday school children raised the sum of \$125 to for Armenian relief.

ILITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Ada Bradlee of Tilton, N. H., is spending several weeks with her son, Arthur Bradlee, and family. She relates an interesting anecdote of recent date. Her black cat, "Nig," which was prescribed and daughter moved from town a few months ago, had been much sought for by different members of the family, but in vain. A few days ago she appeared in Mrs, Bradlee of Tilton, N. H., is spending several weeks with her son, Arthur Bradlee, and family. She relates an interesting anecdote of recent date. Her black cat, "Nig," which was prescribed and daughter moved from town a few months ago, had been much sought for built in vain. A few days ago she appeared in Mrs, Bradlee of Tilton, N. H., is spending several weeks with her son, and date, left for parts unknown and the next day she came again and jumped into the very room in a different heavy to the very room in a different heavy to the very room in a different heavy to the very r is spending several weeks with her son, Arthur Bradlee, and family. She re-

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Townsend has gone "over the top" in the Red Cross Christmas members ship drive with flying colors, and has not only secured its quota of 190 members assigned by the executive committee, but has an enrollment of 369 new members and 26 renewals. The oldest member of the auxiliary is Joseph Lawrence, aged eighty-eight years, and the youngest is Barbara Perrin, the little three-months old daughter of Mrs. Robert Fessenden's sister, who lives in Canada. The youngest member in town is little Edward H. Brooks, of Townsend Harbor, four months old.

The Birthday club will meet New

Center, were also present at the family

Miss Ruth Morse has returned with her sister, Mrs. Robertson, to Woburn, where she will spend the remainder of her school vacation.

fore the Christmas campaign was 225, which with the new enrollment of 369, makes a total membership of 694.

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A small band of, women at the Center and at the Harbor have been working dilinently during the late summer and fall, and the following articles have been sent to the American Found for French Caps. 4 pair service works. 12 harbosylatal socks. 15 wash colon. 15 wash mits. 12 floor mats. 6 match and ges. 40 comfort billows. 15 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages. 40 comfort billows. 15 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 15 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 15 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 day shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 days sinch bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 days shirts, 75 steeveless shirts. 12 abdominal bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 days sinch bandages, 40 comfort billows. 16 days and was read attendance of about four women at the meetings.

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six dollars was taken at the goof, the net proceeds of about twelve dollars given to the Red Cross.

Holiday Guesta.

Among those home for the Christmas season were Charles Howard, of Worcester Polytechnic, with A S. Howard; Hazel Richardson, teacher in Malden, with Levi Richardson; Ellery Kibourn, draftsman at Charlestown navy yard, with G. Wilder; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Glichrist of Winchester, Mabelie Temple of Fitchburg, Private W. Leonard Temple of West Point, Frank F. Temple, U. S. S. Terry, with J. Temple; Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bruce and son Nelson, with Mrs. Abbie Bruce; Orderly Elwin Swicker, of Camp Devens, with J. Misner; Gertrude Harden of Revalida Adams, of twenty was to have spoke. Li. White Gerls. C. Alliance Branch, er, Watertown, rian church of Pepperell Fancis Struth-Atlenton in the home of Sol, with Rev. E. Dunn, was cancelled on Millton Wil-

Center.

David G. Howard, lieutenant of the Junior grade at Annepolis, spent the week-end and part of Sunday with Mrs. A. Streeter and son Norman, of Waltham, with T. E. Flarity Mr. and Mrs. Howard at the home of Rev. A. L. Struthers, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howard. Lieut. Howard was obliged to return to his duties Sunday afternoon. He was regretted by his home folks that he could not stay over Christmas with them. It was also a disappointment that Harold Morse, who has received the rank of ensign, was called to report at Washington and could not be present at the home family gathering at J. Morse's on Townsend hill.

Townsend has gone "over the top" West.

The Ladles' Mission circle held their The Ladies' Mission circle held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lucy A Lawrence on last week Thursday afternoon and after the regular business meeting, at which the president, Mrs. Joseph MacKean, presided, the reading of the book, "Sons of Italy," which will constitute their winter program, was taken up.

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Mrs. Sawlor and family have the deep sympathy of the entire communi-ty who learn of their final official noti-fication of the fate of their only son

deep sympathy of the entire community where she will spend the remainder of her school vacation.

The Townsend hill library has received from the Agricultural college interesting literature on home economics, etc., which can be read at the brick college on the hill during library hours, or taken home by permission of the librarian, Miss Carrie Walker.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "The dividing of the ways." At the union meeting in the evening, held at the Methodist church, his topic will be "Watch."

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Itev, George Newhall will occupy the public in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. W. Van Kirk, who is spending the Christmas holidays at his western home in Ohio.

Miss Helen G. Whitcomb. A student at the Kernstein April. Sweath of the Girls' seminary, Northfield is spending her vacation with her partsents Mr and Mrs. G. L. Whitcomb.

Violet McKenzie, a teacher in Danielson, Conn., is spending part of her vacation at the home of her father, D. McKenzie, and part with friends in Pepperell

The membership of the auxiliary before the Christmas campaign was 225, which with the new enrollment of 584.

Harvard

Frank Harsch, of Boston, spent Tuesday here with his family.

Christmus Festivities.

The Christmas holidays were again brightened by a community tree for the children and an afternoon of festivities held in Memorial half Monday afternoon from one to five a clock For two hours the one hundred and fifts children present were entertained with games and other amusements in charge of Mrs John Fiper, Mrs H. Whiteomb, Mrs. J. Guinn and Misson Nenes Weston. At three o'clock the presents from the community tree were distributed to the children's friend. One hundred and eighty-sive preyents were either given out or sent to children enjoying a march, when each received and and eighty-sive preyents where either given out or sent to children enjoying a march, when each received an orange in place of the usual candy. In the evening many were present at the hall to see the popular photo play, "The Vicar of Wakefield," by Oliver Goldsmith, presented, Fortysix dollars was taken at the door, the net proceeds of about twelve dollars given to the Red Cross.

