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PEPPERELL.

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at Thompsonville, Conn.

W. H. Annis passed his eighty-fifth milestone on Monday, December 21, the day being observed in a quiet manner. He received an abundance of good wishes from relatives and friends, by posteard and letters. There were eighty-six in all, making one for every year and one to spare. Mr. Annis sincerely thanks all who so kindly remembered him on this anniversary and wishes them as many happy years.

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Mrs. Florence Robbins went to New Ipswich, N. H., to spend the Christ-Ipswich, N. H., to spend the Christ mas with her daughter and family. Mrs. F. A. Brown, wife of the su-perintendent at the Keyes farm, is entertaining her father from Han-

Mrs. Austin Saunders went to Fitchburg Saturday for a week-end visit at the home of Oils Saunders, who has been quite critically III.

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The making of laurel wreaths and trimming has been just brought to a close, several hundred barrels having been shipped from this locality to the cities. Mrs. Latuck of Groton street has just completed a large order for a Boston firm.

Mr. Frossard just for Christmas day.

James Hone, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. P. R. Stratton, went to visit another sister at Revere last week. Returning here on Monday he started on his return trip to his home in the Province of Quebras Boston firm.

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AYER. MASS. lerstood he was running his car with derstood he was punning his car with-out safety chains and started to de-scend the hill, coming toward the center and as the car became un-manageable he turned it into the bank and escaped injury. It was hauled back into the road by some assistance of men and horses from the Richardson place and the appli-cation of some sand and come home under its own power.

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Miss Lila Stratton came from Mar-

Miss Lila Stratton came from Mar-garetsville, N. Y., on Thursday even-ing to spend the holiday vacation with Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Stratton. Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Nodding, and family, at Somerville, Mrs. Frossard went on Tuesday and Mr. Frossard just for Christmas day.

Death of Former Resident.

na Boston firm.

A two-spound infant daughter is the latest addition to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Winship. It was born on Monday, December 14, and for some district nurse has been in charge and the child has been treated as nearly like an incubator infant as could be accomplished without regular hospital paraphernalia. It is now thought it may live if it survives another week.

C. A. Swazey is obliged to have the assistance of Mrs. Julia Robbins in addition to his clerk, Harry Fagge, in his variety store during the holiday season. Mrs. M. E. Swazey also assists afternoons.

Dr. L. R. Qua averted a more serious disaster on Thursday afternoon of last week by running his auto into the high bank on the side of the hill near the Richardson farm on Jewett street. The hill is a steep one and was in a very icy condition. It is unsaid to the fall of the firm of the Richardson farm on Jewett street. The hill is a steep one and was in a very icy condition. It is unsaid to the fall of the firm of the late Dr. William Kilbourn of Mrs. Josephine Howe, widow of the late Dr. James Services were held in the Congretation of Mrs. Howe were the late of the Methoday afternoon for interment in the Howe lot in a section of the howe passed away afternoon for interment in the Howe lot in a section of the section of the how passed away at her home at Malden on Saturation of Rrs. Julia Robbins in addition to his clerk, Harry Fagge, in his variety store during the holiday season. Mrs. M. E. Swazey also assists afternoons.

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Deceased was eighty-sever, years of age and has made her home for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Heald, who will be well re-

Grange Notes.

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Prescott Grange met on Friday evening, December 18, instead of the regular date, a week later, which came on Christmas night. The literary program was omitted as the attendance was small. Some of the officers-elect having declined to serve the following changes were necessary: Henry Wilson was elected assistant steward in place of E. M. Stewart, who declined to serve, Muriel Robinson was elected lady assistant steward in place of Mrs. Carrle Stewart. Ernest Hazard in place of Henry Wilson, elected assistant steward.

At the next-meeting on Friday eve-

At the next meeting on Friday evening, January 8, which will be installation of officers, Millard S. Sawjer of Groton, master of the State Grange, will be the installing officer, assisted by Miss Florence Kemp.

Christmas Sunday.

Christmas Sanday.

Christmas was fittingly observed at the Congregational church. Surday moraing and evening. Special music was rendered at the morning service. Miss Helen Leveloy accompanying the choir with her violin and also playing a solo. In the evening a concert was held by a committee from the Sunday school, which comisted of fine selections of songs and recitations. Little Miss Gwen Parker gave the address of welcome very finely.

The vested choir of about thirty young people was a distinctly pleasing feature of the evening, the Processional being most impressive. The training of this choir was in charge of Miss Fannie Tower and reflects much credit upon her as well as showing tine musical ability.

The church was finely decorated with laurel wreaths and banks of evergreen. The collection for the gift manger was taken by the boys from the Sunday school and the generous spirit of the audience was shown in the Sunday school and the generous spirit of the audience was shown in

Julia A. Litchfield died at her home on West street, Saturday night, December 19, about ten o'clock, the cause of her death being apoplexy. Deceased was the daughter of Andrew and Cynthia (Blood) Litchfield, being one of a family of twelve children.

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toward the spot and meeting Walde toward the spot and greeting Waldo Spaulding with his team was taken back by him. Mr. Wetherbee and Mr. Williams also arrived on the scene and the unconscious woman was at once conveyed to her home, Dr. Heald was summoned and ar-Dr. Heald was summoned and arrived shortly, pronouncing it a case of apoplexy, to which, he remembered, her family were subject. She never regained consciousness and passed away about ten o'clock.

The deceased was a fine, christian woman, spoken of by all who knew her as theroughly just and conscien-

her as thoroughly just and conscientious. Her companion for more than

tious. Her companion for more than fifteen years, Miss Alden, mourns her death as that of a sister.

She is survived by one brother, George Litchfield, of Lunenburg. Also by four sisters—Mrs. Jennie Barber of Townsend, Mrs. Etta Rockwood of Brookline, N. H., Mrs. Robert Whitcomb and Mrs. William Kilbourn of Lunenburg.

vercoat Weather

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WINTER UNDERWEAR

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stage snowed & massed background of greenery and the same berries, preducing a fine effect and reflecting great credit on the decorators.

One of the pleasing features of the fair was the presentation to the pastor's wife. Mrs. Stratton, of a very handsome bed spread, embroidered in squares, which was made by Miss Vida Patch and presented the L. A. S. and disposed of by votes.

There was a good audience present in the evening to listen to an interesting program; which consisted of plano solos by Alice Marshall, Gertrude Cherry and Effic Winship, a vocal solo by Alice Marshall, songs by the children, and Effic Winship, a vocal solo by Alice Marshall, songs by the children, and Effic winship.

The entertainment concluded with a Christmas play by sixteen children, under the supervision of Mrs. P. R. Stratton, which showed her excellent efficiency of the pear were represented by Esther Martin, Dorla Green, Dorethy Soule, Philip Prescott, Ethra Winship, Neille Harris, Horace Shepardson, Harry Dunton, Ruth McMurray, Rose Prescott, Charlie Stacey and Albert Stratton, who impersonated December and told in an amusing and lengthy rhyme. "Why Santa Claus comes in December," which was the name of the play. A minature Santa Claus appeared at the end to distribute gifts. The other characters in this very bright little play were Mary Parker, all taking their parts exceptionally weil.

Victims of the Icc.

The icy condition of the walks and streets is responsible for quite a list of disasters, large and small, during the first of the week. The physicians were kept fulry busy examining sprains and brulses and bandaging broken limbs in the incre serious cases.

On Saturday, Jozeph Lavalley fell on the ice at Hotel place, breaking one of the bones of his forcarm and has been about with his arm in a sling in consequence.

Sunday morning Mrs. John Attridge of Cottage street, when on her way to church, fell and fractured her wrist. Dr. Lovejoy was called and reduced the fracture and she is about

on Tuesday of Section with her sister, Mrs. Balmforth, and relatives elsewhere.

Anna Boynton, a teacher in New York and Rayetta Boynton, teacher at South Framingham, arrived home Thursday to spend their holiday vacations with their parents, Mr. and Glen Upson from Boston and his brother Norman from Middleboro spent Christmas, day with their mother, Mrs. Adda P. (Ipson.

Fales Newhall, who is a student at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, recently took quite a "hike," walking from there to visit his uncle Goorge Newhall, who lives in town near the Townsend line. Fales is the son of the late Rev. William Newhall.

Mrs. Lalla Hardy of Lowell has been studynd for peperell, is spending the holidays with her sater, Mrs. Annile Lawrence, recently of Peperell, is spending the holidays with her steen, who was recently left at Tompsonville, Conn.

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A very little later in the day Dr. Loveloy was summoned to the home of J. A. Lawrence on the Nashua road. Mrs. Lawrence had faller in road. Mrs. Lawrence had faller in attempting to feed her hens at a little distance from the house. She was badly confused by the fall as she struck heavily on the back of her head. But an examination proved there were no broken bones in this case, the patient suffering from dizziness and pain in the head, symptoni from which it will no doubt be sever al days before she recovers. S deems herself fortunate, however not to receive more lasting injury

SHIRLEY.

News Items Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dyke are spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Miner at South Weymouth Mr. Miner is a son of Mrs. Dyke. James E. Richardson spent Christ mas day at the home of his sister in Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore.

Miss Rena Churchill of Jamaica Plain is spending Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Chapel street are spending Christman holidays with Mr. Clark's parents in Lawrence. Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman, in company with her niece, Miss Rhett Lennox, are spending Christmas holidays with relatives in Windsr, Connwith relatives. Mrs. Brockelman will remain about a month. Miss Lennox will return to the control of the control

will return home the first of the Mr. and Mr. Charles R. White, with son Stanley and daughter Dorls, spent Christmas day at the White homestead on Center road. All Kinds of Footwear-Rubber Boots, Overshoes Felts, Rubbers, Etc.

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WESTFORD.

Merry Christmas and happy new year to the readers of the column. Miss Jeanette Sutherland and W. H. Christie were in town on Sunday calling on friends.

Miss Edith Forster was an over Sanday guest with friends in Dor-

Miss Clara Smith is spending the Christmas school vacation with Hope-dale relatives.

Miss Bernice Keith, of Milford, N. H., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Cutter on Sunday.

George T. Day has been pretty much confined to the house since the setting in of cold weather. setting in of cold weather.

Pleasant word comes from Mrs.

Morin and Miss Mary Morin, spending the winter in California, in which
accounts oranges and roses play their
part. Miss Morin is in much demand
at her chosen work of nursing.

The H. V. Hildreths and H. W. Hildreths go to spend Christmas with the Malden relatives.

Harwood L. Wright is spending Christmas with the Henry M. Wrights in Quincy.

Misses Pauline Wallace, Marjory Scavey, Gertrude Hamlin, Evelyn Hamlin and Lillian Sutherland are among the young people at home for the Christmas holidays.

Among those entertaining large family groups of relatives and friends for the holiday are the O. R. Spald-ings, A. W. Hartfords, S. B. Watsons and Charles L. Hildreths.

The academy pupils are having one week of vacation and the Frost school pupils two. At the latter school last week Friday the regular closing exercises took place with music, declamations etc.

Answers Gertrud tus, of Lowell, ors here.

Forge Village.

The Sunday Andrew's with the school last week friday the regular closing exercises took place with music, declamations etc.

Mrs. Lillian Lumbert is enjoying her Christmas with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Kenney, in Members of the Tadmuck club are

reminded of the first meeting of the year, January 5, at Library hall, when David G. Hickey will give his lecture "The fool and his money." Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, Miss Eva.

Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, Miss Eva. E. Fletcher and Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher were luncheon guests of Mrs. Mabel Whitney Wright at her home in Brookline on Thursday of last week.

last week.

The faithful R. F. D. men who have to work so hard to help others' Christmas observances, will have new year's day to themselves. No mail will be delivered on that day. The newly located postoffice has been one busy pace this week. With its pretty Christmas wreaths, streamers of evergreen and oright red bows and its efficient service it has been an attractive place to get one's Christmas mail. Our residents are reminded that the efficient service it has been an attractive place to get one's Christmas mail.

Our residents age reminded that the financial year for the town closes December 31, one month earlier than in former years.

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Santa Claus, impersonated by Joseph Wall.

former years. severe, but gave a real winter outlook to out-of-doors. The car tracks gathered sufficient bulk of snow during the forencen to make hard work for the carmen during the first part of the afternoon, after which schedule time was maintained.

Congregational Church.

At the Congregational church last Sunday special and appropriate services were held morning and evening.

In the morning the pastor's sermon cantata, was given in Ablest the control of t In the morning the pastor's sermon was an able and original discourse entitled "The Christmas truce," and drawn from present conditions among Europe's warring nations. The girls' vested cheir of lifteen under the direction of Mrs. William R. Taylor, with Miss Hazel B. Hartford, organist, rendered a fine musical service. Mrs. Charles D. Colburn sang a heautiful offertory solo. There were prety decorations of evergreen, ferns and red carnations.

In the evening Mr. Wallace's mes-In the evening Mr. Wallace's message was 'The Messlah," and the
young people's chorus choir with
Mrs. Charles H. Wright as leader,
gave a good praise service. Sunday
evening a special program of Christmas music will be given in charge of
Mrs. Wright. The new male quartet, consisting of A. E. Day, J. H.
Chiven Lecent Purposed and Herry Colburn, Leonard Burland and Harry Ericson, will sing.

Thursday evening the Sunday school

erland, was given a rising vote of Edith Forster of the William E. Frost thanks for her efforts to make the lecturer's hour successful. A past master's pin was bestowed upon the children, Supt. Frank H. Hill and master's pin was bestowed upon the retiring master, W. R. Taylor. Vacancies in office were filled by electing Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett, Flora; Mrs. Brennan, of Lowell, Mrs. Garvey. ing Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett, Flora; Mrs. Brennan, of Lowell, Mrs. Garvey, Mrs. Ryan, Ceres, and Miss Martha Grant. Pomona. The newly-elected officers will be installed by W. M. Wright, past master, Thursday evening, January 7.

The next meeting of Middlerex-North Persona Grange will be held marry, I would like more salary.

In Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, January I. The foremon will be given over to the discussion of an important question not women are you going to marry?

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS yet worded up. The afternoon session will be an open one, at which sion will be an open one, at which time the newly-elected officers will be

> The Parker village school celebrat ed Christmas with tree, presents and a fine literary program under the management of the efficient teacher, Miss Myrtle, W. Fletcher, of Little-

> Glad to hear from V. T. E. again and to learn that wounded or other-wise he always is ready for action and opinions like a verdent oasis in the Sahara desert.

the Sahara desert.

Samuel Naylor, of West Cheimsford, slipped on the ice at his summer camp at Knopp's pond. Groton, Sunday, receiving a sudden and general shaking pp, with special emphasis on the back. Owing to the back he is not liable to get to the front for several weeks as an expert travelling salesman, the occupation that he has been engaged in for many years. A closeby friendly auto brought him to his home; where he is resting with comfort and pain.

Graniteville. At a meeting of the members of Court Graniteville, F. of A., held in their rooms on last week Thursday night, the following officers were duly

their rooms on last week Thursday night, the following officers were dudy elected for the ensuing term: Chas. E. Pope, c. r.; George Gower, s. c.; P. Henry Harrington, .tras; John Spinner, fin. scc.; Albert k. Wall, rec. sec.; Anthony Piviratto, s. w.; Charles Eaton, f. w.; Fred M. Defue, s. b.; James H. Payne, f. b.; Thomas E. Denio, trustee; F. G. Sullivan, lec.; Dr. W. H. Sherman, physician. After the meeting a good, substantial baked bean supper was served and it goes without saying that this was thoroughly enjoyed. The cooking was excellently done by Miss Lottle York, and the members of the entertainment committee served as waiters. After supper an enjoyable smeker was held. The whole affair was a great success and proved to be very enjoyable to all.

A chimney fire at the home of Mrs. Rose Hemen caused considerable ex-citement here on last Saturday morncttement here on last Saturday morning, but prompt work on the part of the Abbot Worsted Company volunteer department, F. G. Scalivan and others, soon put the fire under control without calling out the regular fire company. The damage was small, covered by insurance.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carpenter on Thursday, December 17.

ings, A. W. Hartfords, S. E. Watsons and Charles L. Hildreths.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace and daughters went to Lunenburg to spend Christmas with friends.

The academy pupils are hard-week for the first form of the first form

The Sunday school children of St. Andrew's mission held their annual Christmas tree exercises in Recreation hall on last Wednesday evening. Previous to the arrival of Santa Claus an illustrated lecture was given by Rev. Williston M. Ford which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A well laden tree of presents was quickly disposed of and all faithful children were well rewarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cockroft, of Ware, are the guests of Mr. and Ms William Hunt over the holidays. Cameron school closed on Friday of last week for the Christmas vaca-tion and will reopen on January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. John Merton, of Low-ell, are rejoiding over the arrival of a little daughter at their home. Mrs Merton was formerly Miss Rose Northrup, of this village.

Many from this village attended the 'hristmas tree exercises held at St. 'atherine's church in Graniteville on Wednesday evening. A very fine program was carried out and all the

her cousin, Miss Lillian Batley, of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bennett and family has returned from Stafford Springs, Conn., where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Vickers.

Through the courtesy of the Abbot Through the courtryy of the Abhot Worsted Company a most englyable affair was held in Abbot hall on Monday afternoon. A Christmas tree ladened with gifts was the center of attraction and Santa Chas was in readiness to distribute. An ing these The 18th and came commission have issued orders closing Forge pond for a period three years to all fishermen. This pond has been an attractive place for 18thing by the summer colony and others and is pretty well depleted. It has been restocked by the commission with the foregoing orders.