Holiday Guests.

At the moving picture show next Saturday evening in the town hall the exquisite little star, Mary Miles Minter, in the five act play, "Somewhere in America," desding with life in New York's underworld. This is full of thrills and excitement. Come and see it.

Public Safety Committee Notes.

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A party of seventeen young ladies of Harvard, under charge of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Putnam and Mrs. Earl Turner, acting in behalf of the public safety committee, attended a Christmas eve dance at the barracks of Company E of the 302d Infantry. Camp Devens. The party was transported in Ole Gabrielson's two-horse sled and had a merry time. The barracks were decorated profusely with evergreens; and excellent music was furnished by the musicians of Company E. A band of ladies from Shirley also attended, and there were songs, recitations and refreshments. Sergt. Richardson, nephew of Joseph Lee, of the recreation commission, was in charge. The Harvard girls proyed very popular and tion commission, was in charge. The Harvard girls proved very popular and were given an ovation on their de-parture.

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By WALTER JOSEPH DE-ME

They called the elevated stretch just north of Elsden "Hungry Hill," and it was not a misnomer. Certainly there were hungry people there, men, women and children to the number of over a hundred, housed in ramshackly structures that had not seen paint for a full decade, with leaky roofs and loose windows and doors and fast go-

ing to decay and disintegration. Elsdon was not a manufacturing town, but ten years back a rascally promoter had raided the place, plausibly affecting to turn the busy wheels of industry and bring trade and profit to the wealthy citizens who were induced to invest in the stock of the exploitation. A site was donated, a long rambling one-story factory building was constructed and the River Novelty company came into existence. Fifty workmen and their families were induced to move from the East and houses were built for them. The plant manufactured hardware novelties. started, halted for lack of capital, and it was then learned that the promoter had appropriated most of this and had absconded.

The old investors refused to put in another dollar. The plant was locked up and the workmen were left stranded. Some of them sought work elsewhere. The majority, however, re-mained. Some of the old workmen found desultory work at road making throughout the district, some became itinerant chore men, doing odd jobs about Elsdon. Some did not work at all. Everything was deplorable, from the raising of poorly nourished children to the loss of ambition among the stranded castaways. They were more than that—taboo, to the highly civilized

better class of the lower town. Hungry as were the denizens of Hun gry Hill, they were not too famished to ignore an unfortunate human dere lict who drifted their way one cold wintry evening, a man poorly clad and with a face expressive of pain and deprivation. He had slipped across a hummock of ice on the ill-kept street and had sprained his ankle. Kindly hands carried him to the nearest house It was that of a widow with four chil-

Mrs. Martha Boyd was a buxom heartsome creature whose husband had died, leaving her with no means The neighbors had clubbed together and had gathered up enough to start her in a very limited grocery business.

The two elder children, boys of eleven and thirteen, picked up occasional dimes and quarters doing odd chores about Elsdon. The mother was thrifty, popular and always happytempered

Matt Waldron, rover, half-tramp, was cared for pityingly. He told Mrs. Boyd he was homeless and had seen better days. So he was given a room in the house and became a fixture in the business. The children liked him and his respectful ways won the esteem of the Matt took a vast interest in all the

poor souls about town. He tidled him-self up at his best. There was a meeting of the selectmen at Eldson and before them he appeared. He told them of the indigent and ill at Hungry Hill. He showed them how it would not take much to fix up the old plant. Osiers and reeds grew all along the river. He knew considerable about basket weav ing. If the town would put in certain machinery and turn over a free lease of the plant and the tillable land adjoining it to the community, he would answer for working up a business that would give lucrative employment to

the poor souls around him and lift them from the mire. "If you won't do that," added Matt. when he noted the indifference in the faces of his auditors, "turn over the plant and its ten-acre site to me, provided I find some one willing to put up the capital to operate it."

There was no objection to this. The not investors were glad to get of an elephant on their hands. They doubted his ability to produce results, but agreed to help him out.

And now Matt Waldron, the roustabout, the ne'er-do-well, began to de velop. His backer was a methodical old man who left the direction of af-

great fancy.

The machinery was ordered, the old plant renovated. Gangs were sent down the river to cut the material Dr. C. A. Fox, Dentist needed, a flatboat purchased to float the finished were to market and first ten, then twenty and finally fifty hands were employed at good wages at the

> "Mr. Waldron, you're a regular magician!" declared the widow, as Matt showed her over the plant, alive with the buzz and bustle of practical indus-

"And what is that?" she inquired, as with shining eyes Matt took up a black clumsy lump from his office desk.

"New luck, grand luck, Mrs. Boyd!" proclaimed Matt, with an exultant ring in his tones. "Coal, tons of it, thousands of tons. By accident in digging n well I struck a vein ten feet down on the factory grounds. Hungry Hill is a vast coal bin and we're rich-my partner-the whole community-for shall share in the fine fortune a kind fate has sent to us."

It was true, and Hungry Hill blossomed from idleness into industry and from penury into opulence. And all joined in giving Matt and his bride a grand ovation after Mrs. Boyd had (Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.

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We gladly welcome mivestigation on both of these points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the business methods that will more than satisfy all who investigate.

INFORMAL DINNER GOWN



Given soft satins and filmy laces to vork with what designer of woman's clothes can resist draperles and frills? Satin, when it falls in folds, plays with the light and reveals all the beauty of color, and lace has always some made of them both in the handsome dinner gown pictured here.

In the bodice very sheer black net is posed over white lace and bordered vith narrow bands of black paillettes. Over this satin is wrapped about the lgure in a drapery high as one side and terminating in long sash ends. These are knotted below the waistline and hang-to the bottom of the skirt, weighted with a handsome ornament ade of beads. The skirt is gathered at the waist and draped at the sides which is finished with a frill of lace.

ARE YOU WEARING COLORS?

They Should Be Used as an Emblem Not as a Dress Accessory, Declares Writer.

Every patriotic woman ought to ear the red, white and blue as a sign of her patriotism. But she ought to vear the flag as an emblem and a badge and not as a dress adjunct. declares a writer in the New York Sun.

Smartly dressed women everywhere have been among the first to adopt the custom of wearing a small gold enameled or ribbon flag on the coat lapel. Among women of official society in Washington there is hardly one woman who does not wear the tiny flag.

So highly do they regard the use of the colors, in fact, that among women who know what is correct, it is even customary to wear the tiny flag when n the deepest mourning. And in Washngton one frequently sees a woman in her first widow's weeds wearing the small flag on the lapel of her coat.

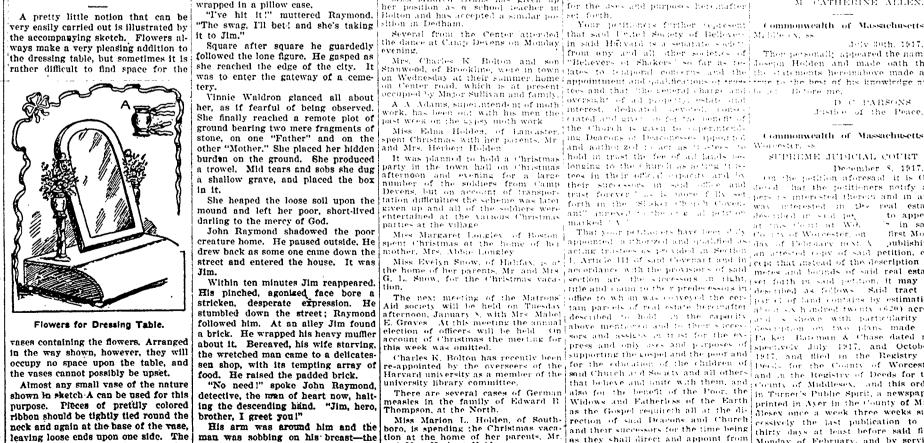
The small enameled pins are perhaps the neatness of these badges. If the tiny silk flags are used instead they should not be pierced by the pin that holds them in place. A tiny bit of silk chould be attached to the back end of the flag and this should be pierced with

The most-popular-badge of all is the tiny bow of red, white and blue ribbon, and as this is not the actual emblem there is no offense in tying it or in piercing it with a pin

FLOWERS TAKE UP NO SPACE

Make Pleasing Addition to Dressing Table When Vases Are Attached to Posts of the Mirror.

A pretty little notion that can be



neck and again at the base of the vase, leaving loose ends upon one side. The ends can be securely tied in smart little bows round the post of the lookingglass. The vase can then be filled with water, and the flowers prettily arranged in it.

Editors'. Exercise. Editor (to poet)-"I like your poet try, old top. I hate to throw a chap out without a reasonable excuse and this just fills the bill."

Always a Possibility. Always a Possibility.

"If I were a young man again," said a mechanic in middle life, "I would go to the farm and become independent, and nothing could hold me." Is every young man sure he won't be mying the may a thing some day!—St. Louis Pioneer Prise.

mond and his visitor bowed her face

in her hands and sobbed bitterly. He sat watching the convulsing figure, the fair goiden and modest attire, immaculately neat and modest attire. His was a hard, heartless business, And it had made his nature hard, but not heartless. The pitiful pleader had impressed him. For the moment he impressed him, For the moment he rigid bearing. A wave two weeks of school vacation at her home in town.

The Boy Scouts held a dance in Odd-week Friday evenure.-the fair golden hair, the cheap but

Quickly that human signal of emo-tion went to the mark. The girl looked She caught the trace of pity in that immovable face before the mask "Oh, sir!" she pleaded, "reconsider.

out yourself in my place. If you have I know him, sir. He has been bad and "Young lady," spoke Detective Rav-

mond, rising to his feet, "for your sake,

'You'll give him a chance?"

"His last one, yes." She had sunk to her knees before She had clasped his hand and was covering it with kisses.

Within the month Detective Raymond went before the state pardon nlias "The Ferrett," was released on Still later the detective noted a modest line in a daily print among the marringe licenses—"James Waldron and Vinnie Morse."

The detective could find no one willng to go hostage for Jim, so he had him paroled to himself. He felt it his duty to look up Jim within a month. happy pair living in two pretty rooms, neat; though humble.

The contented wife told him how Jim had "found a job." It was poor bay, but a beginning, and oh, they vere so happy!

Then, somewhat later, the detective met Jim coming home from work. There was no mistaking the manly spirit in the ex-burglar. His eye was

"How is it, Jim?" Raymond in-

"Grand, sir. Just to work, just to cep straight for her sake—bless her!" "Good for you, Jim. Keep it up," todded the detective with apparent indifference, but joy was in his soul.

For over a year Detective Raymond portant government case sent him to on the eve of a great burglary. A jewelry establishment had been looted. An expert had done the job, but his by John Raymond.

"It looks like Jim Waldron's oldtime work," he decided and proceeded to look up the ex-convict. At his old iome he learned that the Waldrons had left there four months previous.

missing couple. It was one evening at tenement house. His inquiry divulged had gone to another city, hopeful of

"And the poor lady, sir," said the detective's informant, "only yesterday she lost the little child, only ten days old. She has shut herself in her room and just mourns and mourns. See her -there she is now."

The detective, drawing back in the shadow, was shocked as a figure wearing a shawl about her came weakly down the stairs. It was Vinnie Waldron, but woefully white and thin, despair in her wan face.

He was about to speak to her, when her shawl moved aside. Under it she concealed a bundle, boxlike and

wrapped in a pillow case,
"I've hit it!" muttered Raymond. "The swag, I'll bet! and she's taking

brother, I greet you!"

His arm was around him and the man who, with his loyal wife, should and Mrs. Herbert Holden. never know want and poverty while

Opposites

We have two classes of unfortunates in this old vale of tears and laughter, those who can't get their minds on their work and those who can't get

Remember Your Soul. Never, admonishes Marcus Aurelius, must you forget that you have a soul; never must you miss a single hour in which it might render the slightest services to humanity

theirs off it .- Ohio State Journal.