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Fine Work by the Children.

"Santa's surprise." a Christness cantata, was given in Ablet hall en last week Thursday might by the purplis of Cameron school. The affairs proved to be one of the most delightful and successful of any ever given here and the hall was packed to its utmost capacity. The program opensed at seven o'clock with "fin a cilic old Santa." by John Kelle, who ampersonated Santa Claus and was very ably rendered. William Cavananch and John Venne were gls heard in some line solos which merito, local appliance. The cherus work by the school in the Christinia care's was executed in an excellent mapners. A most enjoyable part of the performwith most enjoyable part of the performance was the folk dance, by the little tots. The dance of greeting and the tots. The dance given by Miss larger.

H. Harry showed careful training and both teachers deserve praise for the work done.

Thursday evening the Sunday school had its special good time beginning with a supper, followed by the Christmas tree and a general good time. This was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Osgood and other Sunday school workers.

About Town.

Past masters' night was observed by Westford Grange at the last meeting and passed off entertainingly.

J. W. Rafter, master-elect, and Mrs. Josephine Prescott, lecturer-elect, responded with reports of the State Grange meeting held in Worcester.

The retiring lecturer, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, was given a rising vote of thanks for her efforts to make the

Clerk-Mr. Goldbug, as I am to

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

At the meeting of the Methodist church on Thursday evening of last week the following were elected officers of the Sunday school: George H. Whitcomb, supt.; Claude A. Gray, asst. supt.; Carl Harrington, Bec.; Mrs. Arthur W. Adams, treas.; Miss. Fannie Peabody, lib.; Miss Alice Peabody and Mrs. Lucy Jones, assts.; Mrs. James L. Harrington, supt, home dept.; Miss Blanche Whitcomb, supt. cradle roll and organist. Henry B. Magoon, who has held the office of superintendent for seven consecutive years, and during all that time has been absent but six times, was given a vote of thanks as he retired from office for his faithful and efficient service.

William R. Brown, who was so severely incired on December 12, as mentioned in the items of last week, mentioned in the items of last week, is still unconscious at the Burbank hospital. He takes some nourishment and has spoken a few words, but they were not at all connected and he does not seem to realize that he has spoken at all or understand when an attendant speaks his name. A specialist from Boston has been called to see him and he thinks the chances are in his favor and that he may yet recover, although at the may yet recover, although at the present time he is in a critical con-

At the chapel of the Methodist church on Tuesday evening the Epworth league held its election of officers and business meeting. Chicken pie supper with hot mashed potato and "all the fixins" with pies, cakes and puddings and three kinds of ice cream was first served, after which came the business meeting. The annual reports of the officers of the league were not given, as the year for which they were elected is not yet ended. Gryille Martin, treasurer, gave his monthly report, which showed the finances to be in good condition. The meeting was presided over by Lewis L. Harrington, and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Lewis L. Harrington, pres.; Mrs. Leslie Eastman, Mrs. Alfred Noon, Mrs. C. C. Marden, jr., and Miss Blanche Whitcomb, vice pres.; Miss Mildred Elliott, see.; Miss Gertrude Earter, treas.; Miss Blanche Whitcomb, corenist. At the chapel of the Methodist trude Barter, treas.; Miss Blanche Whitcomb, organist.

Whiteomb, organist.

At the Methodist church on last Sunday morning Rev. Alfred Noon preached from the topic "The greatest privilege." Orville Martin was leader for the evening service of the Epworth league at seven o'clock. Rev. Robert A. Bryant's morning topic at the Congregational church was "The heritage of the Christ life." In the evening Deacon Jewett conducted the C. E. meeting at seven o'clock. Considering the bad travelling there was a good attendance.

John A. Gould had a narrow escape

John A. Gould had a narrow escape from a very serious injury last week Friday afternoon, when he received a kick from one of his driving horses, making a bad cut under his left eye. His face is badly swollen and much discolored, but he was fortunate in not losing the eye. not losing the eye.

not losing the eye.

All the schools in town closed on last week Friday afternoon with appropriate Christmas exercises. The high school has one week's vacation, the grade schools two. In one room the pupils, instead of giving each other presents as is usually the custom, trimmed and filled three trees which were traisported boolly to three familles in town where it was thought "Old Santa" might forget to call unless his memory was pegged a little "Old Santa" might forget to call un-less his memory was jogged a little by the children in their school. It was a happy thought to thus remem-her those who were less fortunate than they. Several feeble, elderly people were also remembered with baskets containing candy and other dainties of the season. Thus the chil-dren increase their. dren increased their own happ by being mindful of the sick

"Highee of Harvard," a four-act "Highee of Harvard," a four-act, drains, presented at the town hall on Friday evening of lest week by members of the Grange, nict an enthusias, the audience which comfortably filled the fall. The parts were well taken, some of them especially so, and were so well acted that it seemed like a chapter from the act all experience of the warte mans. the participants.

L. W. C. owing to the ley condition of the streets which made out-door traveling very dangereds, and the extra week for the honsewives in preparation for the Christmas festivities, the attendance at the Woman's club on The light that shope when hope was bornt —Tennyson "In Memoriam."

When Hope Was Born.

Bise, happy morn; rise, holy morn; matural as hateful. But for them all he has a remedy, "That ye love one another as I have loved you."—Bisbop Cheney. tolance at the Woman's club on week Friday afternoon was the liest since its organization, there as only twenty members and onsiter present. The meeting was life in the Congregational vestry on Mrs. C. E. Woods, Mrs. F. E. ocev and Mrs. F. L. Francis as stesses.

For entertainment Miss Anna Balley For entertainment Miss Anna Bailey a myst identifiers ing paper on Thomas of criyle and seeme extracts from his writings, and Mrs. E. C. Smith read from Raiph Waldo Emerson. Both inese iadies had devoted much time fid care to the preparation of their papers and it was to be regretted that there were not more people present to hear them. A rising vote of thanks was given them, after which the meeting adjourned.

The first day of the new year is the date for the next meeting and there will be a debate with Mrs. C. E. Woods and Mrs. F. L. Francis as leading disputants.

leading disputants.

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New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Share-holders of the First National Bank of Ayer, will be held at the Banking Rooms, in Ayer, Mass, on Monday, January 11, 1915, at one o'clock P. M. for the purpose of acting upon the following business: To choose a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

HOWARD B. WHITE, President. Ayer, Mass., Dec. 10, 1914. 4114

Mare. Repaired and Re-modelled 151 Myrtle Ave., Fitchburg. 2m7 MADAM GREENWOOD

Oh, Tender Tale Christmas Seal Of Old!

Oh, tender tale of old. Live in thy dear renown! God's smile was in the dark—behold

That way his host came down. Light up, great God, thy word, Make the blest meaning strong, As if our ears, indeed, had heard The glory of their song.

But thou couldst make it near, And all its living might display And cry to it, "Be here!" Here, in the unresting town, As once remote to them Who heard it when the heavens came down On pastoral Bethlehem.

It was so far away.

It was so long ago, But God can make it now Our empty hearts endow. Take, Lord, those words outworn; up the following year.

Oh, make them new for aver Speak--"Unto you a child is born," Today, today, today.

-Jean Ingelow:

Christmas, Christmas Everywhere. "We have received our first Christmas gift," said a city man the other day, "in the shape of two little square, shaped paper packages of tea with Chinese characters painted all over them. They came from our Chiuese laundryman.

"When we go for the washing and produce the ticket the Chinaman reaches for the bundle.

"'Ninety cent,' he says, and as we are reaching for the coin be reaches under the counter and produces from there those two little square packages which he lays down beside our bun dle. We don't know what's in them or why he put them there, and as we put down the coin we take up one of the packets and say: "'What's this?' And then says the

lanndryman, smiling: "'Kismus.'

"And as we smile in return and pick up the odd little packets we think the Chinaman is really more or less adapt able to the customs of the country.'

The Cradle and the Cross. Calvary's cross out of mind, the full significance of Bethlebem's cradle is missed. The great lesson of Christmas is not half learned except our thoughts project themselves beyond the scenes of the Redeemer's birth to the scenes of his death and the relation of his humiliation and suffering to our redemption be borne in mind. -Christian Intelligencer.

Of 1914

American Red Cross approved the design for the 1914, Red Cross Christmas seal, to be sold throughout the United States during this year's holiday season to help in the war on tuberculosis.

A different design for this stamp to adopted every year. The 1914 stamp is brightly colored, with red and green predominating. It is taken up alrust entirely by the ruddy face of Santa Claus. The background, in virid green, represents part of a Christmas tree. At the upper corners are red crosses. At the bottom on an unrolled scroll are the greetings "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year." legends "American Red Cross" and

"1914" appear. instead of an oblong design, as used during the 1913 Christmus season, the

1914 stamp is square. The Red Cross anti-tuberculosis Christmas seal first was used by the American Red Cross as a national body in 1908. Since then over \$1,800,000 has been raised through the sale of these stamps at Christmas time in the cru sade against tuberculosis. Last Christmas over 40,000,000 of the stamps were sold in the United States. The Red Cross Christmas seal was first used by the Delaware chapter of the Red Cross And, as with that sweet overthrow, in 1907 at the instance of the secretary of that chapter, Miss Emily P. Bissell, and the national organization took i

The Star of Bethlehem

This old sobbing world of ours is one year older than it was when the last Christmas carol was chanted. It has had another twelvemonth of experi-S. H. Houghton ments and of experience, of advancement on many lines of human research and acquisition. But it has not outgrown Jesus Christ. For him it has discovered no substitute. The star of Bethlehem is the only star that never The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Townsend National Bank will be held at their Banking Rooms on Monday, January 4, 1915, at ten o'clock A. M., to choose a Board of Directors for the year ensuing and act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

4w14 sets. Jesus Christ alone can satisfy all human necessities and the lofties of human inspirations. Christianity is the only universal religion, the only one adapted to all ages of life, to all human conditions, to all races and all nationalities. Other lights have arisen, waned and vanished forever. The Greek mythology is as utterly shaken to ruln as its own splendid Parthenon. The chief religions of Asia-Brahman ical, Buddhist and Moslem-all are limited and local; they are all moribund. While they make no inroads on Christianity, the religion of Bethlehem and Calvary makes constant inroads upon them. The systems of error which Paul and Peter fought have vanished out of sight and the whole east is catching glimpses of the star that first dawned over Judea's sky. In spiritual dynamics blood tells, and God has

Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D. The Message of the Bells. The Christmas bells are ringing. In every pealing note they say to the "Jesus was one with you. He DOOF: chose to share your lot because it was that of the majority. In all that you have to bear you are a brother to Jesus Christ." . Christ never took on his blessed lips the philosopher's cant. He never said that misery, poverty, disease and death were natural results

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lage on both sides of the road load. ng from Rogers Mills, so-called, to

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Pursuant to and by authority of license granted to me on the 24th day of November, 1914, by the Pro-bate Court for said County of Middlesex, will be sold at Public Auction on Saturday, January 9th, 1915, commencing at Ten o'clock in the foremencing at 1en o clock in the lore-noon, on the premises the first here-inafter described parcel of land in Pepperell, Mass., and directly after the sale of said first parcel, the second Parcel hereinafter described will be sold on the premises therein de-scribed, and directly after the sale of said second parcel, the fifth parcel will be sold on the premises therein will be soid on the premises therein described, and after the sale of said lifth parcel said sale will be adjourn-ed until two o'clock P. M. of said day Broders for market. Also, any kind of l'ullets. Irrop me a postal or telephone and team will call. Telephone Pepperell 59-12. to be continued on the premises here-inafter described in and referred to as the "third" parcel, being in Gro-ten, Mass., at which time and place all the land hereinafter described as being in said Groton, will be sold, and being all the Real Estate of

Charles A. Dennen, late of Pepperell in said Middlesex County, consisting of five parcels of land, viz.: First. A certain parcel of haid, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Main St. in The subscriber, as administrator of the e-tate of Charles S. Wyman, late of said Townsend, deceased, by leep the granted on the will be men by deed of Rebecch G. Sheley, dated Dec. 21, 1892 and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deces, Book with Middlesex So. Dist. Deces, Book Page 161.

Second. A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Elm Richard McElligott on Eim Street, in the Village of West Townsend, Monday, January 4th, 1915, at one acres, more or less cond. A certain parcel of land situated on the westerly side of Elm St. in said Pepperell, containing 11% acres, more or less cond. acres, more or less, and being the said Charles A. Dennen by deed of L. Florence Page et al, dated Dec. 2, 1892 and recorded with said Deeds, Rock 250 March 271 Book 2528, Page 371.

Third. A certain parcel of land, containing about 26 acres and 10 rods, more or less, situated in Groton in said County, near Fitches Bridge so called, and being the same premises conveyed by Milo II. Shattuck to said Charles A. Dennen by deed dated July 1, 1880 and recorded with said deeds, Book 1581, Page 279. to the reservations as in said deed set forth. Also one other certain parcel of land, containing 6 acres and 30 sq. rods, more or less, adjoining the last above described parcel and the last above described parcel and being the same premises conveyed by Martin Moran to said Charles A. Dennen by deed dated April 25, 1964 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 3097, Page 519.

Fourth. A certain tract of pasture

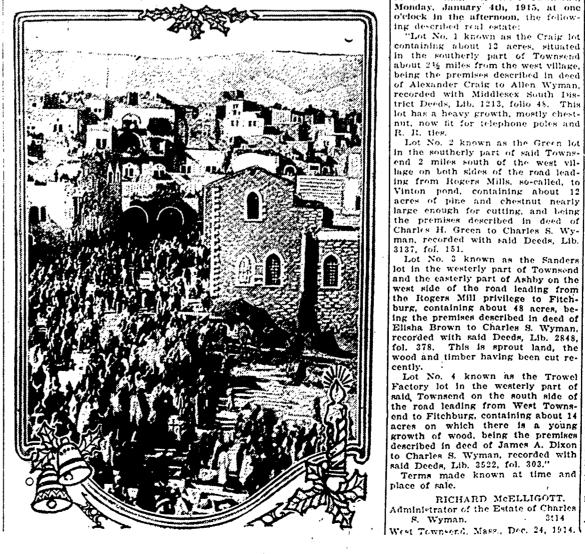
land situated in the westerly part of said Groton, containing 34 acres and 7 rods, more or less, and being the same premises conveyed to said Charles A. Dennen by Charles P. Heminway, by deed dated Dec. 20, 1878 and recorded with said Deeds, Book 1581, Page 276. Subject to the reservations as in said deed set forth.

Fifth. A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated at the intersection of Park and Sartelle Streets in said Pepperell and running southerly by said Park St. 150 ft.; thence running westerly par-allel with and 150 ft. distant from said Sartelle St. 175 ft.; thence running northerly parallel with and 175 ft. distant from said Park St. 150 ft. to said Sartelle St.; thence by said Sartelle St. 175 ft. to the point of beginning, be all of said measurements more or

For terms and full particulars apply to the undersigned. 3w15 WILLIAM F. DENNEN,

S. Wyman. 2114 Administrator of estate of Charles A. West Townsend, Mass., Dec. 24, 1914. Dennen, Pepperell, Massachusette.

-Tennyson "In Memoriam." Pilgrims Entering Bethlehem on Christmas Day



Edwin R. Smith, of Plainfield, N. J., is spending the holidays with his wife and daughter in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, parents of Mrs. Smith.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., is planning to work the third degree in the lower hall at their regular meeting on next Thursday evening. Six candidates from Apollo lodge, Fitchburg, and one from Fredonian lodge will be conferred with the third degree. The orchestra from Mt. Roulstone lodge, Fitchburg, will furnish music and the evening as a whole will be one of special interest

Thomas White is spending the holi-days at his home in Willimanset.

John Flynn and Miss Alice Flynn are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their brother in Boston, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Flynn.

Edward Wilkins, of Littleton, spent last Sunday in town visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch entertained at their home on Christmas day, Misses Helen and Vella Balch and Marcia Amsden of Leominster, Eddie E. Young of Westminster and Master Vernon Russell of Newton, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Russell of the Philippine Islands, and Raiph S. Wheeler and family of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rich, of Dorchester, spent Christmas day at the

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah H. Flynn spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Flynn's parents in Ashburnham. Miss Mamie Doolan spent Christ-mas day at her home in Ashburnham. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret is spending Christmas holidays at the home of their son George in Wayer-

Kenneth Horton, of Holderness school, Plymouth, N. H., is spending Christmas holldays at his home in

Miss Mary Gleason, school teacher in Brookfield, is spending the holidays at her home in town.

Miss Gladys Eisner, of Worcester, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clark and family spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. Clark's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hersom, of Fitchburg.

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Mrs. Clara Hersom, with son Pulph, was entertained on Christmuss-day at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Hersom.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen spent Christmas day at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes, Boston.

Rev. G. E. Woodman and John G. Conant are the delegates from the Congregational church to the installation of the new pastor at the Littlet in Congregational church, December

Nonaicoicus Camp-fire Girls held Center. their regular meeting last week Friday with their guardian, Mrs. David
L. Lindenberg. The girls sang carols at the homes of the aged and shut-ins the day before Christmas from two until four in the afternoon.