News Items.

Shirley went over the top in the Red Cross of vive, getting 352 members and their quota was 360. The committee in charge are proud of Shirley's response to this most worthy appeal and all thankful to the people for the magnificient results. The boys of the Industrial school deserve special mention. Through the efforts of Supt. George P. Campbell, who told the boys of the splendid work of the Red Cross. 80 of the boys became members, also of the officers, which boosted Shirley in the drive.

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The Scouts netted \$31.32.

The President Suspender Co. gave the usual Christmas gifts to their employes. The sum of five dollars was given to the head of each home or family and all employes who have worked for the company twenty-five years or more were each given the sum of \$25 additional. Each and every employe was all presented with a government thrift card with a 25 cent stamp affixed to same.

The churches of the town observed

Christmas Monday evening with the isual Christmas tree entertainment and the distribution of gifts by Santa

The Samson Cordage Works have

given each and everyone in their em-ploy a thrift card with a 25 cent stamp affixed to same.

Miss Agnes Holden spent Christmas holidays at the home of her brother in Concord.

Mrs. Mamie Gately, of Boston, a former well-known resident, visited friends in town this week. Mrs. Gate-y is a trained nurse and in a couple of eeks leaves with a unit of fifty nurse nations successfully.

Miss Inez McMurray, of Boston

spending this week at her home here year: John Gilmartin, p.m.w.; Morton E. Lawrence, m.w.; William Gilmartin, fore: Charles Stebbins, o.: Walter Knowles, rec.: Charles W. Wolff, treas; John H. Will, fin.; Henry F. Burrage, g.; Fred Smith, i.w.; Theophile Lambert, o.w.; William J. Flynn, trustee 3 yrs.; Walter Knowles, representative to grand lodge; John Gilmartin alterate. The forestletion

Gilmartin, alternate.

will take place on January 18. The August Buckheim family are moving this week to Willow street. Clinton. Mr. Buckheim will work in one of the mills in that town. Mr. Buckheim and family for some years past have been caretakers of the Holiday House which has been the second

urday evening. It was voted to col-ect articles for the Clinton hospital week commencing Monday, Jan-

Mrs. C. R. White will hold her daneing class in Odd Fellows' hall on this saturday afternoon at 1 30.

Miss Mildred Evans has given up or position as a school teacher in

Miss Marion L. Holden, of South-boro, is spending the Christmas vaca-tion at the home of her parents, Mr.

never know want and poverty while John Raymond had the means to hold them at bay.

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No service was need at riffing chapter last Sunday afternoon, as for some reason the minister failed to appear. A telegram of Christmas and New Year's greetings from San Francisco, from Rev. Grover Harrison, who had charge of the services at the chapel last year, was received last week by C. K. Bolton, to be extended to the people of Shirley.

Robert H. J. Holden, of Harvard law school, is spending a ten-days vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Holden.

committee.

In the Boy Scouts held a dance in Odd-Fellow's hall last week Friday evening. It was a most enjoyable after Muggett's orchestra furnished music.

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A card party will be held on Saturday evening, December 29, at the home of Mr, and Mrs. G. L. Snow. A small admission will be charged, and the proceeds will be used to help defray the expenses of the two parties held on Christmas day for the soldiers.

The dance which was to be held for the soldiers on Saturday evening. December 29.

tamp affixed to same. the soldiers on Saturday evening. De-The churches of the town observed cember 29, has been called off on ac-thristmas Monday evening with the count of the Christmas party. for and upon the same trusts as the

Miss Salome Conrad, of Simmons college, spent the noliday at the home of Miss Helen M. Winslow.

Miss Vera Bradford leaves on Sunday for Bath, Me., after two weeks spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

holidays at the home of her brother in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French and family of Fitchburg and Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French and family of Léominster spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

About 500 of the soldiers from Camp Devens were entertained Christmas day by the residents of the town. The Congregational and St. Anthony's churches were open afternoon and evening for the reception of the men. Games, music and refreshments were furnished. Odd Fellows' hall was open for those who preferred dancing and there were about 400 present. Refreshments were served and Mudgett's orchestra furnished music. The boys gave three rousing cheers for the hospitality of the townspeople.

Mrs. Mamie Gately, of Boston, a follows, viz:

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Prederick P. Newport, the double ring service being used. The weed dung was churches were open afternoon and evening for the reception of the men.

Games, music and refreshments were furnished couple were unattended. The bride is a graduate of Leavitt Institute, Turner, Me., in the class of 1915, and has been of the bride's family, and the couple were unattended. The bride is a graduate of Leavitt Institute, Turner, Me., in the class of 1915, and has been of the University of Maine, class of of the County of Middlesex.

Also the perpetual right to tall times to enter upon said premit water from the Spring and to replay repair and renew the aqu

of the Union Coloniale Française.

An agricultural congress

Colored clothes, which usually fade when washed, will not lose their color if washed in bran water.

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JOSEPH HOLDEN COMP. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE COMMONWEALTH

THE HONORABLE THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JU-DICIAL COURT.

Harvard, in the County of Worcester

and their successors for the time being as they shall direct and appoint from

Your petitioners further represent that said United Society of Believers in Harvard and also the United Society

of Believers in the town of Shirley in the County of Middlesex and Common-wealth of Massachusetts held large tracts of land in the towns of Harvard. Lancaster, Shirley, Ayer and Littleton Ellsworth Snow, of Manchester, N. in the Counties of Worcester and Mid I., spent the week-end and holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. chusetts, in trust for the uses and pur in the Counties of Worcester and Mid-dlesex and Com Aonwealth of Massaposes hereinbefore set forth and that a large number of conveyances had been The Center primary and trammar schools, under the direction of filss made at various times to different people by the trustees of said societies and their Christmas exercises on last week Friday, afternoon. The children tave a fine program of songs and poetations, after which Santa Claus disconveyed to said societies by the several conveyed to said societies and their predecessors in office; that the conveyed to said societies are conveyed to said societies and the conveyed to said societies and the conveyed to said societies are conveyed to said societies and the conveyed to said societies are conveyed to s

tributed presents to them from a well eral grantors was given by them filled Christmas tree. their conveyances aforesaid; that

Miss Priscilla Sweetser, formerly a tresident of the Center, has gone on the stage and is receiving her training with Maude Adams.

their conveyances aforesaid; that the trustees of said societies of Harvard and Shirley jointly petitions this Supreme Judicial Court;

Miss Mildred Evans, of Bolton, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs John W. Evans.

Your petitioners further representhat an advantageous offer for the pur The community sing on Sunday ward, to wit, the sum of sixty thouse night was held at the home of Mr. and dollars: that the real estate which Mrs. C. E. Bradford with a good num-spetitioners propose to sell consists dollars: that the real estate which the the following: "ertain tracts or parcels of land with the buildings thereon situated

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Believers in the said towns of Harvard nentioned or described. And that by a partial sale thereo he residue would be greatly injure

and that the interests of all partic concerned will be best promoted by a ecceptance of said offer. YOUR PETITIONERS THERE FORE PRAY that they may be licensed to sell at private sale to the sal housand dollars the real estate here

JOSEPH HOLDEN, JOSEPHINE C JUSON,

WALTER SHEPHERD,

dlesex once a week three weeks st cessively the last publication to thirty days at least before said fi Monday of February, and by servi an attested copy of said petition a time to time forever hereafter."

That said real estate was conveyed to said society by the several granters known to said petitioners as being it terested therein residing within the several granters.

> postage prepaid, fourteen days at le-before said first Monday of Februa that they may show cause why petition should not be granted.

> > Clerk

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order to all persons known to s petitioners as interested therein a residing outside this Commonweal

T S. JOHNSON. Clerk

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Saturday, December 29, 1917.

The holiday vacation at the public schools is extended to January 21, instead of two weeks, as usual, on account of fuel shortage.

Miss Georgianna Maynard came om Littleton to spend Christmas day ith her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George aynard. Other guests were the parts of Mrs. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bird and her aunt, 'Miss Park-The plant of the Nashua River Pap-

er Co. in town shut down last week Thursday for lack of fuel, until æfter the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and children spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blood at Gardner. Mr. and Mrs. David Humiston and Jaughter of Lebanon, N. H., came Saturday to spend the holiday week with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Adams.

Mrs. F. W. Ringdahl is spending the holiday vacation from Revere schools at her home on South street.

Miss Alice Marshall from Worcester and Miss Leita, her niece, from Fitchburg, spent Christmas with Mrs. S. J. Marshall at Mrs. A. N. Prescott's, Franklin street.

All persons having bills against the town are requested to present them on or before December 31. The selectmen hold the last meeting of the year at their rooms on that evening.

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Mrs, Sarah Coughlin, whó came om Richmond, Me., to be with her ister, Mrs. Albert Deware, returned ome on Wednesday. A pleasant Christmas gathering was held at the home of Mrs. M. M. Richards, which included her mother, Mrs. Harriett Lakin, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, Miss Elizabeth, Ralph Shattuck and Fred Ross.

Miss Edna Kittredge spent the lat-er part of the week with friends in Vestford! Miss Bancroft acted as bookkeeper for her in her absence at

Rowell's grain store. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McDonald enertained their niece, Miss Lilla McDonald, of Boston, at Christmas time.

Mrs. Frank Kaulbeck came from Boston to spend Christmas with her parents. It is expected that Mr. Kaul-At the Oak hill hall a gathering of about sixty-five people enjoyed with the children their pleasure in the prettily trimmed Christmas tree with its gifts. Rev. J. B. Lewis and Boynton

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. Amy Shattuck, past master of Fitchburg Grange, and also of Prescott Grange, is to install the officers of Grotton Grange at their next regular smeeting, Tuesday, January 8.

Guests with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis and Miss Kathryn Blood and nearly all the children gave short Christmas included her mother, Mrs. Pearson, who is visiting here, a sister, Miss Mary Pearson, of Reading, the daughter, and Miss Olive Lewis, who is at home from her school for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the regular meeting of the Pepsilon and Mrs. Lindol Erangh for the direction of the short with the direction of the short with the direction of the short with the direction of the direction of the short with the direction of the short with the direction of the short with the direction of the direction of the short with the direction of the direction of the short with the direction of the direction of the short with the direction of the short with the direction of the direction of the short with the direction of the short with the close, the direction of the direction of the short with the close, the direction of the short with the close, the direction of the direction of the short with the close, the direction of the sh

committee.

A New Year's dinner will be enjoyschool at Northampton, at home, also.

At the South street schoolhouse on
Sunday afternoon a fine Christmas talk
was given by Rev. J. B. Lewis in the
absence of Groton School students,
who are away on their vacation. The
music was also a pleasant part of the
afternoon's service, Miss Anna Peatoffernoon's service, Miss Anna Peatoday playing her violin and
Miss
Georgianna Maynard, the organ.

The holiday vacation at the public
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gestions for the new year."

A no-license conference of representative citizens was held at the Main street grammar school building on Thursday evening of last week, and it was decided to organize a no-license league. A committee of five, consisting of F. T. Wright, C. A. Mills, G. H. Shattuck, H. N. Tower and Elmer Mason, was chosen. This committee is to be enlarged to ten, and it is expected that an aggressive campaign may be undertaken. Lieut. E. M. Mc-Kee, of Camp Devens, was present, and gave an informal talk. Camp Devens authorities are expected to support-this movement. novement.

Raymond Paull, now junior officer at the Newport naval station, spent Christmas at his home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shattuck, from Boston, spent the holiday with rela-Boston, spent the holiday with rela-tives in town.

Miss Margaret Anderson, teacher of drawing in the schools in Worcester suburbs, is spending her vacation with her parents at Elmcrest farm.

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S. J. Marshall at Mrs. A. N. Prescott's, Franklin street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert of Suncook, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gilbert, over the Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gilbert, over the holidays.