The Girls Sewing Guild held a very the four to the four two until four in the afternoon.

Mrs Edward Darius, of Athol, spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury, Center road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French, of Fitchburg, spent over the Christmas holidays in town at the home of Mrs. French's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowless.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrock are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in South Francingham wice relatives in South Franchigham Mr. and Mrs. Frank Park specif over Chretines at the home of their decisiter, Mr. and Mrs. William Adriance, in Winchester.

Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook and sister Miss Mary A. Park, spent Christma-day at the home of their sister, Mrs. M. W. Longley, at the Center.

M. W. Lougiey, at the Center.
Miss Marion Ballou, of Boston,
spent Christmas at the home of her
perents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert M. Bailou, Mrs. Laura Ballou and daughter Hazel were also entertained the

Trueman Nickerson left town last week Friday for Athol to recuperate from the effects of an absessa in his head at the home of relatives.

daughter, Miss Gertrude L. Conant, are spending over Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning, Upper Montelair, N. J. Mrs. Conant left town Tuesday morning and Mr. Conant, in company with his daughter. Miss Gertrude, left on Thursday night on the Bar Harbor express.

Miss Edna Elv. teacher of Management of Ground School Teacher and Mrs. Sturgis, of Groton School Teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, of the North, were entertained on the holiday at the home of their daughter in Malden, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moulton.

Miss Marion L. Holden, of Greenwich, is enjoying a short vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert 12. Holden.

served the day with a Christmas tree and the distribution of gifts, giving the affair a most pronounced home-like effect. A tine turkey dinner was served at noon and an appropriate short address was given by the super-intendent, George P. Campbell.

Owing to the change in the annual town meeting the books will close for this year on December 28. All persons holding bills against the town of Shirley will please present them to the town treasurer or selection on or before that date.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes, of Boston, entertained on Christmas day the following persons from Shirley: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, Mrs. McMichael and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Lindenberg.

New telephones recently installed are Mrs. Ida Hazen 15-2, Arthur H. Jubb 35-3, Samuel Griffin 16-2. The latter have moved from Mitchelville into the house on Clark road vacated by the Orville I. Cutler family.

Officers Elected. The C. E. society of the Congrega-tional church have elected these of-ficers and committees for the first half of the year 1915:

ficers and committees for the first half of the year 1915;

Mrs. Harry Collyer, pres.; Miss Nina Holbrook, v. p.; Miss Flora Shephard, ree, and, cor. sec.; Miss Mary A. Park, treas; Miss Sarah Stevenson, organists, committees—Mrs. McCoy. C. Russist Miner, Mrs. James, Joseph Mg-teelsan, Miss Bee and Leonard Hooper, bekont: Miss Nina Holbrook, Mrs. Wodman, Miss Nina Holbrook, Stanley Weds, Miss Padmun, Mrs. R. Pomfret, mayer; Mrs. Wight, Miss Phelps, Miss Wodman, Miss Stevenson, Miss James, Misc Howe, J. Aibert Dearden and Paul Wodman, Social; E. N. Livermore, Miss Sieghard Mrs. Dearden, Miss Harris, Mrs. E. H. Conart and Murray Marstinal, missionary; Mis. Phelps, Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. H. Marshall, Mrs. Tewksbury, Mrs. Harrie and Mrs. Rugg, 2017ing; Miss Park Miss Tewksbury, Mrs. Harrie and Mrs. Rugg, 2017ing; Miss Park Miss Tewksbury, Mrs. Annis, Miss Giddys Elsner, Ruth Kenyles Priscilla Woodman, Kathleen Miner, Harry Annis and Chester Hooper Hower; Halph Hersom, George Hopper and Harry Annis, ushers.

Church Exercises. Church Exercises,

The Baptist church held Christmas exercises with Christmas tree and entertainment on Thursday evening at the church. Santa was on hand to distribute present from the tree. Refreshments were served and the following entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. David Goochee. Miss Carrie G. Bradford and Miss Louise Peneseau:

Song, "It came upon the midnight.

and Miss Louise Pereseru;

Song "It came upon the midnight over," primary department; weisome speech, Arnold Hocquard; recitation. "The Arnstans gift," Erwin Beach; excetise, Stelia Parmenter, Mabel Beneseri; and Mabel Parmenter; recitation, "The, little Christmas tree," Mac Arnoldord; song, The air is filled with the echoes," Buth Solon; reclation, "Bristmas everywhere," Marjorie Wheel; "Nonstant Carletmas," Mae Bradioid, "Constant Carletmas," Mae Bradioid and Eleanor Longley; recitation, San'y and the moase," Bertha Penesean recitation, Annie Parmenter, song "The Christmas eve," primary department.

tion of the new paster at the Littleton Congregational church, December
31.

Miss Barbara Hazen, of Hemps
stead, N. Y. is spending the holidays at her home. Miss Hazen is a teacher
of domestic science in Hempstead and to also teaching a course in Columbia
college.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dean, of Charlestown, were entertained Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Charlestown, were entertained Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Charlestown, were entertained Christmas and the school holidays at her home. In Danversville, N. H.

Miss Mabel Osborne, assistant high school teacher, is spending over Christmas and the school holidays at her home. In Danversville, N. H.

Miss Margreta S. Hastings, high school principal, spent over the vacation at her home in Brookfield.

Miss Gertrude McNally is spending over Christmas with her parents in Granville, N. Y.

Nonaicolcus Camp-fire Girls held their regular meeting last week Fri.

the day before Christmas from two until four in the afternoon.

Miss Ruth Carter, commercial teacher, spent the holidays at her home in Winchendon.

The Misses Grace Tewksbury and Alice Horton, of Cushing academy, arrived at their respective homes the latter part of last week, to remain over the holidays and will return to the academy at its opening on January 4.

Mrs. Edward Darius, of Athol.

George F. Buxton, Woodsville, The Girls' Sewing Guild held a very search sewing Mrs. Clinton J. Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., is a guest at the home of Mr and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Stanley F. White, of Yole college, period at his home last Saturday to remain for the mid-winter vacation of about three weeks.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds ite regular meeting on Monday evensing.

Missey Analo and Nine are supported as the second of the period of the period of the Emeracy School of Oratory is spending a two-weeks? Christmass vacation at the loome of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

The Center primary and grammar sechnols united and held second or exercise.

Afternoon and the following pre-fraint was rendered:

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The stone crusher and other ma-

The stone crusher and other machinery to be used on the state road have arrived from Williamstown. Miss Gertrude Haskins, of Gard-

Mrs. Julia P. Kilburn entertained on Christmas day Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. Farmer of East Boston. Miss Annie S. Snell of Northampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell of this town. All of the above were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Snell, returning to the home of Mrs. Kilburn in the evening, where the distribution of presents and festivities took place. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant and daughter, Miss Gertrude L. Conant, are spending over Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning, Upper Montelair, Walter W. Manning, Upper Montelair,

Miss Edna Ely, teacher of French and German in Burlington, N. J., is spending the holidays at her home.

Mr. Sturgis, of Groton School, read an excellent sermon at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. The Sunday afternoon. The Sunday afternoon of the Christmas vacation.

At the Industrial school on Christmas day each cottage, which usually accommodates about thirty boys, ob-

Miss Ruth M. Graves, of Royalston, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, for the Christmas vacation.

The Center primary and grammar schools are closed for a Christmas vaschools are closed for a trinsmas va-cation of one week and will open again on Monday, December 23.

Miss Mildred Evans, of the Fitch-burg Normal school, is enjoying a short Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans.

Contrary to the notice in this colown rast week the social dance which was to have been held hast week, was at the last minute, postponed indefi-nitely.

Henry F. Grout has been confined to his home on Parker road with a very severe cold.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sew ing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 2, at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard. Miss Christine G. Longley of the Worcester School of Domestic Science arrived home Wednesday for a short Christmas vacation to be spent at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley Longley.

Robert H. J. Holden of Harvard university is spending a ten days' vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattle P. Holden, on Horsepond

Robert J. Evans of Bowdoin col-lege arrived home Wednesday for the Christian's vacation, which he will spend at the home of his mother, Mrs J. W. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams and Miss Mary Adams went to Roxbury Thoselry to spend the remainder of the week with relatives. Miss Margaret Longley of Bryan & Stratton's business college in spend ing a short vacation with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Miss Harriet Winslow of Center road was operated on Monday by Drs. Bulkeley and Kilbourn for appendicitis and gallstones. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

A Step in the Right Direction.

A step in the Right Direction.

At the last meeting of Shirley Grange a discussion of the water question was held and a committee consisting of N. R. Graves, C. E. Bradford and William Jubb was appointed to look into the matter. This is a big step in the right direction and it is hoped that it will lead to good results. The action taken by the Grange in reference to the question results. The action taken by the Grange in reference to the question of closing the Center schools was very of closing the Center schools was very cheditable and it is hoped that their isterest in this matter will be as great. Certainly, if the Grange, whose members are in a great part from the other sections of the town, will interest itself in the question of a water supply for the Center, the people of the Center, who are directly concerned in the matter, should be willing to take a more active part in the movement than they have up to the present. The annual town meeting is rapidly drawing near, and if anything is to be done this year some investigation must be made very soon.

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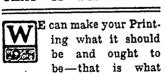
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A Real Christmas

TER name was Philippa, a royat name for such a very small, she found berself at the warehouse, poor English mald, but she had soon delivered her parce had always been called "Flip," the fat manageress and received and she lived in Duchess row. Duchess stately and grand; but, alas, here it street, where the sunshine never seemwere quite as poor as Flip's mother, liked with! who had to work day and night to earn a scanty living by making buttonholes in coats and waistcoats for a ready brave and stanch little heart beneath her threadbare frock and when she came out of school each afternoon would sit until her eyes were burning and her poor little fingers raw and aching, belping her mother.

And it was so she sat one afternoon week before Christmas day trying to catch the last gleams of murky daylight which come through the window



GAZING IN AT THE BRILLIANTLY LIT WIN-

of their room. It was a bitterly cold. cheerless day, not a typical Christmas with frost and snow, but leaden skies and a biting east wind made all folks shiver and long to be home by a cozy firesida. But fires are a luxury in Duchess row, and there was but scant warmth in the room where Flip and her mother sat, working hard.

"If we can get these finished tonight you can run out with them, an' when von come back we'll 'ave a bit more coal, an' I'il git a bit of fish from round the corner, an' you shall 'ave a olce 'or supper, deary," said the pale mother with a loving look.

"That'll be just splendid." replied Flip, "an' then we'll set before the fire, an' you'll fell me about them real Christmases you used to 'ave when you

"I don't like talking of them days," said the mother with a sigh as she folded up the last bit of work. "Ere you "There, my lass, take your are, deary. Jest put on yer 'at an' run with these." And in another minute or two the light little figure, laden with great busy thoroughfore.

Sometimes, with all the good will in weary, but tonight her thoughts of Christmas made her forget all fatigue where her anxious mother heard all "'Ow lovely it would be," she her wonderful adventures. thought, "if we could 'ave a real Christmas, with plum pudding an' 'olly in the top room.

an' presents! Fancy if I could give mother a present! I know what I'd like to give 'er-one of them cases to which I saw at 'Amilton's bazaar. But it ain't much good wishing." And here her reflections came to an end, for

She had soon delivered her parcel to the fat manugeress and received the and she lived in Duchess row. Duchess poor payment due and, threading her row makes you think of something way eleverly back through dusty corridors and down winding stairs, soon meant just a row of narrow, griny found herself in the jostling street houses standing in a dark and dreary again. She turned her footsteps home, when a gleam of something bright on ed to come-a place of poor people in the dirty pavement caught her eye. the heart of tolling London. Flip lived She bent down. It wasn't-no-yes, it at 9 Duchess row with her mother, a was-a silver sixpence! She picked it widow. They had the topmost room of up. Could such luck be true? A silver the house, and of all the poor people sixpence found on the ground and in Duchess row I do not think any therefore her very own, to do what she

"Why, now I'll be able to git mother a real Christmas present. It's jest like a fairy tale," she thought, her blue made clothes warehouse. It was a hard eyes shining with excitement, "an' I life for the two, but Flip possessed a know what I'll buy, an' I'll git it, too, know what I'll buy, an' I'll git it, too, before I go 'ome, 'cause it won't take me a minit" Hamilton's bazaar was not very far

away, and, sure enough, in five minutes Flip was gazing steadily in at the brilliantly decked and lit window at a needlecase in red velvet and gold, an article which for all its gorgeousness was marked but fivepence three farthings. "I want a needlecase with a thimble

them up there," said Flip, with all the dignity of a possessor of wealth. "Well, you must wait a bit!" snapped the assistant, turning to another cus-

an' a bodkin an' a reel of cotton, like

tomer, a stout, cheery looking man, accompanied by two rosy, well dressed children. "I bin waitin' a long time. Why can't you git me one down?" replied Flip, with the perseverance of the

east end child. The girl impatiently detached one of the needlecases. "Where is your money?" she asked.

"'Ere, of course. Wot d'yer think?" said Flip, handing her the coin. The saleswoman took it, looked at it once carelessly, again narrowly.

'Why." she exclaimed, "this is not a sixpence at all—it is only an imitation one!" And, turning quickly, she beckoned the tall, imposing looking shop walker, who stood near. "This child is trying to pass false money," she said as she gave him poor Flip's treasure trove.

He examined it and then, taking hold of the child's thin arm, said:
"Come, come; where did you get this money from? Tell the truth

Flip's face went red and then very white. She did not realize or understand her offense. She only knew that if the sixpence was bad she could not buy the dearly coveted gift. Her heart seemed ready to break, and she burst into a flood of tears as she sobbed out: "I found it in the street-it's true, it

is. But I can't buy the present now." The shopwalker besitated, and then the cheery looking customer who had been waiting his turn to be served broke in by saying in a voice that had a strong country twang in it: "Don't you cry, lassie. You don't

mean any harm, I guarantee. Let me see that coin," he continued, turning to the shopwalker, who did as he was desired, for he was being addressed by an old and valued customer. "Well, I don't know." said the

cheery man. "It is not a sixpence, agree, but it is a half sovereign and a very good one too." And in the twinkling of an eye he had deftly exchanged the imitation sixpence for a gold

"There, my lass, take your money and run home."

Was it a dream? Flip pinched berself when she was in the chill streets a large bundle, was speeding up the again. No. it was all true-a bappy reality to find a bad sixpence and then see it transformed into a golden half the world, the constant journeying to sovereign. She had forgotten the velthe warehouse seemed to her long and vet needlecase; she had but one thought -to get home-and home she soon was.

So, after all, it was a real Christmas

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GROTON:

News Items.

Miss Thekla Huebner, supervisor of drawing and music in Baldwinville, and one or two other nearby towns, closed her term for the Christmas vacation last week Friday. Miss Huebner joined her sister Nita in Clinton, where both are visiting their sister, Mrs. Stewart, for awhile.

Mrs. Stewart, for awhile.

The Groton girls attending Fitch-burg Normal began their vacation on Wednesday, the school closing that noon. Those attending from town are the Misses Muriel Moison, Selina Bradley, Helen Forbes, Edna Leonard and Mary Clark, the latter from West Groton. Charles B. Campbell of Washington, D. C., came on Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents at their home in Nashua, and during the holi-

days will visit with his grandparents, shown by the singers w...o expect to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry, of this take part in it.

The report that Mark W. Shattuck science at the is going to move to Willow Dale is not true. Mr. Shattuck will continue to occupy his tenement on Champhey street.

The Control of Mark W. Shattuck science at the worcester, she ning third prize sugar cookies. In the Barry

pupils attending this season.

It will perhaps interest the Bird club and others who have noted the habits of birds to hear that there is an English sparrow which has adopted himself into one of our families in Groton. The little bird has taken quarters in their kitchen in a most contented manner eats, drinks and sleeps there apparently without fear of anything. It has become a regular perfections of the state of the

holidays.

Mrs. Virginia Tyrrell returned last

Mr. viol Mrs. Follett have returned Cap from a list in Laconia, N. H. was Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clough went cheers, to Medford to spend Christmas with The I day me

is sever, Mrs. Tufts.

The reld Fellows' Hall association January 5. of Groton will give the first of a series of dances in town hall on Friday evening, December 25. Music by

Groten erchestra. The vacancy existing in the position

One day last week four loss were, sawed soil at Z. Fitch's nail which yielded 2735 feet of lumber. One of these alone wave \$82 feet.

Dr. A. D. Holmes has been appointed medical examiner for the Metropolitan insurance Company for Gro-

Poole will give a correct portrayal of a "Chinese play" as given by native artists in their own country.

The dance held by the senior class, Groton high school, last week Friday evening, was a very pleasant party where all seemed to enjoy themselves. The class colors being lavender and The class colors being lavender and white, there colors predominated in the decorations of wistaria and white blossoms. The booth was very pretty, the receiving matrons being Mrs. Eldredge Smith. Mrs. John Burton, Mrs. J. F. Peabody, Mrs. G. H. Rockwood and Mrs. N. L. Woods. The proceeds were \$48.97.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Torrey left town Tuesday on the evening train for Concord, where they go to make their future home. Their son, Ed-ward H. Torrey, came over from Con-cord with his auto truck Tuesday af-ternoon taking the last of their goods. The large audience at the vesper service in the Unitarian church Sunday proves the popularity of these services. The program was an unusually attractive one, all the music being full of a beautiful Christmas spire.

ing full of a beautiful Christmas spirit. The violin added areatly to the occasion, one of the numbers being music still in manuscript, written by Eichberg. The vocal numbers were beautifully sung and the entire program was a credit to all participating. People generally agreed that it was the best vesper yet attented.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell had their son, B. H. Tyrrell, and family, beside their own family to their Christmas dinner Friday.

Joseph B. Raddin with his daughter, Miss Lucy Raddin, dined on Christmas day at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Molson, of Hollis street.

Moison, of Hollis-street.

Weather permitting on Christmas eve carols will be sung in the streets, by two groups of singers, on their way home from the various Christmas trees. The carols will be sung by school children and members of the music department of the Woman's club, also other singers who care to take part. This custom is becoming more general each year. It is a beautiful one and much interest has been shown by the singers who expect to

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Berry, of this town.

Miss Mildred Brown, senior at Simmons, is home for the Christmas vacation.

The report that Mark W. Shattuck is going to move to Willow Dale is not true. Mr. Shattuck will connect true. Mr. Shattuck will connect the content of the children's department of domestic science at the recent state exhibit at Worcester, she was successful in winning third prize of one didiar on white

The Groton sewing school was given a Christmas tree party with the usual festivities and refreshments on last Saturday afternoon. The teachers and some other friends were paresent to help the children have a good time. There is a larger number of pupils attending this season.

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Charles Harrington entertained his father and Mrs. Smith a dinner on Christmas. It was Phineas Harring-ton's eighty-eighth Christmas.

Mrs. Annie smith ha received a letter from her sisters in England. They live at Micheldever, Hampshire, a country place near Winchester. The labering class work for three dollars a week, and yet most of pet.

Frank A. Woods, son of F. F.
Woods, came home from Amherst
Agricultural college last week Friday
for the holidays.

Miss Whitehill and Miss Gray, of
the Ayer schools, and Miss Green, of
Newton schools, closed their schools
last week Friday for the Christmas
holidays.

And week a Belgian refutee in their
them have a Belgian refutee in their
thome. The station is tax in up with
soldiers who live there to protect the
railway trains, loaded inkint and day,
and going at all times rushing troops
to the front. Brackenlarst park has
been turned into a huge camp and
the royal family are giving their time
entirely to the relief of troops.

The Grange hold

last week Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Virginin Tyrrell returned last week Friday from a twelve-days' visit with relatives in Connecticut.

Chief Dowling has given out word that there must be no coasting on the sidewaiks.

Lewis M. Knapp came home Tuesday from Amherst for the holidays.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be on Friday afternoon, January S—Federation day. Miss George A. Bacon, second vice president of the general federation of Woman's club, is empected.

The Sunday Globe gives the pictures of Harvard '45 class committee—dive athletes who 'do things.' (ne of these, Huntington Hardweck, is a Groton sensool graduate, He has become known as a birst-class football player, athlete and Harvard's "strong man." In the strength tests under Dr. Singent he has made bigger tander the type and heave ever made before under the type and heave ever made before under the type and heave ever made before under the type and heave who was a birst-class football player, athlete and Harvard's "strong man." In the strength tests under Dr. Singent he has made bigger tandered the type in the strength tests under Dr. Singent he has made before under the religing for the grand with and the must be about one hundred mustered for the good time, although it was one of the coldest nights of the season. The third and fourth degrees were very usely worked by the ladies' degree and the men's regular degree teams. The hall was prettily decorated with suggestions of Christmastide, The Ladies of the veriang supper in generous quantity was served under Mr. Avery appetizing supper in generous quantity was served under Mr. Such and Mrs. Wirginia Tyrrell, lecture relect of Grange.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

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Some of the Greton and who are teacher came home for Christmas holidays on Wednesday—Miss Gladys Mason from Springfield, Miss Mary Jeopphy from Martha's Vineyard, Miss Evelyn Fernald, from Hopedale, came home last Saturday, and returns this week Saturday.

Miss Sanders, matron at Low-thorpe school, sailed for Europe about a fortught ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Follett have returned

Speaker. Mit. House Feater A to yield with the local trustes in the capture of the school, the local trustes and a for invited guests. Principal Closein acted as the local trustes and a for invited guests. Principal Closein acted as the local trustes and a for invited guests. Principal Closein acted as were made by the trustes. Carl A Hope, teacher of English ast year and now attencing Harvert Law school; Clarence Hart, who spoke in the half of the aliming Capture and Capturelect Mo. 11 The occasion. was enlivered to had begs and

The boys left for their hours Torse

News Items.

The variancy existing in the position as carrier on route I. R. F. D., is exciting much interest among the young and older men in tewn who mean to try for the place. It is said that some twenty or more propose to take the civil service examination and each hopes he may be the fortunate one. for one man only can win.

One day last week four logs were.

News Rems.

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Pollowing the small costom, C Probleming the isom costs on, C. I. Edgarton presented to care, employence mass been in his employ for two, ty-live years or more than some twenty-five dollars in robusts. Chrismas present.

The Boston Globe gives the item that the Union France-Belge, a society of French and Belgians organized to aid the suffering non-combatants of Belgium, will give a Kirmesse Flamande in Horticultural hall, Boston on January 22 and 23. Among the names of ladies given as identified with the work are Mrs. Endicott Peabody. Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. William F. Wharton. The setting of the kermesse will represent the site of the grand palace of the ill-fated.

Christmas Tree I estivities.

The Universalist church held its Christmas festivities in the church is neighbors."

That's right," replied the man who is all business. "Publicity is worth and well laden tree, attra tively arranged with other decorations, gave think of talking about anybody except his appearance and distributed the present. Refreshments were served and during the evening the following program of entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. Lavonne Etar.

Another Recipe.

Aspiring Novelist—Ah, sir, I am high-lefted. Christmas Tree Lestivities.

the kermesse will represent the site of the grand palace of the ill-fated city of Louvain.

Mrs. James R. Hawkes goes to Foxboro to spend Christmas with her sister.

Clement Ameral, a pupil of Miss Mary Dunphy, at Martha's Vineyard, came home with her to spend Christmas. They return on Saturday of this week as school opens again on Monday.

The next number in the Luther Blood free lecture course will be held on Tuesday evening, December 29, in the town hall, when Dr. Frederick Poole will give a correct portrayal of At the First Parish (Unitarian)

At the First Parish (Unitarian) church on Jast Sunday morning Rev. William Ware Locke preached from the text "And when they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Mr. LaPrade assisted in the church music with the violin and giving a year solo. We Locke is ex-

Cured His Obesity. I'eter the Great was once traveling

incognite in a part of Finland when he met a very fat man, who told him that he was going to St. Petersburg. "What for?" asked the czur.

"To consult a doctor about being so fat, which has become very oppres-"Do you know any doctor there?"

"Then I will give you a line to my friend, Prince Menschikoff, and he will

introduce you to one of the emperor's physicians." The traveler went to the prince's not delayed. The next day, tied hands

and feet, the poor man was dragged off on a cart to the mines. Two years after l'éter the Great was visiting the mines. He had forgotten the incident of the fat man, when suddenly a miner threw down his pick, rushed up to him and fell at his feet.

erging: "Grace, grace, what is it I have done?" Peter looked at him, astonished, until

he remembered the story.
"Oh, so that is you!" he said. "I hope you are pleased with me. Stand up. How thin and slight you have become!

Go, and remember that work is the

best cure for your complaint!"

How Do You Laugh? Refinement can be indicated as strongly by the manner in which a per-

son laughs as by the tone of the speaking voice. If some people could hear the tone they use while laughing they would doom themselves to perpetual sadness. A real hearty laugh is like a tonic to the system. It not only does the person good who enjoys it, but it does

every one good who hears it. Of such a laugh there is no criticism. But there are neonle who do not enfor laughing, but who laugh in a forced and artificial manner, and generally at the most impossible moment.

An affected laugh by either a man or a woman is a counterfeit of the true feelings. There is no necessity to lanch loudly the heartlest laugh is the softest in tone.

Remember, when laughter is natural it is irresistible and beautiful, and when it is forced it falls like rasping brass upon refined ears.-Philadelphia Telegraph.

Brazil's Name.

Long before the Portuguese colonized the coast of Brazil adventurous Bristol merchants had equipped expeditions in a vain search for the supposed island of Brasylle. Who gave Brazil her present name is unknown to fame-the early Portuguese called it Terra da Vera Cruz-but whoever baptized the country took the name from the East Indies. For many years before the discovery of Brazil merchants had brought from the east for the use of dyers a wood which yielded a beautiful red color-brasill or brasilly. The West Indies have trees of the same sort, but Brazil contains them in more abundance than any other country. So that Brazil wood is not called so after the country. The country is named so be-Chronicle.

Travels of Roots.

Roots travel amazing distances in search of their requirements. A timber merchant, excavating for a sewer est water.

har will within its short CHALLE life of about half a year, throw out doors and gates have been slammed in from ten to fifteen miles of roots.

most powerful and persistent of weeds, greater depth.-London Stray Stories.

The Teacher-Now, children, listen to this. Thomas Campbell, the famous poet, once walked six miles to a house in a small village a discussion printing office to have a comma in took place as to whether a hard or soft one of his poems changed to a semicolon. Why did he take all that troudebate continued for some time, until ble? Bright Boy-'Cause he didn't have one man stoke up and said: no tellyphone.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Publicity.

"It's a bad thing to talk about your "That's right," replied the man who as good as ever."-London Tit-Bits.

ly flattered, I'm sure, to hear that you take my book to bed with you and read it there! Acquaintance-Yes, I have been troubled with insomnia for a long time, and I find one of your pages

A Sore Point. "The world will recognize me after I am dead," said the gloomy artist.

much better than any medicine.

"I beg of you," exclaimed the distinguished Latin-American; "let us not start any more of these complicated arguments about recognition!"-Washington Star.

The Secret Incentive.

When I read history and am impressed with any great deed I feel as if I should like to see the woman who is concealed behind it as its secret in centive.-Heinrich Ueine.

Good nature and common sense are required from all.

GIGANTIC SEA WAVES.

Force of Those Raised by Earthquakes or Violent Storms.

The term tidal wave is erroneously pplied to almost any unexpected wave that inundates the seacoast or the shore of a great lake. These waves are rarely if ever due to the tides since the real tidal wave is a phenomenon admitting of exact calculation and prediction, but they may be traced usu ally to some distant earthquake or vio-

When an earthquake occurs beneath the sea the vertical movements of the and there is no fat which is so suitable house with a note. The answer was sea bed generate a great wave, which as butter for the majority of vegeis propagated outward from the center tables, judged by the character of the of the shock and reaches the land after dish and also by its flavor. the arrival of the earth wave. In the open sea this wave is so broad that it cannot be perceived, but when it reaches shallow water near the shore it tables, soups and sauces as if these in rushes forward as an immense break gredients were simply "iuxuries" and er, sometimes sixty feet or more high and overwhelming everything in its remembered that these articles are course.

The sandy beach deposits and loose bowlders are swept away, while inland the surface is strewn with debris. The velocity of these great sea waves is greater than the ordinary waves raised by the wind. A submarine earthquake near the coast of Japan in 1854 gave rise to sea waves which traversed the whole breadth of the Pacific at a rate of about 370 miles an hour. At Smoda, Japan, the waves were thirty feet high, while at San Diego, Cal., they measured only six inches. Such an earthquake wave near the coast of Peru once lifted a gunboat of the United States may and landed it a mile inland .- Kansas City Star.

STAGE GHOSTS.

Kean's Contrivance to Make the Shade of Banquo Realistic.

I think it was Charles Kean who first resorted to illusion to make a stage ghost a little transparent, says a writer in London Tit-Bits. When he produced "Macbeth" at the old Princess theater he manufactured a contrivance which allowed Banquo's ghost to appear through a transparent column.

Later on, when Mrs. Ann Radeliffe's "Romance of the Forest" was staged at Covent Garden theater, those responsible for its production arranged that the spook in the piece should be seen by the audience through a gauze of bluish gray color, so that the too corporeal effect of a live actor might be removed

When the old playhouse in Drury lane opened, in 1791, with a performance of "Macbeth." Banquo's ghost was omitted. Although Mr. Kemble's acting was fine enough to make the audience almost believe that they really did see the ghost, yet the people were not satisfied until the system they had been used to was readopted Banquo's shade allowed to trot bodily across the boards.

Reflecting mirrors and the cinematograph are coming in general use at the theaters, and with them it has been found possible to manufacture ghosts capable of striking terror into cause of its red dye trees.-London the hearts of all followers of the oc-

Rudeness About Doors.

Never mind if you do not happen to know the persen who is coming beber merchant, excavating for a sewer hind you. Hold the door or gate open in England, found an elm root one and for him just the same. Of course the a quarter inches in diameter and sixty- next in order may be several steps bethree feet long, running through a bed hind, or you may be obliged to save of sawdust from the tree to the near- two seconds to catch your train. You may in cases like these feel compelled The aggregate length of root thrown to slam a door or gate in the face of out by some plants is almost incredition innocent feelow being. But in the faces of those following by boorish Clover roots will go straight down to men and women, apparently out of a depth of six to nine feet in search sheer clownishness. Sometimes the of moisture, and coltsfoot, one of the person thus insulted may happen to be one whom you may wish to please. It sends its suckers down to an even pays to be a ledy or a gentleman, even when you think you are among strangers.-Kate Uts n Cark in Leslie's.

> Clinching the Argument. At a club meeting held in a public substance would hast the longer. The

"Now, men, you are all mistaken, as I can easily move. When me and my wife married she had as good a set of teeth as any woman could have; now she hasn't z t one, and her tongue is

"I wonder why the baron and Javomir, the poet, always go about together! They are so utterly different!" "Well, the baron thinks himself in-

tellectual when he is with the poet. and the reet thinks he looks smart when he is with the baron."-Fliegende Blatter. Good Judgment.

"Your partner," remarked the privileged friend, "seems to be a man of unusually good judgment."

"You bet he is," replied the self acknowledged brains of the firm. "Why he never makes a move without asking my advice:"-Chleago News.

Apropos of an inefficient manager's esignation, George Gould said to a New York railroad reporter:

"It's every man's desire to wabble round in a big job rather than to fill a small one, and that's why so many resignations are by request."

Quick Witted.

Blobbs-He's a quick witted fellow. Slobbs-in what way? Blobbs-He knows when to say nothing .- Philadelphia Record.

Kitchen Kinks

Intelligent Use of Butter. It is almost universally admitted that regetables require the addition of fat in order that they may be at their best,

Some housekeepers have a way of looking upon the use of butter, milk

and cream in the preparation of vegevaluable foods and naturally increase the food value of the dish of which they form a part. They are all whole some foods, and, although generally more expensive than the vegetable foods with which they are combined. their use in reasonable quantities is certainly to be recommended.

Increasing the cost of the dish by the free use of butter, cream, etc., may, after all, be economy if the increase is intelligently made, and the vegetable soups and purees made richer as well as more appetizing by the addition of butter or cream combined with smaller quantities of meat.

Preserved Ginger. Those people who like it should keep a few jars of preserved ginger on hand. Now is the time to buy the ginger root. Young roots are put into a vessel and kept at the scalding point until tender, when they should be peeled in cold water. Make a thin sirup and pour it over the ginger and allow it to remain for five days. Then place the ginger in the jars for keeping and enrich the sirup by the addition of sugar. Boll thoroughly and pour over the ginger. It is then ready for sealing.

Ginger pears are novel. The pears should be rine. Peel them and remove the cores, then cut into thin slices. To every four pounds of pears allow the juice of two large lemons, three and one-half pounds of sugar, four ounces of ginger root shaved fine and one gill of water. Dissolve the sugar, then drop in the pears, ginger and lemon fuice and cook for an hour very slowly. Place in the cans and seal when hot.

Blanched Vegetables

Green string beans, onions, full grown lima beans and other green garden vegetables are made more delicate and palatable for many by blanching them, to remove the strong or acrid flavor, before cooking them. This is done by dropping the prepared vegetables into a saucepan well filled with boiling water and salted, immediately brought back to boiling point and boiled continuously from five to twenty minutes, according to the kind and

minutes, according to the kind and condition of the vegetable.

The cover, if used at all, should only partially cover the saucepan. The blanched vegetables must not stand in this water. If not convenient to finish cooking them at once, drain them from the hot water, throw into cold water to cool at once; then drain again and set in a cool place covered with a piece of cheesecloth until ready to finpiece of cheesecloth until ready to finish the cooking.

Fruit Sirups. To make fruit strups boil the fruit till soft and let it drip through a jelly bag. Put julce in a preserving kettle, boil and skim it, add a pint of sugar to each quart of juice, boil it five minutes, and skim. Have ready bottles sterilized by putting them in cool water brought to a boil. Fill them with the slrup and stand them in pans of Shirley street primary, Miss Marwater in the oven for ten minutes, garet A. Walsh: the sirup and stand them in pans of Mater in the oven for ten minutes. Have boiling juice ready, fill the bottles, put in corks that have been in boiling water, and coat the corks with paraffin. Stand the bottles where no draft can strike them till cool; keep them in a cool, dark place.

Dutch Butter Cakes.