Miss Effle Winship came from Middleboro last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
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Will Clapp is recovering from a fall he had last week in the Pierce barn, while balling hay. His shoulder was dislocated and he had numerous minor bruises.

Grayson Hardy spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hardy, returning to his duties as chauffeur at Hamilton on Monday.

John Frossard was catiled to Holyoke on business Monday and with his wife spent the holiday with his daughter and family at Reading.

Russell Wright arrived home on Sunday from Canajoharie, N. Y., and returned on Christmas day.

Donald Jacobs, a Harvard cadet, was in town over Christmas, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Georke Jocobs.

Guy Willoughby from Manchester, N. H., came Sunday to visit relatives. On Monday he went to Groton to join his wife at her parents and lemain over Christmas day.

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with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kutting. He was obliged to return to his work at Pratt & Whitney's on Wednesday, as work is rushing.

Concerning the clipping from a Boston paper in which the name of Miss Helen Greenhalth was given among several other young society ladies who had gone to France in the interest of Red Cross work, it now appears that the name of Miss Greenhalth applied to another party than the young lady so well known here, as she is still at Pawtucket. Her grandmother, Mrs. Lacy Page, was in town last week for a few days and is now spending the holidays there at Pawtucket.

Bernard Slocum, who has employment in a cartridge factory at Bridge port, Conn. spent Christmas at his old home.

Nathaniel Lakin has been suffering from a mattack of indicestion and stomach trouble, which has left him rather weakened, as he is cubity seven years of age.

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HOW GREAT WARS ARE WON PRESENT MARKET FOR MULES

It Is Very Rarely That Confilots Are Victorious Because of Superior Valor, Says Writer.

The vulgar idea of war is that the victory is won by superior valor or other moral virtue, writes H. Sidebotham in the Atlantic. This, however, has very rarely been the case; almost all Western nations, at any rate, are equally brave, though the valor of some excels in obstinacy and endurance and of others in daring and clan. By far the commoner causes of victory and defeat are political or technical.

Sometimes (to take the domain of tactics) it is a new weapon that wins victory on the battlefield, or at any rate contributes to the ease with which it is won; sometimes, as in the Roman and in Frederick's armies, it is superior discipline, greater physical fitness, and practice in maneuver that win the victory. More often it is some new formation of line. Those tactics commonly succeed best of all which are both new and adapted to the genius of the people using them Thus the Boers in the South African war developed a highly original system of mounted infantry tactics by Lewis, who is at home from her school for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindol French from the Ramburgh of the Peprell Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Ramburgh of the Peprell Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Ramburgh of the Peprell Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Peprell Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Woman's club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday. January 1, at three c'clock. The program is in the hands of the program of the Woman's club will be held in the Woman's club will be held in the Woman's club will be satisfied in the Woman's club will be held in the woman's club will be

WISH TO CONTROL CEMETERY

Foreigners in Rome Urge Italian Gov-Ground Owned by Germany.

War has drawn attention to the fact that the great Protestant cemetery in Rome, where are buried many distinguished foreigners including the poets the German government, and the rentals for plots therein are still paid to

More than a century ago Prussia was the only non-Roman Catholic power represented at the Vatican. There fore, it was Prussia which obtained concession for a cemetery to be the used for the bodies of those not of the Roman faith, and the property still remains in the hands of the German

that the Italian government should over the cemetery and place it under British protection.

The Serious 8ide.

its end. What have you to show for your work? The days speed quickly, "going to do it tomorrow" does not get deeds done. "do it now," are trite mottoes, but use

Cloudy and chilly days come occa stored up for future reflection during

your purposes?-Milwaukee Journal.

William Had a Poser.

lem in multiplication, as I requested?" Only one hand went up.

"Well, William, you may give your problem and the rest of the class may

had expressed his terror to comrades In case the feet become dry and hard tried to cheer him, and as they rushed given them. Most of the poor feet are into the fray they kept him within due to improper care. A horse's feet their observation. When the enemy should be trimmed at least every six mine the extent of his injury. No If the nippers are used, too much of

"I-I dunno," he whined with teeth is cut away at a time and the foot can

Breeders Can Only Look With Satisfac-tion on Demand for These Hard Working Animals.

Producers of mules can look only

with satisfaction on the present mar-ket for these animals. In Kansas

City dealers have contracts with the United States and British governments

for mules. In the South prosperity

prevails among the producers of cotton and sugar, and buyers of cotton

and sugar mules are making their

probable wants felt in Kansas City's

fng thin animals should find the differ

ence between thin and fat mules wide

enough to warrant an increase in the

rations to all stock which might pos-

CONCRETE COVER FOR WELL

Expert of Ohio State University Gives

Plan for Constructing Con-

venient Platform.

In response to a query for plans for

a satisfactory and sanitary covering for a dug well and convenient for

thawing pipes Prof. F. W. Ives of the

Ohio State university makes the fol-

a platform constructed of concrete

which will be sanitary and convenient

for thawing pipes. The two slabs will

Convenient Well Cover.

be re-enforced as shown in the draw

or tile laid up in cement mortar and

will save some expense for forms. The

concrete for the slabs should be in the

proportion of one part Portland ce-

ment, two parts clean sand and four

parts crushed stone or pebbles. If

made a quaky consistency, enough of

the mortar will come to the top in

tamping to finish the platform without

hydrated lime added to each sack of

ing concrete.

duction.

cement used will make an easier work-

SUPERIOR FOR LAYING HENS

at Ohio Station.

When wheat and other feeds are rel-

atively higher in price, corn and meat

scrap will produce a satisfactory egg

yield at a lower cost per unit of pro

Hens fed on corn and meat scraps

for 1,047 days at the Ohio experiment station laid an average of 351 eggs a

hen. Those fed a ration of corn, wheat,

oats, bran and meat scrap produced

370 eggs. The feed cost per dozen eggs was 16 per cent higher for the

lot getting the variety of feeds than

Corn, wheat, oats, bran, oilmenl, mid

dlings and meat scrap constituted the

ration of one lot that laid 137 eggs per hen one year. Hens fed only corn

and meat scrap laid 123 eggs per hen.