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Dutch butter cakes are delicious. They are made as follows: Take onehalf pound butter, three cupfuls flour, one-half pound brown sugar, a heaping teaspoonful baking powder, one fourth pound sweet almonds and yolk of one egg, cut into small pieces. Mix butter and sugar until soft; add all other ingredients, mix thoroughly with hands until they stick together; form into cakes and brush each with white of egg. Bake in very hot oven; not too brown, as otherwise butter becomes too dry.

How to Can Beets. Wash young beets, and leave on an inch of the stems. Boil them till tender, drop them in cold water then rub off the skin, pack them tightly in jars, set these on a rack, fill the jars to overflowing with boiling water, and add a teaspoonful of salt to each jar. Put on rubbers and covers loosely, set the jars in a kettle of water that partly covers them, and boll them for threequarters of an hour. Then tighten the covers and let them cool in the kettle. Carrots may be canned in the same

Crisp Cobbage. To treat cabbage in order to have it

retain all its fresh, crisp, clean qualities for a long time, strip off the root and old outside leaves clear down to a compact head. Take two or three thicknesses of clean newspapers and wrap each cabbage in a tight, neat little bundle. Place in a box or bar-



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School Exercises. The East Main street and Shirle

Washington street primary, Miss Genevieve H. Neylan: Genevieve H. Keyffill:

Songs, "Joney o'd St Nicho'as," "Look
"go en Christmas, who wouldn't go,"
"Santa Couts," "I really wonder who,"
recutations, "Why," Cleo Baker, "Polly's
Christmas gifts," Rachel Turner, "Kitty's Christmas," Florida Angell; "Trouh,es," "Boulah Borsseau, "A, Christmas

Grade three, Washington street, Miss Agnes McCarthy:

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Song, In a lowly manger," School, The stor of Christines," Elsie Inckchain, Signs of the times," Martion, Noddin song "The Christinas" (cc., 1601 km s. 1 wonder "Albert Pickard, "The hight before Christinas," Laura Pray, "When Santa Chaus comes," Eva Liberty song "Up on the house tops," school, "If I were Santa Chaus," Alfied Vates, "Good enough," Marbe Corschool, "A Christinas eve thought," Prank Cote, long, "Away in a manger," school "V stitch in time," Carolline Hopkins, "How Santa Chaus came, James Bender, "Mothers always do Mariah Whitney, "Poor Santa Chaus," Bertia Bolsseau, song, "Someone comes on Christinas eve," eight children: "Dody's present," Eva Wallace; "A letter to Santa Chaus," Margret Marshall; song, "Once a little baby lay," Mary Cleary; "Christinas stockings," Myrtle Danleis: "Overheard at Christinas," Elminalene Boutwell: "Santa Chaus le coming," Roger Liberty, Leslie Beard, Harvey Flagg; "Everybody's Christinas gift," Watter Smith; songs, "Jolly old St. Nicholas" and "Chap your hands for Santa, School.

Miss A. M. Robinson, grade six:

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Song, "Long ago on Christmas,"
school: recitation. "If I were Santa's
little girl," Doris Dix: recitation, Mirism Davis: song, "Jolly old St. Nicholas," school: recitation, "How does
Santa do it?" Edward Harlow: song,
"Little Jack Horner," school and Arthur McDonald: recitation, "Santa
Claus," Timothy Eleary, Roscoe Burrill and Edna King: recitation, Muriel
Long; song, "Someone comes on Christmas," Paul Bolsseau, George Donahue,
Frank Kozlov, Russell Cahoon, Pearl
O'Meara, Chandler Mosher, William
O'Connell, Beatrice Angell, Marjory
Fletcher: song, "Christmas lullaby,"
Dorris Dix, Marjory Fletcher, Isabel
Traquair, Edna King: recitation, Arthur McDonald: song, "Clap your hands
for Santa," school.

Miss Winifred Cochrane, East Main Miss A. M. Robinson, grade six:

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Street primary:

Song, "St. Nick": recitations, "The star," Mary Force: "Bethlehem," Annie Luddington: "Kris Kringle," Liloyd Noddin: "Good child day," Lester Fit. West Groton, L. G. STRAND. 14

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PEPPERELL Methodist Church Notes.

Next Sunday morning the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rev. George Whitefield will be observed with a sermon upon the life of this great preacher and evangelist. At seven in the evening there will be a praise service and preaching up-on an end of the year vibject, "Re-deeming the time."

worth league will be held at Six b'clock. Subject, "A larger life and growing ideals." Leader, Mrs. P. R. The Tuesday evening service and the business meeting of the Upworth league will be united with the Watchnight service, which will be held on Thursday evening of this week.

The bright hour service of the Up-

Thursday evening of this week.

There will be a Watch-night service on Thursday, December 31, at eight o'clock. The program for this service will be as follows: Fight p. m., business meeting of the Epworth league; 8.45, sermon; 9.30, Sunday school lesson for the first Sunday of the year; 10.15, intermission and refreshments; 10.30, preaching upon the subject, "The world's last prayer meeting"; 11.15, Methodist class meeting and consecration service; 11.57, silent prayer while entering the new year.

New Advertisements

To RENT IN GROTON—Center of town, extremely attractive House of nine rooms besides bathroom, large shed with set tubs, town water, hot water heat, almost new kitchen range which can go with house, barn room for horse or auto if desired; also, land for garden. Very reasonable terms for permanent tenant. Address EOX 255, Groton, Mars.

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Lailway Company will run a late car in this week Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, leaving Ayer at 10.05 at night and North Chelmstra for Ayer at 11.20.

These officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., were elected at the last meeting: Katherine McCarthy, pres.; Miss Mary Skerritt, v. p.; Miss Suster', Neylan, rec. sec.; Miss Harriet Callinan, f. s.; Mrs. Kate Carrigan, tress; Miss Mary Carrigan, m. a. a.; Ars. Mary Mullin, sent.

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of the vice presidents of the Middlesex County Federation of Catholic sorectes at the convention held in Boston last Sunday. ton last Sunday.

iteaben C. Parker, formerly of Ayer, iteahen C. Parker, formerly of Ayer, iow of Lowell, has secured the position of engineer for Doherty Bros., of Lowell, who are preparing to do business in making planers at the Chandler planer shop. Mr. Parker will not those his family here until spring, the gases back and forth to Lowell every day.

Miss Elsie Miller of Fitchburg. Charles T. Haynes of Townsend and Samuel Hobbs, formerly engineer on the state road were visitors here last week.

The Unitarian Girls' club will serve new year's supper in the church vestry on Friday evening, January 1, at six o'clock.

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The ban placed upon the transportation of cattle on account of the foot and mouth disease some time ago has been lifted and cattle can now be transported from place to place the same as before the law went into effect.

The funeral of Joel Emory Fletcher took place from his late home on Columbia street last Sunday afternoon at 1.15. The services were performed by Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Eaptist church, who was assisted by Rev. Frank S. Leathers, of Haverhill, a former pastor of the Baptist church.

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AYER.

News Items.

Poullus Brothers offers the following bill for Christmas afternoon and evening: "Shadows of the past," in three parts, the leader: "A mask of wrestler," featuring Francis N. Bushman, two parts; "The man who mas to how he happened to be in this vicinity.

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on Monday The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Lailway Company will run a late car in this week Thursday. Friday and Saturday evenings, leaving Ayer at 11.20.

William J. Mullin returned from the Groton hospital last Saturday where he has been recovering from a surgical operation performed a few weeks ago.

The Ayer Electric Light Company moved its office from Lawton street to the new Barry block on Tuesday. The new Barry block on Tuesday. The new guarters are attractively inted up and will be very convenient to those will received word from the Campany was formally opened to the public last Saturday. Large crowds of people througed the store all day looking over the fine-display of goods that were offered for sale. Every loster was presented with a fine souver.

These officers of the Ladies' Auxilliant was presented with a fine souver. The motorcycle is worth \$250 to the Wordshaw was extended a call to become pastor of the Congregational consisted the series. The motorcycle is were the wordshaw was feather than the church will reduce the past of the wordshaw was feather than the public last Saturday. Large crowds of the wordshaw were offered for sale. Every loster was presented with a fine souver. The motorcycle is worth \$250 to the wordshaw was feather than the public last of the public last saturday. The thief is still missing, last the church was presented with a f

custody at any time. The suspect, it is thought, lives in the vicinity of the crime. The motorcycle is worth \$250 and naturally Mr. Sanderson feels deeply grateful for the recovery of the Congregational church at a meeting of the church last week Wedness, A fire, exclusive sepia portrait of the late Hon. George W. Sanderson, the moderator of the meeting. The reports of the various church courtroom this week Thursday morning officers and committees chosen:

courtroom this week Thursday morning. The photograph is of large size and is handsomely framed. The portrait is the work of John W. Dempsey, photographer, of Ayer, who is receiving many compliments for his fine work. Mr. Sanderson was clerk of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex from 1874 to 1912, a period of thirty-eight years. Mr. Sanderson died at his home in Littleton in November, 1912.

Mrs. George A. Cole is confined to her home by throat trouble. Dr. Hopkins that the attending physician.

The telephone company is putting the constructed and the following officers and committees chosen:

In H. Hopkins, clerk: Ellis H. Harlow, trans: George L. Osgood, Mrs. Nhm B. Lovejoy, church com. Mrs. Shadeson E. Evans, trustee of parsonage und. Howard Stone, Misses Edith L. Longley, Berrison E. Evans, col.: Miss Mary B. Johnson, Miss Minnile H. Evans, Mrs. Lillian Harlow, soficting com.: C. H. Harly, supt. Sunday school: Harrisón E. Evans, asst. supt.

Rate Hearing Postponed.

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Via. B. Robinson will be at his close an Dickinson block every
The lay after January large.

The St. Andrew's festival service for the Sunday school, with early large of Worcester against the Sunday school, with carbols of Mrs. Al. Savage, and Stephen Francis of Mrs. M. L. Savage, and Mrs. G. H. Tower. Thurst of Mrs. Leona E. W. Mrs. L

Welcome (?) Christmas Gifts.

mrs. Grace E. Winslow, d. d. g. and Miss Myrtle B. Smith, as marshal, and Mrs. F. H. Jenkins and Miss Helen F. Kelleran visited the E. Victoria Morae Rebekah lodge of Pitchburg on Monday evening.

Walter E. Fletcher will occupy the apper tenement in the Felch house on Grove street.

Miss Elsie Miller of Fitchburg Tharles T. Havney of Grove street. lowing program: Music, reading, an essay on birds, also a bird contest, which consists of twenty-four painted birds in their original colors and mounted on papers. The one guessing the largest number of names correctly and the conditions of the c The liquors seized at the recent raids at the home of Herbert W. Farnsworth in Shirley were declared forfeited last Saturday morning as no one appeared to claim them. rectly will receive a prize, the second one guessing the next largest number gets a second prize.

New Advertisements. LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the corporators of the North Middlesex Savings liank of Ayer will be held at its banking house on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1915, at two o'clock P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of any business that may lexally come before the meeting.

The RICHARDEON Secretary

E. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary. Ayer, December 26, 1911. 1w16 Wearing Flowers.

The kind of flowers that are fitting for a woman to wear depends upon her age and personal appearance. Blossoms that are becoming to a young girl look out of place on the elderly woman, and the woman who is tall can wear certain varieties which the one who is short cannot.

Banksin roses are for the quite young girl. Violets are charming for either routh or age. Daisles belong only to youth. Pansles seem fitted for riper age, though the pansy eyed girl looks well with them. Chrysanthemums look well on youth or maturity, but do not seem to belong to the old. Roses belong to all ages, but need to be chosen with care as to their color and size. Lliacs can only be worn by a tall figure. Neither are popples for the petite nor things that grow in branch form. Snowdrops that would look foolgrand master, who spoke interesting—
If or forty-five minutes. Charles E.
Rowley, of Fitchburg, district deputy
grand master, also spoke. Among the
other grand officers present were Bernard J. Linenkemper of Lynn, grand
marshal; Charles H. David of Somerville, grand chaplain, and Justin
A. Duncan of East Boston, grand
hereald grant carnation,-Exchange.

Unmoral and Immoral. Are you unmoral or immoral? Do not answer too quickly, for if you are only unmoral we may be able to overlook it. Unmoral stands to immoral in much the same relation as unregenerate stands to degenerate. If you commit some act of which the arbiters of othics disapprove the category that you go in all depends on whether the arbiters have previously brought the ethical constitution and bylaws to your notice. If they have already told you that a certain thou shalt not exists then you are immoral if you disobey it If, however, you are still in an nntaught state of sheer savagery then you are merely unmoral, and instead of being the victim of execration and contumely you are entitled to all the emoluments and perquisites of any other savage. Ignorance of the civil or criminal laws excuses no one, but ignorance of the moral law does count for a little these discriminate days -Ellis O. Jones in Lippincott's.

Good Advertisement.

Father is an advertising man and has had the misfortune to be laid up with the rheumatism. For some time, when he has been able to walk at all. he has limped along at a snail's gait with a cane. Things seemed blue enough, but it was for his small son to point out that which, in the little boy's mind, was one of the large benefits of the situation.

They had walked down the street toeral times by people who wished to know what was the matter or to inquire how the disease was progressing.

"Do you know, dar!, this is some advertisement?" said the son enthusias-

"What is?" groaned his father. "Being all crippled up and walking poky with a cane," replied the son. "I never did see so many people pay so much attention to you before."

him.-Indianapolis News.

Memory is that faculty of the mind sea." which enables us to know that we have forgotten something. Without memory there would be no history; hence no fiction.

Memory furnishes the only background for liars that is needed. It enables many people to labor under the continuous illusion that there is a past. when in reality there is nothing but a

has happened-usually to someone else. Memory enables us to store our minds with useful facts-until they are proved to be wrong by other useful facts which in turn take their place.-Life.

Lifting Dead Weight. There is a more or less popular belief that it is easier to lift up a living body and carry it some distance than to carry a small, compact "dead" weight, such as fron dumbbells. Somebody several thousands of years before any art of writing was invented imagined this thing and told t to his next door man, He told it and so all along the ages and centuries. I'ure hallucination, along with hundreds of others now injuring this modern scientific age. If a person weighing 150 pounds appears lighter than anything weighting fifty or seventy-five pounds, it is simply because a distorted mind of some weak man imagined it, maybe 100,000 years ago. Same origin for all current myths -

New York American.

Little Jackie-How soon are you and my sister going to be married? Ecstatic Lover-She has not named the happy day yet, but I hope she does not believe in long engagements. Little Jackie-She doesn't, I know, 'cause all her engagements have been short!-London Telegraph.

Didn't Give Her a Chance. "After all, Clara, it is not such a serious matter if you quarreled with your fiance. Remember, the wise one

"That's just it; he gave in almost immediately." - Munich Meggendorfer

Both Runners. "I like athletics for girls. You ought to see bow my daughter can run up a

"And you ought to see how mine can run up a bill."-Baltimore American.

The secret of happiness is never to allow your energies to stagnate .-Adam Clarke

NEED OF FAT AS FOOD.

Difference to the System From What Source It is Obtained.

'The trees in a Syrian garden are an important and practically necessary part of the nutrition of the people. Combined with grain in the form of coarse bread, the tree products make a balanced and wholesome ration. For large elements of the population, at least one meal a day is commonly composed of bread and walnuts. The wainut is rich in both protein and fat, so that this combination virtually dunit cates in nutrition our occidental sandwich of bread, butter and meat.

The oil to which the scriptural writ ers so lovingly referred is still important in that land, and the olive tree that produces it is almost as useful to the Syrian as the cow is to the American. The cow gives butter and drink, and the olive tree gives butter and food. When the workman on the Mediterranean goes from home for a day's labor, he often takes a pocketfu of olives and a piece of bread for his lunch. Remove butter, breakfast bacon and fat meat from our vocabulary, put olive oil in their place and we shall begin to think the thoughts of Mediter ranean cooks.

Once cooks and palates are educated, the blood does not know the difference between the rich globules of fat that come to it. It is fat that the human system wants, and it makes no final difference whether it comes from butter, bacon, lard, olive, cocoanut, goose or bear. Fat is fat, once it is in our blood. The source from which we shall get this fundamental of nutrition depends in part upon our bringing up, but eventually our getting it depends upon the ease of winning it from our environment.-Atlantic Monthly.

HOW TURNER FIRED A GUN

An Impromptu Effect That Startled His Fellow Artists.

Turner's impromptu effects were at times consternating to his fellow painters. Mr. Randall Davies, quoting from Leslie, gives in "Six Centuries of Painting," Constable's experience in 1839, when he exhibited his "Opening of Waterloo Bridge." It was placed beside a gray sea piece, by Turner, which lacked all positive color.

"Constable's picture seemed us if painted with liquid gold and silver, and Turner came several times while he was heightening with vermilion and lake the decorations and flags of the city barges. Turner stood behind him looking from the 'Waterloo Bridge' to his own picture, and at last brought his gether, and dad had been stopped sev- palette from the great room where he was touching another picture, and putting a round daub of red lead, somewhat bigger than a shilling, on his gray sea, went away without saying a word. The intensity of his red lead, made more vivid by the coolness of his picture, caused even the ver millon and lake of Constable to look weak. 'He has been here,' said Constable, 'and fired a gun.' On the opposite wall was a picture by Jones of Father was too stiff and sore to whip Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the Furnace.' 'A coal,' said Cooper, thas bounced across the room from Jones' picture and set fire to Turner's

Next time Turner came in he glazed the scarlet seal and shaped it into a

Glazed Earthenware.

Glazed earthenware was long supposed to be of no more ancient date than the ninth century, but the discovery of glazed ware in Egypt, of glazed bricks in the ruins of Babylon, of Without memory there would be no glazed coffins and enameled tiles in worry, because worry is fear for the future, based on recollection of what has happened—usually to someone else.

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Memory and the many use-third the duced glazed ware into modern Europe. The Italians are said to have become acquainted with this kind of ware as it was manufactured in the island of Majorca and gave it the name of majolica. The French de rived their first knowledge from the S2.00 Italian manufactory at Facuza and christened it faience.-London Saturday Review.

Liszt's Rude Host. High society has its crude personalities, if a story in one of the magazines is true. At a dinner given to the famous planist, Liszt, his host, Count Ludolf, right in the middle of Liszt's most exquisite playing, said in a loud voice, "If any one wishes to have a game of whist there are tables in the other room." Liszt, says the narrator, stopped short, but as no one moved he consented amiably to remain at the piano. The amount of wine that had occasion is not stated.

To Test Bread Dough. To test light bread dough and make

sure as to whether it has risen sumciently for baking, press the finger in the dough. If the hole remains the dough is in proper condition. If the dough rises and fills the indentation Ash Sifters this shows that it is in a condition to continue rising.-Exchange.

If It Must Be. After a thorough examination, the physician remarked: "What you need, my dear sir, is an

operation. "Very well," replied the patient resignedly. "Which operation are you cleverest at?"-New York Post.

Sarcastio. Dr. Pillem-My dear, sir, it is a mira-

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers will preach on "Gathered fragments."
In the evening a union service will be held at the Methodist church. Miss Ruth Russell is still very in with the whooping cough.

Funeral.

Daniel Brogan, who died at the Soldiers' home in Chelsea. Was brought to Townsend for burial and the funeral services held on Sunday afternoon at Memorial hall. The services were conducted by the Fitchburg G. A. R., of which Mr. Brogan was a member. The Grand Army burial services was used in compliance with the wish of the deceased comrade. A large number were present, representing the Fitchburg post, veterans from the Townsend Memorial association, D. of V., S. of V., and the Coopers union. It was very gratifying to the family and friends that such a large number were present from the different organizations. Mr. Brogan was born in Boston on April 24, 1840, and was a member of the Massachusetts 52rd regiment, Company D. He came to Townsend about the year 1850, and later married Elsie Senter of this town. He was a cooper for the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company for a number of years.

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years.

The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Emma Eaton, of this town; a son, Fred, in the west; a sister, Mrs. Susie Sheridan, of Fitchburg, and a sister, Mrs. John O'Brien, of Townsend; two brothers John and James, the latter making his home in the Tilton Soldiers' home, N. H.

Sale and Supper.

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The Ladies' Benévolent society of the M. E. church heid their annual Christmas sale on Thursday of last week. The sale was well attended, the table of useful and fancy articles being in charge of Mrs. T. T. Goodwin and her daughter, Mrs. Delia Morgan; the apron sale in charge of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence: Mrs. Dow and Mrs. Bowley presided over the mystery booth; Mrs. Hattie Misner and Mrs. Esther Scales had charge of the condy table: candy table.
The vestr

arts, Estner scales had charge of the candy table.

The vestry was prettily trimmed and booths decorated with the Christmas evergreen and crepe paper. The chicken pie supper was patronized by a large number who did justice to the well laden tables. The supper was in charge of Mrs. Albert Scales and Mrs. Minnie Upham.

The evening's entertainment was under the direction of Mrs. Florence Gwinn and consisted of songs, readings and character sketch. All the committees are to be congratulated on a very successful Christmas sale, supper and entertainment.

Miss Ruth Hayden, who teaches in Greenville, N. H., and Miss Lena Thompson, who teaches in Norwood, are at their homes here for the holi-

The Granite Company quarries closed last Tuesday for the present. About fifty men were employed there during the fall and early winter.

The public schools closed last week Friday for the holidays and Miss Reed is spending the vacation at her home in North Reading. Mrs. A. D. Winship has been quite lok at her home, suffering from

stomach trouble.

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Mrs. R. S. Ely has been spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. R. E. Brayton and son Randal, from Providence. R. I., are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams for the holidays.

George Adams and John Campbell attended the funeral of Comrade Daniel Brogan, of the G. A. R. at the Center on last Sunday afternoon.

Kenneth Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs

Alexander Reed, is spending his va-cation with his sister, Mrs. Dwinell, in Lyndonville, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wise have closed their house and are spending the remainder of the winter with their daughter in Boston.

Concert.

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The following program was presented at the Baptist Sunday school on last Sunday evening, the program being augmented by the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. John Manchester and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell:

Opening selection, "Christ the Lord is born," school, led by Miss Rena Clapp, and a response, "Holy night," from the girls' class in the gallery; responsive reading, Perry W. Sawtelle and school, followed by prayer by the pastor; quartet, "The evening song of praise," Mr. and Mrs. Manchester and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell: chorus, "Joy to the world," solo and chorus, "While shepherds watched "Miss Clapp and school; recitation, "Christmas massage," Miss Rose Rossler, exercise, "The sweetest song of all," clarif girls' exercise, "Just a firtle babe, three small boys; chorus, "The first song of Christmas"; recitation, "What star is this," Ralph Davis; sepic from Elifah, "Behold oh Israel," John Manchester; exercise, "Star, cross and crown," Gertrude Hamilton and Agnes Waite: "The new born king," chorus, recitation, "The Christmas story," Lucy Reynolds; exercise, Clarence Jodery, Lester and James Smith and Walter Davis; duet, "Love divine," Mr. and Mrs. John Manchester: "Come and worship," chorus, recitation, "As with gladness men of old," Janet Clark; "Adestes fideles," chorus; recitation, "Christmas night," Rose Lashua; remarks by the pastor and closing chorus.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

At home from school and college for the holiday vacation are Miss Mildred Flagg, Priscilla, Juniata and John Fairfield, Eunice Priest, Marion and Herbert Whitcomb, Olive Thacher, Heywood Knowlton, Evelyn Kimball, Miriam Cash, Cora Warren, Esther McEnnis, Abby McNiff, Edward Esten, Elizabeth Smith, Myrtle Fletcher, Maude Mitchell, Louisa Flagg, Marion Prouty, Stanley Conant, Roland Houghton, Emily Robinson, Gladys Woodbury, Emily Sauler, Dorothy Biodgett, Warren Hartwell, Aria Stone, Ralph Hill, Grace Conant, Josephine Love, Miss Hussey, Miss Lucy Houghton went to Glou-News Items.

Miss Lucy Houghton went to Gloucester City, N. J., last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Carl Dodge, through the holiday season.. Sunday she was the guest of a Wheaton friend in

Malcolm Priest, of Almira, N. Y., is spending the holidays with his home people.

Miss Florence Wilcox has been visiting Cambridge friends, and Miss Mary Hager has taken her place in the home.

Miss Beth Allard, of Orange, N. J., has been a guest of Miss Fannie San-derson this week. The two ladies were college mates. Mrs. Fred Hartwell's mother. Mrs

Mrs. Fred Hartwell's mother. Mrs. Perry, passed away at her home in Hillsboro, N. H., last week after a protracted illness. Mr. Perry will spend the winter with his daughter in Littleton.

to their respective departments before that date in order to be approved and paid before the books close on De-cember 31.

There are still a few delinquents who have not paid their water tax. The commissioners wish to bring this to their attention so that these accounts may be closed before the end of the month.

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Miss Florence Austin, from Cambridge, is visiting friends in town this week.

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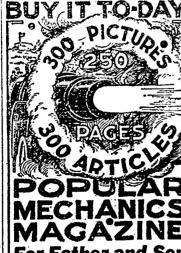
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The Goblins

A Christmas Story

N an old abbey town a long, long while ago there officiated as sex-ton and gravedigger in the. churchyard one Gabriel Grubb. He was an ill conditioned, cross grained, surly fellow, who consorted with nobody but himself and an old wicker bottle, which fitted into his large, deep waistcoat pocket.

A little before twilight one Christmas eve Gabriel shouldered his spade, light-ed his lantern and betook himself toward the old churchyard, for he had a

grave to finish by next morning. He strode along until he turned into the dark lane which led to the churchyard-s nice, gloomy, mournful place, into which the townspeople did not care to go except in broad daylight; consequently he was not a little indignant to hear a young urchin roaring out some jolly song about a merry Christmas. Gabriel waited until the boy came up, then rapped him over the head with his lantern five or six times to teach him to modulate his voice. And as the boy hurried away, with his



hand to his head, Gabriel Grubb chuckled to himself and entered the church yard, locking the gate behind him.

He took off his coat, put down his lentern and, getting into an unfinished grave, worked at it for an hour or so with right good will. But the earth was hardened with the frost, and it was no easy matter to break it up and shovel it out. When he had finished work for the night and looked down into the grave with grim satisfaction he murmured:

"Brave lodgings for one, brave lodgings for one, A few feet of cold earth when life is

"Ho, hor" he laughed as he sat himself down on a flat tombstone, which was a favorite resting place of his, and drew forth a wicker bottle. "Ho, ho, bo!" repeated a voice close

beside him. "It was the echoes," said he, raising the bottle to his lips again.
"It was not," said a deep voice.

Gabriel started up and stood rooted to the spot with terror. Seated on an noright tombstone close

to him was a strange, unearthly figure. He was sitting perfectly still, grinning at Gabriel Grubb with such a grin as only a goblin could call up.

"What do you here on Christmas leve?" said the goblin sternly. "I came to dig a grave, sir," stammered Gabriel.

"What man wanders among graves

on such a night as this?" cried the gob-

"Gabriel Grubb, Gabriel Grubb!" screamed a wild chorus of voices that seemed to fill the churchyard. "What have you got in that bottle?" said the goblin.

"Hollands, sir," replied the sexton trembling more than ever, for he had bought it of the smugglers, and he thought his questioner might be in the excise department of the gobling.

"Who drinks Hollands alone and in a churchyard on such a night as this?' "Gabriel Grubb, Gabriel Grubb" ex claimed the wild voices again.

"And who, then, is our lawful prize?" exclaimed the goblin. The invisible chorus replied, "Gabriel

Grubb, Gabriel Grubb!" The sexton gasped for breath. "What do you think of this, Ga briel?" said the goblin.

"It's-it's very curious, sir; very curious, sir, and very pretty," replied the liam Clark to land of Kemp & Bensexton, half dead with fright "But 1 think I'll go back and dnish my work, sir, if you please."

"Work?" said the goblin. "What work?" "The grave, sir."

"Oh, the grave, eh? Who makes graves at a time when other men are merry and takes a pleasure in it?" Again the voices replied, "Gabriel Grubb, Gabriel Grubb!"

"I'm afraid my friends want you Gabriel." said the goblin.

"Under favor, sir," replied the hor ror stricken sexton. "I don't think they can. They don't know me, sir. I don't think the gentlemen have ever seen me."

"Oh, yes, they have! We know the man who struck the boy in the envious malice of his heart because the boy could be merry and he could not."

Here the goblin gave a loud, shrill laugh which the echoes returned twen "I-I am afraid I must leave you,

sir," said the sexton, making an effort

"Leave us!" said the goblin. "Ho, ho, As the goblin laughed he suddenly

darted toward Gabriel, laid his hand on his collar and sank with him through the earth. And when he had had time to fetch his breath he found himself in what appeared to be a large cavern, surrounded on all sides by gob lins ugly and grim.

"And now," said the king of the goblins, seated in the center of the room on an elevated seat-his friend of the churchyard-"show the man of misery and gloom a few of the pictures from our great storehouses."

gradually away and disclosed a small and scantily furnished but neat apartment. Little children were gathered round a bright fire, clinging to their mother's gown or gamboling round her chair. A frugal meal was spread upon the table, and an elbow chair was placed near the fire. Soon the father entered, and the children ran to meet him. As he sat down to his meal the mother sat by his side, and all seemed happiness and comfort. "What do you think of that?" said

the goblin. Gabriel murmured something about its being very pretty.

"Show him some more," said the goblin. Many a time the cloud went and came, and many a lesson it taught to Gabriel Grubb. He saw that men who worked hard and earned their scanty

The day had broken when he awoke and found himself lying on the flat gravestone, with the wicker bottle emp-

ty by his side. He got on his feet as well as he could and, brushing the frost off his coat, turned his face toward the town.

goblin's cavern.-Charles Dickens.

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The sums set against the following described real estate show the amounts due thereon respectively for taxes for the non-payment of which said estates will be sold as aforesaid, but not including the costs and interest thereon and costs and charges in-cident to this sale.

same shall be previously discharged.

Assessed to Mary May

Described as follows: Situated in the central part of the Town, beginning at the end of Willow Dale Street, going easterly by land of Wilnett, northerly, then southerly, then westerly by land of said Kemp & Bennett to land of Charles B. Baldwin, then easterly by land of said Charles B. Baidwin to point of beginning, in cluding buildings thereon, containing about two (2) acres.

Tax for 1911, Tax for 1912,

Assessed to Lincoln Potter of Worcester

Situated in the northerly part of said Groton on the westerly side of the road leading from Groton to Nashua. N. H., containing 14 acres, more or less. Bounded: Beginning at the north-

asterly corner of the same at a stone bound on said road and land of John Gilson; thence north 51° 20' west 54% rods by land of said Gilson and land late of Stephen J. Woods to an oak tree at a corner; thence northwesterly by said Woods' land about 22 rods to a stone bound; thence southwesterly by land late of Mrs. Fulty about 40 rods to a corner near a maple stump at land now or late of P. Doyle; thence by land of said Doyle and land late of E. F. Nutting N. 8° 11' E. 27 rods to a stone bound; thence by said Nutting's land south 51° 30' E. 53 rods to a stake and stones at said road; thence by said road northerly 27 rods to the point

Tax for 1912,

Assessed to Michael F. McGowan Situated in the westerly part of said Groton, three parcels with buildings thereon.

1. Beginning at the northwest corner at the road leading from West Groton to Townsend; thence south 82° east by land formerly of Free-As the goblin said this a cloud rolled man Hopkins 19214 feet to a stone gradually away and disclosed a small post; thence south 70° 50' west by and scantily furnished but neat apart-land now or formerly of George H. Bixby 173 feet to a stone post at a proposed street; thence westerly b said street 108 feet to said Townsend road; thence northerly by said road

183 feet to the point of beginning. 2. On easterly side of road leading from West Groton to Townsend, beginning at a stone post at the southwesterly corner of the premises by said Townsend road; thence easterly by land of McGowan 143 feet to a stone post by land late of Freeman Hopkins: thence northerly by said Hopkins' land 85 feet to a stone post; thence westerly by said Hopkins' land 200 feet to a stone post by said road; thence southerly by said road to the point of beginning

3. Westerly side of road leading from West Groton to Townsend, beginning at a stone post at the south-westerly corner of the premises and he came to the conclusion it was a very respectable sort of world after all. One by one the goblins faded from his sight, and as the last one disappeared he sank to sleep.

The day had broken when he had been all and now or formerly of Freeman Hopkins; thence northerly by said Hopkins had been all and some wasterly by said the hopkins and some hours. bound; thence westerly by said Hop-kins' land 200 feet to a stone bound at said Townsend road; thence southerly by said road 110 feet to the point of beginning.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.

Miss Lavina Richardson, who has worked for A. P. Hildreth as tele-phone operator for a few months past, has completed her work there and

Mrs. Albert Muzzey was taken to St. Joseph's hospital a short time ago, where she is being treated for a mas-toid growth.

Fred Willoby attended the meeting of the State Grange last week which was held in Laconia.

Mrs. Andrew H. Spaulding visited with her sister in Alstead for a week or so recently.

The schools in town closed on last week Friday for their usual Christmas vacation of two weeks. Miss Reed's and Miss Newton's rooms had Christmas trees and a little entertainment. Perley Howard appeared as Mr. Santa Claus. Miss Lena Ladd and her brother

Robert were at home on last Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ladd.

ing the school vacation.

The usual Christmas concert was given by the children on last Sunday morning and took the place of the usual Sunday services. It was well attended and the children done their part well. In the evening a Christmas sermon was preached by the pastor. Rev. Robert French, in the main auditorium.

Mrs. George Frost was quite ill last week. Her illness was caused by eat-ing oysters, which poisoned her. She was attended by Dr. George S. Haz-ard and has recovered from it.

The many Hollis friends of Her-bert Hadicy, of Peterboro, N. H., were rained to hear of his death last week. He had visited Hollis Grange many imes and made pleasnt addresses.

Mrs. Edward S. Cave, while going to the henhouse, fell on the lee and broke her ankle. The break was very painful, but she was reported as comfortable at last reports.

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Mr. and Mrs. George W. Woodin spent Christmas with their daughters, Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Bosworth. Their grandchildren, Theresa and Clarence Stickney, spent the holidays in Waltham with their father, George Stickney, and other relatives.

The court of Parky A. Lund vs.

ney, and other relatives.