The cost of feed per dozen eggs was

nearly 4 per cent greater in the case

FEW HORSES REQUIRE SHOES In Case Feet of Animals Become Dry and Begin to Crack Some Attention Is Needed.

horse is doing determines whether or not he should be shod. Horses work

ing on hard roads require shoes, while

with but a few exceptions those work

ing in the field do not need to be shod.

and begin to crack, attention should be

or eight weeks. In trimming most of the work should be done with a rasp.

the hoof is generally cut away, while if the rasp is used only a small amount

PROFIT IN SHEEP BUSINESS Most Sensible Way for Any Farmer Is to Begin on Small Scale and

Gradually Increase.

The most sensible way for the farm-

or to get into the sheep business is to

begin on a small scale with a few good

ewes and a purebred ram, and increase

his flock with his increasing knowledge

of how to care for sheep and get the

High Yield From Leghorns.

The poultry department of the Uni-

versity of Arizona has a pen of White

Leghorns with an average egg produc-

tion of 229.9 eggs per hen. The lowest

record for an individual hen is 210

Odd Names in New York.

prize. Almost every calling is repre-sented among the names of New York-

ers, besides every title, physical, men-

tal or moral quality and every beast and bird familiar to man. Here are

some New York names: Outlaw, Hogg.

Gosh, Dorn, Jolly, Nutty, Looney, Kid

Fun, Laffers, Krazsy, Guyer, Bunk

Mutt, Batty, Stringer, Fight, Brawl.

For odd names New York takes the

most profit out of them.

and the highest is 250.

be kept level.

of the hens fed the variety ration.

for the corn and meat scrap lot.

n and Meat Scraps Will Produce Satisfactory Egg Yield—Test

a mortar coat. Ten pounds of

The walls may be built of brick

The accompanying drawing shows

lowing reply:

sibly be sold to go to market.

ket for these animals.

CHIEF OF AMERICAN HABITS Telephone is a Day and Night Requisite; Both a Commercial and 80cial Convenience.

Not poker nor the movie nor good nature nor detachable cuffs, but the telephone, should be ranked as the 30,000,000 telephone calls a day were handled by the Bell telephone system in 1916. That is 100 calls a year for every man, woman and child in the country—excepting those members of families who are too young to be held trade. Prosperity also prevails in min-Like most habits, we take the tele-

phone for granted, notes the New York Tribune. Yet anybody beyond the ripe age of thirty can remember very handas a public curiosity. If you wanted a doctor you ran down the street to fetch him; or if you wanted a man for luncheon you dropped a note the day before. And, like all the other inventions which have speeded up our means of communication, the telephone has done something more than merely compress life; it has changed the quality, subtracting certain elements and add-ing others. You simply cannot be elabrately courteous or impressively dig nified in a world that knows the telephone. Those impressive Napoleons who make it a rule not to speak over the phone are following a sound instinct—as are also the very toplofty princesses of society with a similar It has also perceptibly reduced what

little was left of solitude. The great novelist or the great composer can afford a telephoneless but or flat, and so gain enough peace and quiet to think. Plain Americans must have the tele phone at their elbow day and night or go out of business-socially as well as commercially.

VERY HARD TO PRONONCIATE'

English Language Bothered Edward Livingston Trudeau, "The Pioneer of Opera," Although American.

In St. Nicholas Mary R. Parkman tells an incident in the childhood of Edward Livingston Trudeau, "The Pioneer of the Opera."

"The small boy who could scarcely remember the time when he did not live in France and whose relatives were all French did not forget for a moment that he was an American The toy boats which he sailed in the fountains of the Tuilleries all bore the Stars and Stripes. All his favorite playmates at the Lycee Bonaparte, where he went to school, were hardy American boys whose parents were living in Paris.

"During the years of the French school the vague, inner yearning for a freer, more natural life found vent in many pranks, and covert rebellion not only against the class routine, but also, more openly, against the established order of things on the playground.
"When he returned to New York at

eighteen Edward could speak only broken English, but he felt so truly American that he wondered why his cousins laughed when he said, 'Ze English is a very hard language to pro-nonciate."

Another Test of Death. A discovery of great value for test

ing with certainty whether a person is dend has been made by a professor of physiology at Chicago university. As described in the "Lancet," it is too ing, but a doctor explains that the test is made by crushing a piece of muscle and comparing it with a piece of uncrushed muscle. If the person is alive the crushed plece gives off more carbonic acid gas than the uncrushed piece, as a result of the stimulation produced by the injury. The professor claims that this test can be applied within a few minutes, or at most with in one or two hours of death. There are, of course, other tests with which every doctor is quite satisfied, but this will be extremely valuable, as proving local death of the tissues after general death has occurred. There is life in crushed muscle. If the person is alive every doctor is quite satisfied, but this will be extremely valuable, as proving local death of the tissues after general death has occurred. There is life in the tissues for some time after death, and proof of their death sets all was well attended. A social for the workester, for burial Monday morning and a number of them day morning and a number of his old amorning and a number of them day morning and a number of them day The nature of the work that the doubts at rest.

Always in the Limelight.

The whole history of Flanders, un til it passed by marriage into the ion of the dukes of Burgundy is filled with stirring deeds and rapid

Superstitions About Sait. It is a curious fact that, from the earliest times, many superstitions have

clung about the use of salt. There is much evidence in Holy Writ for ceremonial uses of it. The Mosaic law commands that every oblation of meat offered shall be seasoned with sait, a command that is given, with variations, in various books of the Bible, such as Leviticus 2:13 and Ezekiel 16:4. In the old days salt was put into a child's mouth in baptism, and in some countries to this day the custom is followed of throwing a pinch of it into holy water to ward off the evil

Testing Damp Sheets A simple test for damp sheets is the following: Place a mirror between them for a few minutes. If the surface clouds over, discard the sheets and sleep between the blankets.