The suit of Perley A. Lund vs. Franklin Worcester, to recover damages for injuries received in the latter's saw mill on February 2, 1914, came to trial on last week Wednesday and Thursday. The jury having viewed the scene of the accident and heard the evidence, rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Lund, setting a damage at \$2,000.

The high school team played the

damage at \$2,000.

The high school team played the Conant high school of East l'affrey an extremely fast and exciting game of basketball in the town hall last week Friday evening which resulted in another victory for the Hollis boys, the score being 36 to 27. The Jaffrey boys proved to be the fastest team that had been on the floor thus far, being especially clever at passing. The game was followed by a short drama entitled "Too clever by half," and was well attended. This week's game will be played on Saturday evening. Friday being Christmas right, and will be between the high school and the alumni. It is expected to be a very clese game as some of the fastest players that Hollis high has ever preduced are home for the Christmas vacation.

Harry Powers, Sidney Wentworth, Bertram Clement

among the college boys who are at home for the Christmas vacation. The selectmen will have their reg-ular monthly meeting on Saturday evening of this week in the select-

Auto Plates in Large Numbers.

The 1615 automobile plates have been received by Edward N. Pearson, secretary of state. The consignment weighted twenty-one tons and numbered more than 16,000 plates, which weighed twenty-one tons and numbered more than 16,000 plates, which were done up in 285 packages and occupied an entire freight car. These are now being sorted out preparatory to sending them out to the various cities and towns of the state during the last week of this month. They will be in the hands of automobile owners by January 1. The largest number by far are for the pleasure machines owned in the state, 10,000 being the number. The plates for next year have the same colors as this year, with a difference, however, which procludes the old plates being of any use to the holders. The 1914 plates have green figures on a white background. Next year's have white lagures on a kreen background.

The parcel post has been a big money saver for the state in distributing the automobile plates. This year they will be sent out at a cost of seven cents a plate. Before parcel post days they went by express at a cost of from twenty-fve to sixty cents a plate, based on the distance from Concord and the directness of the means of transportation.

iews Items.

Mrs. Andrew Jewett was kindly remembered this week with a plant all in bloom. The gift was a present from her former Sabbath school class. Miss Hattie Kendall has returned to her sister's, Mrs. Andrew Jewett, after a few days' stay in Boston. Henry Blood's horse was taken very seriously ill last week Friday when he was returning from Pepperell with a load of grain.

Carrol Reed is at his home for a two weeks' vacation from Bates col-

with her housework.

Supes in a performance of "Aida," given in Chicago recently, broke up the show temporarily when, in order to leave the stage more quickly, they walked across what was supposed to be the River Nile.

Iamily in Cambridge.

Chas. F. Flagg and daughter Marlon and the Chas. K. Houghtons go to Andover for Christmas, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Flags.

John McKinlay and children enjoy the Christmas hospitality of the Walter Kimball family.

LITTLETON

On Monday afternoon, December 8, the Woman's club will listen to he following program: Vocal solo, worked for A. F. Hildreth as telephone operator for a few months past, has completed her work there and returned to her home.

Miss Olive Cloment left New York on December 23 and sailed for the south, where she is employed for the winter.

Mrs. Albert Muzzey was taken to St. Joseph's hospital a short time ago.

The Mory Frances seeing class will

The Mary Frances sewing class will meet next week Wednesday afternoon with Louise Caulkins. Each mem-ber is reminded to respond to her name in the roll call by giving a quo-

The date of the holiday dance to be given by the Backlog club in the town hall has been changed to this week Friday night. Music will be furnished by the Hyperion orchestra, of Concord. ation.

Roy Jewett has moved his household goods into his new house on New Estate road and Mrs. Jewett has gone to his father's to care for Mrs. S. H. Jewett, who gains but slowly, if at all.

with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ladd.

Miss Beatrice Stimson has returned home after being employed several weeks at William E. Lund's.

The installation of Grange officers comes on the first meeting in January.

Arthur W. Lund is at home for the present.

Miss Mary Cleasby and friend were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. George B. Cleasby's.

Arthur E. Strong's sister, who has been at his home for several months ion in Fitchburg.

Carol C. Read, who attends a Maine university, is at home with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Read, for a two-weeks' vacation.

Miss Annie B. Newton went to her home in South Ashburnham on last Saturday, where she will remain during the school vacation.

The Usual Christmas concert was The Christmas service, chiefly musi-Mrs. McDonald, of Carlisle, was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Thacher on last week Friday.

School Interests.

Mrs. Chase, of Somerville, and Mrs. Bradice, of Newton, were guests of their daughters, the West End teachers, last week Friday.

teachers, last week Friday.

Miss Woodbine's school, the fifth and sixth grades, made a tour through the Center and the Common on last week Friday morning from ten to 12.15 o'clock, singing Christmas carols to the shut-ins and thus visited sixteen different homes. Upon their return to the schoolhouse they enjoyed a Christmas tree which contained a gift for each pupil. Their thought was first of cthers and then of themselves, and the happiness and cheer they dispensed in their calls made the good time among themselves all the better.

Teachers and pupils alike are very

made the good time among themselves all the better.

Teachers and pupils alike are very sorry to learn of Miss Bowley's resignation from the Union school teaching force. In point of service she was one of the oldest teachers in town, and her ability and popularity were unquestioned. The visitor in her room was immediately impressed by the charm of her personality and the responsiveness of her pupils. Miss Bowley carries with her the affectionate regard and best wishes of her former pupils, their parents and other friends as she assumes the new responsibility, of wife and homemaker. Her successor has been appointed and the name will be given in another part of this column.

The high school will open on next

The high school will open on next Monday for the winter term. The public is again reminded of the high school entertainment in the town hall on Friday evening. January 1. The program has been announced already in this column. The object of the entertainment is to earn money for the Edison phonograph or the Victrola that is to be used in School. A large audience is expected.

Alan Stiles of the high school is

Alan Stiles, of the high school, is very critically ill with pneumonia at time of writing. Malcolm Priest, L. H. S. and M. I. T., is home from Almira, N. H., to celebrate the holiday season with his

people. Special Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting.

A special town meeting was held on last week Friday night with an attendance of about ten persons. An appropriation of \$550 was voted to meet the balance due on the recent water system extension: \$660 had been appropriated at a previous meeting for the new extension on Goldsmith. Foster and Russell streets, but on Foster street there proved to be much more rock than was anticipated, hence the additional expense. At the close of the meeting it was announced that Flagg Brothers, having had an opportunity to sell their canning factory plant at the West End to a rendering company, would to a rendering company, would to a rendering company, would to a hearing before the selectmen. The consensus of opinion is decidedly adverse to any such industry in town. The public is heartily glad to be rid of the lactart edor which would be like the atter of roses compared with the stench of a rendering factory which could be detected a mile off. There is disagreeable smell enough now from the load of Boston table left-overs passing through the main thoroughfare nearly every day.

We feel safe to say that Littleton would not tolerate such a nuisance as a rendering factory. The property in question is well located near the Boston and Maine track, and if well advertised ought to sell reasonably well for some desirable object.

Christmas Guests.

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Misses Louise and Edith Flagg are at home for Christmas festivities and joined the V. H. Flagg family gathering on Foster street Friday. Thomas Marshall and daughter en-tertain their relatives from Sharon through the Christmas season.

At Thomas Moore's on Foster stret are the Thomas Moore, ir., family, also the children and grandchildren from Lowell and South Acton. mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell welcome as Christmas guests their son Chester and family from Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartwell of Arlington, the Frank Hartwell family of Somerville and Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Jacobs.

lege.

Miss Ethel Goodwin is staying with Mrs. William Pierce, assisting her with her housework.

Mrs. William Pierce, assisting her did by the Elmer Canney family in Cambridge.

.Rev. O. J. Fairfield will welcome F. C. Hartwell's children are expected home for the week-end. W. H. Titcomb's family join the George A. Cooks in holiday festivities at the West End.

The children and grandchildren of surburban Boston will join Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths in the parental

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Frouty extend hospitality to their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Hawes, of New York, is a holiday guest of Mrs. E. C. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chase spend Christmas with his mother in West-

At N. H. Titcomb's are Misses Lucy and Emily Adams, the Misses Porter of West Acton and Miss Mabel Web-ber. The D. G. Houghton family and the several Priest families spend Christmas at F. B. Priest's.

There is a large family gathering at A. F. Conant's. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, of Concord, and Miss Julia S. Conant are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant.

Mrs. John A. Kimball is surrrounded by a family of twenty children and grandchildren at Christmas. Misses Fannie and Gertrude San-derson spend the holiday with the Arthur Blanchards in West Acton.

Jesse Dodge and family are guest at F. A. Hosmer's. J. W. Thacher and daughter are enjoying the hospitality of the J. P. Atlantic City, N. J. Baltimore, Md. Thachers.

The W. H. Tenneys join their rela-tives at Mrs. Henry W. Bird's in Bos-ton for Christmas celebration.

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HARVARD.

News Items.

Mrs. C. R. White gave a reception and ball to her Juvenile class in dancing on Friday evening. December 18. There were thirty-four in the class and for the first hour and half gave an exhibition of the work in the new dances much to their own and their instructor's credit. The march was led by Arthur Sawyer Bigelow and Ruth Shores. The stage darieling of Miss Jessie Camerson and Miss Marjorie Houghton, who danced the Oxford minuet in colonial costume, was very attractive. Refreshments were served during the evening. The matrons were Mrs. Austin. Peters, Mrs. A. H. Bigelow and Mrs. N. A. Dill with A. T. West, W. J. Kerley and R. A. Reed as ushers. News Items. A. Reed as ushers.

Honry H. Dickson is serving a ten-weeks' sentence as juryman at the court now sitting at Worcester.

Miss Harriet Mason is at home for the holidays from Winchester, where she is attending school. Kent Royal from Colby college is home here with his parents for a few

Jerome Johnson with two friends, Messrs. Bright and Perry, all from Cambridge are staying at the pond for two weeks in one of Mr. Warren's

While in town Sunday Mrs. M. Sherman Raymond was the guest of Mrs. Mary D. Sherman and her sister, Miss L. W. Dyar.

One of our town boys, Willard Houghton, now of San Diego, Cal., writes of the beautiful climate of that city. Strawberries, raspherries and other small fruits are now to be had the small truits are now to be had in abundance, although an auto drive two hours brings one up among the snow clad wooded mountain sides. He writes of the progress of the Pan-ama exposition building now nearing completion ready for the opening

Congregational Church Notes.

In accordance with a suggestion from some of the ladies of the de-nomination Forefathers' day will be nomination Foreignters day will be observed on Sunday morning. The pastor will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion, taking as his subject, "Foundations." Music by the quartet choir. Mr. West will sing the solo, "Abide with me."

At the Bible school session which begins at twelve o'clock a thorough review will be taken of the principal events in the life of Jesus. Much interest in the new graded courses is being manifested and the work for 1915 promises to be of unusual value.

At the C. E. prayer meeting to be held in the vestry at seven o'clock, the subject will be "This year and all years for Christ." Miss Harriet Mason will lead. There will be special music by the chorus choir.

The "V" class of the Bible school has accepted the responsibility of providing books containing opening and closing exercises for the use of the main school. This is made necessary by the new form of text book which makes no provision for this particular makes no provision for this particular

Owing to bad traveling there wa but a small attendance at the Monday class this week. Consequently the assignments last made will hold good

The Woman's Benevolent society The Woman's Benevoire Society of this week. The following officers were elected: Mrs. S. W. Lawrence, pres.; Mrs. H. B. Mason, vice-pres.; Mrs. N. A. Dill, sec. and treas.; Mrs. H. A. Mrs. H. B. Mason, vice-place,
N. A. Dill, sec. and treas.; Mrs. H. A.
Thayer, Mrs. A. T. West, Miss S. A.
Davis, Mrs. Remick, board of directors. The usual appropriations for
the ensuing year were made and other routine business transacted.

The regular monthly devotional
service will be held at the church parlor on Wednesday, December 30, at

lor on Wednesday, December 30, a 2,30 o'clock. This will be the preservice preceding the Janu-

Unitarian Church Notes.

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At the morning service of worship next Sunday those attending will have the great privilege of hearing Rey, Lewis G. Wilson, national secretary of the Unitarian denomination, who will speak about the progress of free religion throughout the country. Mr. Wilson's addresses always abound in vigor, good cheer, instructiveness and spiritual helpfulness. The pastor will be present to conduct the remainder of the service. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Thayer, will repeat the splendid Christmas anthems sung last Sunday, aided by some additional voices. some additional voices.

At the close of the service the reg-ular session of the Sunday school will be held. Probably Mr. Wilson will have some good things to say to the children

The violinist who played at the Unitarian church last Sunday was Mrs. Marietta Sherman Raymond long identified with women's orchestras in Boston. She played beauti-

long identified with women's orchestras in Boston. She played beautifully and those not present missed a treat.

The regular monthly meeting of the Unitarian Men's club will be held in the lower town hall, Sunday evening, January 3. Lunch will be served at seven o'clock, after which Dr. Austin Peters of this town will deliver a lecture on the "Hoof and mouth disease," which should be very interesting to all men, especially those owning live stock. All men are well-come.

Still River.

Last Sunday evening the annual Christmas concert was given in the church, the program, largely musical, being arranged and given by local tallent. The singing of Christmas carols by the choir was excellent and much appreciated. There were readings and recitations by the younger members of the school, and an offering amounting to nearly five dollars was taken for the Belgian relief week.

30, there will be a supper and entertainment in the vestry. The committee in charge have secured Mrs. Lucia Hutchins, of Fitchburg, who comes highly recommended, who will entertain with readings of poems, short stories and monologues. There will be a small admission fee charged at the door to cover the cost of the entertainment.

Lucia Hutchins, of Fitchburg, who will the weddings which were celebrated in London some time ago in which Mr. Bird led Miss Linnet to the altar and Mr. Wren was linked to Miss Nightingale.

Although it is seldom that one comes across two of these "ornithological"

Last Saturday afternoon Eliza Bateman and Mrs. Haynes attended a college club meeting in Boston and heard Mrs. Norman Marshall sing.

ated from work.

Miss Ethelyn Russell returned from her teaching in West Burke. Vt., on last Saturday for the mid-winter va-

Wednesday morning was the cold-est thus far this winter—dve degrees below at the railroad station and five above in the village.

One of our ladies in the village had One of our ladies in the village had an experience a few days ago that was quite interesting. A Christmas present was sent to her by mail from abroad. The value was one dollar, a duty of fifty cents was called for and a twenty-live-cent revenue stamp required, and an extra five cents for something else, making it cost the lady eighty cents to get her gift. She woose that not many more come from kopes that not many more come from

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The social party given by the boys of class live at the Unitarian vestry last week Friday proved a very enjoyable occasion. A unique feature of the entertainment was a guessing contest as to the identity of old-time photographs thrown upon the screen by means of the reflectoscope. This proved so delightful that many would like to have a repetition of the ex-perience.

On Monday, December 14. Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards gave a piano lecture recital at the Washington Irving high school in New York city. This 4s the largest girls' high school in the world, there being some 6,000 months the threateness. pupils in attendance.

pupils in attendance.

A motorcycle made by Davidson M. C. Co. Rogers-Hanley number 5603 H, twin cylinder, has been stolen from Rubert L. Sanderson. Officer Beatty of Ayer took hold of the case and Tuesday morning located the stolen machine in Cambridge, where it had been abandoned without any gasolene in it. asolene in it.

Mrs. F. C. Hartwell has returned from Hillsboro, N. H., where she was called by the illness and death of her mother. Her father, C. W. Perry, ac-companied her to Littleton the first of the week and will remain for a short visit

Mrs. Mary Reed, who has been with her daughter in Detroit, Mich., is the guest of her niece, Mrs. George Bon-

F. C. Hartwell was in Hillsboro.

Among holiday visitors in town are Warren E. Hartwell of Norwich university. Northield, Vt., and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Robbins of New York at F. C. Hartwell's.

A daughter, Carol Dorothea, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Chauncey, N. Y., who are at Present staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brown.

Mrs. Thomas Adventh of Revere

Mrs. Thomas Ashworth of Revere has been visiting at Geo. W. Canney's

We are very happy to report that Alan Stiles is more than holding his own and prospects are now more fav-orable than the first of the week. Peter J. Smith continues to suffer

Mrs. C. R. White, of Shirley, will open an afternoon dancing school at the town half on Saturday, January 2

Deaths.

Mrs. Nellie F. Johnson passed very peacefully on Tuesday to the home for which she had so longed since she was stricken with a shock two years was stricken with a shock two years ago. Funeral services were held from her late home Thursday afternoon and Revs. O. J. Fairfield and G. Edwin Woodman of Shirley officiated. Interment was in Westlawn.

Mrs. Johnson, who, previous to hermarriage was Nellie Knowlton, came early in life to Littleton with herparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Knowlton, a brother and two sisters from

parents. Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Knowlton, a brother and two sisters from Hopkinton. N. H., where she was born October 10, 1844. She attended Littleton schools and identified herself with all local interests of social and religious uplift. She taught school many years, first at Sandypond and later at Bear Hill in Harvard, Bolton, and the Nashobah, South and Union schools in Littleton. May 1, 1876, she was married to Robert A. Johnson by Rev. David Muzzey and lived for a time in East Cambridge. Three children, Frank, Charles and Irene, were born to them. The second only survives Mrs. Johnson. Her husband died in September. Her husband deed in September

son. Her husband doct in September, 1881.