Always Has an Explanation. Mother love is the supreme affec-tion among mortals. If the alarm der, Tout, Hurt, Fake, Grunt, Darnall, clock is a lullaby to her boy she credits him with having an artist's ear Tough, Pain, Crook, Gee, Damn, Wit, for music.—Toledo Blade.

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15c. lb.

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20c. value 15c. pkg. Speckled Kidney Beans 12½c. lb. 15c. value Market Baskets, 10c. value. 5c. Evaporated Apricots... 20c. lb. 23c. value Sunside Pears 17 17c, qt. jar Spotless Cleanser 4c. can 6c. value

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West.

On Christmas morning about seventy children were given their Christmas tree at the reading-room by Mrs. C. S. Homer of New York in memory of Mr. Homer, who for so many years has kept up the custom. The work was in charge of Miss Alice Seaver and the children-enrolled in the public schools received each one a gift and a bag of candy, while Mrs. Homer also carried out her annual custom and treated

TOWNSEND

was well attended. A social for the children was held at the vestries about four o'clock and light refreshments were served, after which the Christmas tree, which was trimmed by the girls of the All-ready class was ready for inspection and after a brief program the gifts were distributed by Santa Claus, impersonated by Chester Davis and the children were all sent home happy with their various presents and a bag of popcorn and figs.

On Christmas morning about two clockers in the light was a native of this village and was born in the house beside

town, had the misfortune to have an entire shipment of sugar, about 120 pounds stolen from the freight car last week.

The friends of Mrs. Angela Walter, who has been taken to Worcester to spend the winter with relatives, is reported as well as can be expected, having stood the journey by auto very comfortably. Mrs. Markham, from the Center, is still caring for her. Miss Emily Orr has closed her tene-ment and is at present at Hudson, where she was called by the death of a relative:

Ian Rusk is enjoying a vacation from school duties at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Rusk.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lancey from New Haven, Conn., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson the last week. Miss Georgiana McKean, who teach in Brattleboro, Vt., is spending a inight's vacation with her father, es in Brattleboro, Vt fortnight's vacation v Rev. Joseph McKean.

The sad news reached here Christ-mas day of the sudden death of our most deeply respected townspeople, Richard McElligott, who died very suddenly of an attack of heart disease.

in Jacksonville, Fla., where he was spending the winter. Beyond the fact that he passed away Saturday mornthat he passed away Saturday morning, no particulars are yet made known, but the body was met at Fitchburg by his brother, John Mc-Elligott of Boston, and was buried in the family lot in St. Bernard cemetery Thursday. Mr. McElligott is survived by a brother, John McElligott, of Boston and several rephews and nieces, Misse Esther and Mac and inez Mc-Elligott of Boston, George, who is stationed at Camp Green, North Carolina, and Richard, in the infantry at Chinook field, Illinois, He was for many years postmaster here and will be greatly missed in the village.

The body of L. Martin Evans, an old resident of this village, was brought here from Worcester, for burial Mon-

possession of the data of the specific filed with stirring deeds and rapid growth. Through all the centuries Flanders has kept itself in the front rank of attention by the great struggles that have swept back and forth across its territory.

When the ruling count would find no adoquate scope for his energies in his own country or if the spirit of adventure lay hard upon him he would go off on a crusade as did Count Robert II who wrought so valiantly in the first crusade that he was given the proud title of The Sword of Christians concert program were given by the members of the All-ready class, for the East," by Miss Gertrude Hambers of warm friends who regret to learn of his death.

And the crusade figure and figs.

On Christmas morning about two of clock a little son arrived at the large and was born in the house beside Patch's stable, his parents being Mr. Patch's stable, his parents being Mr. A party from the Baptist church took a sleightfule to the town farm on Monday and gave a little program and they weaton of Mason, N. H., fifty years ago when they removed to Holden. After living in several of the tenements in the village he built their removal to Holden. The family were prominent in church work, Mr. Evans being superintendent of the Sunday of the East," by Miss Gertrude Hambers of the All-ready class, and the centuries and figs.

Mr. Evans was a native of this village and was born in the house beside Patch's stable, his parents being Mr. And Mrs. Charence Sherwin. Miss Lucy Burnap of Ashby is nurse on the case.

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The Balm of Gilead tree grows in some parts of Arabia and Africa and is seldom more than fifteen feet high The balsam is chiefly obtained from incisions in the bark, but also from the creen and ripe berries.

Beware the "Jack-of-All Trades." The "jack-of-all-trades" known familiarly as the handy man is a serious drawback to the industries of the United States, because his knowledge and training are not based on the fundamental rules of any craft. Such Miss Ruth Bennett of Worcester men are the bane of any industry and more especially of high-grade machine and Mrs. Walter Bennett.

Miss Agnee Wilson of Waltham and Ernest Wilson of Clinton spent the holidays at their home here.

Mrs. Walter Bennett.

Mrs. Dodgen Tracell Such men are the bane of any industry and more especially of high-grade machine shops, for their work cannot be re-holidays at their home here.

Mrs. Dodgen Tracell Such men are the bane of any industry and more especially of high-grade machine to know something about everything, but the perfect medianic and high-

grade foreman is the man who knows

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The summer is past, the harvest at ful admonition.

sionally, reminding one that another season is at its close. What have you gained from your summer days? Is your body stronger, your mind fuller of stored knowledge, your soul grown to wider appreciation of the true things of life? Are you more human, more charitable? Have you a better understanding of the rights and needs of men? What memories have you

the long winter nights? Recreation and entertainment have their rightful place in life, but serious thought must fill the mind or one will not grow. Not to advance means decay, death. To be ever growing is a necessity through life. But to advance, time must be given to the higher things in life. To what end are you speeding? What are your aims,

"Good morning, children," said the arithmetic teacher. "How many of you have prepared an original prob-

ing districts, and mine mules therefore mules to sell can count themselves fortunnte, as the demands are such that good prices should be realized generally. There is, as usual after a period of dry weather, a strong preference for mules with weight, and producers hav-