The deceased was a charter mem-ber of the King's Daughter; helped select a name for the circle from the select a name for the circle from the 103d Psalm, composed a poem that was committed and often recited at the meetings by the K. D. members and was three times president of the organization. Her thought was close to the interests of the circle to the last day of her life when she asked for the K. D. pin.

Of the temperance cause she was a strong advocate and a faithful worker in temperance organizations. To the Unitarian church of which she was a loyal member, glying of

she was a loyal member, giving of her strength and means as she

years ner mind had been cloudy, but she had suffered little physically and seemed very happy. Funeral services ras taken for the Belgian relief work.

On Wednesday evening, December of the seemed very happy. Funeral services the time like you had?"—Louisville Thursday afternoon, Rev. O. J. Fairfield officiating.

across two of these "ornithological" weddings in one day, they are by no means uncommon.

There have been several falls on the ice recently, but fortunately no broken bones, although Edward Portley in falling cracked the bone in his clbow and as a consequence has a very lame arm, but is not incapacitated from work.

On one occasion a church near Dublin was the scene of an interesting marriage in which a Mr. Crowe was united to a Miss Crowe by the Rev. Canon Peacock, the wedding march being played by Mr. Rook. Much more re-Peacock, the wedding march being played by Mr. Rook. Much more re-markable, however, was a mutch which set Edinburgh in a flutter some years since. The bride was Miss Henletta Peacock, and the bridegroom was Robin Sparrow. The Rev. Mr. Daw performed the marriage ceremony; Philip Hawk officiated as best man and Miss Larkins as principal bridesmaid, while the marriage lines were extracted by John Crow, session clerk.

"It is worthy of further remark," adds a reporter, "that the sexton's name is Raven, one of the pew openers is a Gull, and the assistant sexton is a Hen-ry Laycock."-London Tutler.

Echoes Made to Order,

Are you aware that it is possible to make echoes? It is, indeed, easier to make than to destroy them.

In the past men built their great temples and cathedrals with no thought of acoustics. Hence, when the preache preached echoes rolled freely amid the groinings of the roof, down the rows of sculptured columns and round and

round the nave. With wires strung here and with tapestries spread there many of the echoes of the old world buildings have been obliterated. There are echo experts-builders acquainted with the sci- that frozen end of the world. Now ence of acoustics, whose specialty is that war has broken out in Europe a echoes' destruction. Sometimes their tasks are hard.

Today an architect takes thought of the echo. His building is constructed so as to exclude this intruder. And, knowing how to exclude it, he knows how to welcome it also.

Architects are frequently called upon in landscape work to put up summer houses and arrange rocks around them so as to create an echo there. And this they can satisfactorily do .- London Tit-

An Engine That Wouldn't Down. A light American automobile was sold to a tea planter of upper Assam, a region in the Himalayan foothills with scarcely any good roads and a rainfall of from 300 to 500 inches a year. Six months after it was purchased the N. H., a few days last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hartwell's mother, Mrs. C. W. Perry.

Among holiday visitors in town are ing a freshet, and it went rolling 500 of the rainy season the remains of the occurred. The wheels were gone and the body battered almost beyond recognition, and it was only on the score of sentiment that the planter had the pieces gathered up and taken home by coolies. A month later while on a tour of Assam I saw the salvaged engine and part of the transmission gear set from inflammatory rheuma-He has also laryngitis this water to the planter's bungalow on the top of a high ridge.-World's Work.

Fog Signals.

All the up to date light stations possess fog signals for warning the mariner of the presence of rocks and other dangers in foggy weather. The larger ones are so powerful that their blasts can be heard twenty-five to thirty miles out at sea. Most of them are worked by compressed air, a gas engine of perhaps twenty or twenty-five horsepower being brought into requis eighty or ninety seconds or so, the actual blast lasting perhaps about two or larger appartus, something like 500 horsepower is being expended in the production of sound .- Scientific Ameri-

The Orator Scored. "Who is there," cried the impassioned orator, "who will lift a voice against the truth of my statement?"

Just then a donkey on the outskirts of the crowd gave vent to one of the piercing "hee-haws" of the tribe. The laugh was on the orator for moment; but, assuming an air of triumph, he lifted his voice above the din to say, "I knew nobody but an ass would try it"-London Globe.

One on the Voice.

Lecturer-Ladies and gentlemen, we shall consider this evening the fundamental principles of architecture. The Etruscans— A Wandering Voice— How d'ye build a dog house? Lecturer (solicitously)-Are you going to move?-Judge.

No Risk. "I wonder if the Babbleys run any risk of ostracism if they go to that fashionable resort?" "Oh, no; they've all been vaccinated."

-Baltimore American.

Indescribable. "Love is an emotion which may be

felt but cannot be adequately deobserved the sage "So is seasickness," replied the fool .-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Chronic Grouch. "Have you got dyspepsia?"

For Young Folks

Intelligent Face of a Canadian Sledge Dog.



American Press Association.

What a handsome and intelligent countenance is shown by the dog in the picture! Surely every one who sees it will echo this sentiment. This dog is named Collar and is one of the numerous dogs selected in Canada by Sir Ernest Shackleton to take to the antarctic in his proposed trip across is doubtful if Sir Ernest will proceed on his quest. The experiences of explorers in the arctic and the antarctic have proved that dogs provide the best means of transportation. Ponies have been tried and found to be of little use in long journeys over the ice. Admiral Peary, who discovered the north pole, was accompanied by dog teams, as was also Roald Amundsen, who first reached the south pole. Captain Scott, who with several companions perished in the snow after reaching the pole, took ponies, but they died long before he reached the pole.

A String Trick. Lay a piece of string across the palms of your hands placed side by side, letting the ends hang down; then bring your palms quickly together, at the same time secretly catching hold ing a freshet, and it went rolling 500 of the middle of the string with your feet into the rain swollen river. A week's search failed to reveal any person to ite your thumbs togethtrace of machine or driver. At the end er as tight as he pleases, and he will not, of course, be tring them, because machine were found several miles be- you have hold of the string, yet it will low the point where the accident had appear to him that he is doing so. Ask him to place a hat over your hands. Then blow upon the hat and say, "Be loose," slipping your thumbs from under the string. Direct him to remove the hat and show the thumbs free. Request that the hat be again placed over your hands. Then blow upon the hat as before and say, "Be grace will give me a guinea to pay up over a well and actually pumping tied," slipping your thumbs under the string again, and when the hat is removed your thumbs will appear to be took an English house for the summer tied as tight as at first. After you had a schedule of the tips his servants have performed the trick you must convey the string deftly into your pocket so that it may not be detected.

Hunt the Whistle. Tie a wooden whistle on to one end of a piece of string and a large safety pin on to the other end. Those who know how to play the game remain in and so on, finished with, "The guy the room while the others go out. A circle is formed, scated tion for this purpose. The siren is one, the others are called in. One passes | nant. blown periodically every seventy, to the center of the circle, where one will explain to him that there is just one whistle in the ring. It is not to go three seconds. It means that while outside of the circle; nobody is allowed the siren is running, in the case of the to hold it, etc. While this explanation is taking place the one to whom his back is turned is pinning the whistle to his coat. When that is done he blows it, and that is the signal for the bunt. You cannot imagine the fun it causes to see them darting first this side, then that, catching first the hands of one then of another and declaring that they have it When they learn that it was fastened to them all the time it is certainly funny to see the faces. Keep the whistle blowing; you will laugh until your face aches.

How Tinfoil Is Made.

In making tinfoil the melted tin is poured into molds making thin plates. These plates are then passed through rollers, first singly, and then as they grow thinner several are run through together until finally, as many as 300 sheets pass under the rollers at once which reduces each sheet to a thick ness of one-tenth of a millimeter. Then it is still further beaten out by hand with wooden mallets. The metal is often alloyed with 1 or 2 per cent of such as chronic catarrh of the middle copper, while for the cheaper kinds. such as is used for wrapping tea, tobacco and candy, lead is used as the Robert II. Babcock of Chicago. alloy.-St. Nicholas.

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I tell you-we've heaps of fun,
Ma an' 1. She can mend my gun
An' fix my cart—an' lots of things.
She knows jes' why a bird has wings—
An' all the bestest kinds of games.
Why, most of 'em don't have no names!
But I don't see why she's got to kiss
Me, jes' because J'm lookin' like this!
She bites my dingers an' chews my toes
An' says to me, "Oh, goodness knows,
I don't see how I ever got along without
my Beauty Spot."
An' then she grabs an' hugs me tight
An' rubs my checks till they're shiny

An' rubs my cheeks till they're shiny bright

I tell you what, I love my ma:
I think she's most as nice as pa.
—Suburban Life.

RATS LIKE TO GNAW TUSKS.

And Thus the Rodents Are a Help to

the Ivory Workers. There is a curious but little known fact that well illustrates the ravages that rats can inflict on the bardest substances with their sharp little teeth.

Many of the elephants' tusks imported into London for the use of ivory ornament makers have their surfaces grooved into small furrows of unequal depth, as if cut by a very sharp edged instrument. Surely no man can have taken the trouble to do that, for what would be the profit of his labor?

The rats are at the bottom of the mischief. They have found out the tusks that contain the most gelatin or animal glue, a sweet and delicious morsel for the rat's dainty palate, and having gnawed away as much as suited their purpose, baye left the rest for the ivory cutter. He, for his part, is able and willing to profit by the fact that the rats have made clear.

The ivory that contains a large amount of gelatin is softer and more clastic than that which does not, and as clasticity is the thing most needed for billiard balls the ivory worker chooses this rat marked ivory and turns it into beautiful, elastic billiard balls. The elasticity of some of the balls is so great that if thrown down forcibly on a hard pavement they will rebound into the hand to the height of three or four feet.-Exchange.

WHERE RAIN IS A NOVELTY.

Think of Having a Shower Only Once

In Twenty-four Years! The Chilean provinces of Atacama Tarapaca and Tacna are in the rainless region, or desert country west of the Andes, and are entirely devoid of vegetation. The winds in all of this region are from the east and in passing over the elevated perpetual snows of the Andes are stripped of their moisure and arrive on the coast perfectly

dry. The last rain, a slight shower which fell in Antofagasta, in Atacama province, was the first rain which had fallen in sixteen years. The last rain which fell in Iquique, in Tarapaca province, was the first in twenty-four With both of these showers a notable phenomenon occurred. The bare hills back of these cities assumed a green tint from a little plant which sprang up almost in a night. The query is, "From where did this plant

The whole of the coast presents a most dismal and discouraging appearance from the sea, but the climate is healthy, being especially adapted to pulmonary and threat troubles from its extreme dryness and freedom from germs. The heat is modfied by a local sea breeze, and the sea bathing is most invigorating, as the water is cold.

No Tip For Him.

Tipping is at least an ancient custom. In the eighteenth century an Italian visitor to Eugland remarked that "it is polite to dine with the nobility. where you pay the servants for ten times as much as you eat." And an Irish peer replied to the Duke of Ormonde's invitation to dine: "If your your servants, I will. I am too poor, else!" An American actor who once expected printed for the guidance of his American friends and put them on the bedroom mantelpieces. He had taken a particular dislike to a very British side whiskered butler he had taken over with the house, and the list, after enumerating the sums to be paid to the chauffeur, the housemaid, with the black whiskers you will meet in the front hall-not a cent"-Argo-

Dodged.

Jones' little boy came home from school one day very boastful of the fact that he could spell dog, but when he was asked by his father to do so he besitated.

"What kind of a dog?" he asked. "Why, any kind of a dog," said Father Jones.

"A dog like Blank's dog?"
"Yes." "Well, Blank ain't got any dog."-Woman's Home Companion.

Typhoid and Cocoanut Milk. An English writer tells of a colored woman in Trinidad who was dying, beyoud all hope, of typhoid, and pleaded to be allowed to drink of cocounut juice. She was beyond the reach of good or harm, so she had her coconnuts and drank the juice, not of one but of eight in succession-perhaps a gallon

of liquid, and the orgie indisputably

saved her life.

Hearing Heart Beats. If you hear your heart beat in one ear, as many persons do, it is no proof of anything wrong with the heart. It is much more likely to be a local defect ear or stiffness and retraction of the

Thanks For His Money. Weekle-So Slippsy is a defaulter, eh? Deckle-So they say. Weekle-By George, I always wondered why he said "Thank you" so pleasantly every

drum. This on the authority of Dr.

Leave it in the inkstand. When one is tempted to write a clever but harsh thing, though it may be difficult to restrain it, it is always bet ter to leave it in the inkstand.

time I made a deposit!

We shall not find it so difficult to love our enemies if we begin by pitying them.

An Old Hero's Story

By F. A. MITCHEL

An old Frenchman, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, who had been in America long enough to speak English as he would if it were French, told me this story over a glass of French wine raised in California:

Eet was in ze beginning of ze war when ze Prussian haf not yet conquer ze French people and we do not think zey will overrun ze country and dictate terms of peace in Paris. 1 was with General le Fevre, who commanded a brigade near ze frontier. We have ze railroad and ze locomotif and ze cars, but when ze Prussians cross ze border all ze employees of ze road rur away.

In ze evening just before sunset an officer ride up to ze camp of ze Ninety-eighth regiment of ze line and say: "Any of you men locomotif engi-

I have been locomotif engineer be fore I calist in ze army, so I shake my hand in ze air. Ze officer he took notice and he call for me to come to him. I go with him to General le Fevre's headquarters, and ze general ask me how much I know about locomotif, and after I tell him he say to me:

"I send a thousand men to ze other "I send a thousand men to ze other terminal of zis raliroad at once. Zere is one company zere and ze captain telegraph zat ze Prussians are coming to occupy ze high ground zere, but eef he have a thousand men he can hold eet till General Bazaine send a large force. Eet is sixty miles to go, and you must tak ze train zere in leetle more than an hour. Eef you git zero before ze Prussians you may save France. Zery are six or seven miles from ze place and march on foot.

I say, "Yes, general, I tak ze men zere in one hour if ze locomotif will pull it so fast as zat."

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pull it so fast as zat."

It was ver' dark when we start. Ze moon only leetle crescent, nearly gone down. We run from north to south, ze same way as ze border line between France and Prussia. We do not know if ze Prussians haf advanced so far as ze railroad. Eef they haf zey fire into ze train, zey try to throw it off the track, zey do all zey can to keep us from going on.

My engine ver' good engine, one of ze best of cets kind. I run sixty miles an hour, sometimes more, sometimes less. When I come to ze curves I slow down leetle bit, but make eet up when I have a straight road before me. A few Prussian cavalrymen, ze advance of ze Prussians, have come so far as ze railroad, and zey put obstructions on ze track. Suddenly I look ahead and see a tree felled on the rails: I reverse, zen shut my eyes to wait for ze smash. Eet does not come, only a leetle bump.

When an engineer runs into ze dark SETTS. Middlesex, ses. Probate Court. To the neitrest law, next of ker creditors, and and other persons into: ested in the color of ker probate Court. Whereas a bect ion has been presented to said County, or to some daministration on the estate of said county, or to some other said County, or to some other said County or Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of January A. D. 1916, at nine of clork in the court to grant d.

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leetle bump. When an engineer runs into ze dark night he feels like Columbus when he sail into ze dark ocean. I nevaire know when I round a curve, but I run into a big rock or some otherie obstruction zat kill me and wreck ze train behind me. I see specter all ze time. Suddenly a great black somet'ing seem to spring up on ze track right before me. I reverse, but before I come to a full stop I see zat it ees nothing but a leetle bug which hat fly on ze glass before ze headlight.

All at once I hear a cracking above ze noise of ze train, and bullets whistle through ze cab. Some Prussian horsemen fire zere carbines at us. But zey do leetle damage, nothing but break my right arm. So I cannot hold ze throttle with zat arm. But what for I want two arms when one will do as well, except for sudden reverse, and by zat time I come within about ten miles of ze end of ze journey? Nevairezeless I call ze fireman, who come and look ovaire my shoulder.

Ze Prussians were by zat time ver' near ze point we wish to reach, and we both approach at an acute angle. Zey hear ze rattle of our train, and we hear zere huzzas. By gar, we have to stop to take away tles zem scouts put on ze track, and while we make no sound we hear zere tramp at double quick. Zen we hear a gun, and I think we too late. Ze Prussians must be attacking ze post. But I go on, and pretty soon I come to a leetle earthwork our men haf thrown up beside the railroad and see that they have a gun there and have dropped a shell into ze Prussian advance.

In a few minutes we reach our point. whistle down ze brakes, ze train stop, and our men jump out and run up to ze top of ze hill, where ze French have work two, t'ree days on ze fortifications.

Zat was ze end of my work. I get surgeon to fix my arm and am ready with my musket to receive the Prussians when zey come. Zey have twice as many men as we, but we have very strong position and no trouble to hold out till Marshal Bazaine send large

When I get back to my command my general he throw his arms about me and hug me like a bear. He say to me: "You have done great service. shall be a captain; you shall have a medal. I will report what you have done to the empereur.' Pouf! What was it all worth? Ze

Prussians march right on to Paris, and after the capitulation our people pay big ransom to get zem out, besides giving our beautiful provinces Alsace and Lorraine. Some day when we get strong we tak zem back. But what good zat do me? I'm too old now to fight, and by zat time I sleep under ze sod.

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