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BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE

What Occurs When Mr. Pennypacker Takes the Lady of His Choice Out to Dine.

Fragments of Mr. Pennypacker's restaurant conversation, when the lady accompanying him is his fiancée: "I hope you're good and hungry, dearest. I know I am."

"You would like some oysters and a little clear soup, of course."

"I think a nice cold quart of Chateau Queen would go about right, don't you?"

"Suppose we have some of that filet mignon with fresh mushrooms. Two portions, so we'll both have enough."

"Don't want any salad? O, do have some salad. Let's have a nice fruit salad with alligator pears and things, huh?"

"You'll have some dessert, won't you, an ice or something—and then some cheese and a demi tasse?"

"O, don't let's hurry. Let's stay a while. It's so cozy here."

Fragments of Mr. Pennypacker's restaurant conversation when the lady accompanying him is his wife:

"You're not very hungry, are you? I know I'm not."

"You don't want any oysters or soup, do you?"

"You don't want anything to drink, do you?"

"Suppose we have a steak. One will be enough for the two of us."

"I don't care for any salad, do you?"

"O, shucks! Sweets will only upset your stomach. They always do. O, very well; have it if you want to."

"I don't want any cheese and coffee, do you?"

"Come on; let's get outside. It's awfully stuffy in here."—Brooklyn Times.

Nobs and Snobs.

Thackeray's noted aphorism "there are nobs and there are snobs," continues to hold good in England, and to those whom the latter designation applies seem to find space for their activities in the newspapers. A London morning paper remarks: "It is interesting to note that the queen will in future join the guns for luncheon at the king's shooting parties." Commenting upon this a cynic in London Opinion says:

"This is indeed most refreshing and should greatly stimulate the patriotic wave in Australia and other distant parts. Queens are independent people, and assert their right to take a glass of sherry and a biscuit in their back sitting room if so disposed. To know that her majesty will positively pick the leg of a chicken in the society of her husband and friends is a great joy, and has set me off upon my week's labors with a light heart."

When Turkey Had Its "Season."

The famous landlords of fifty and sixty years ago who ran the world's finest hotels from Maine to Oregon, men like Parson Stevens of the Revere house, Boston; Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, and the Continental at Philadelphia never served turkey before early October nor later than March 1. Until ten years ago only a few eastern hotels and restaurants served turkey between April and mid-September. Since then the large storages of eastern hotels, restaurants and clubs by well-to-do western people has made the turkey and the oyster an every-day item on bills of fare prepared by landlords and stewards who used to say that neither turkeys nor oysters should be eaten in springtime, summer or early autumn.

Spanish Mutton.

Dog meat, we learn from the Frankfurter Zeitung, is largely sold in Germany, and more especially in Saxony, but rarely under its own name. Traders describe it as Spanish mutton, and their customers are less chary of asking for it. Catfish in this country is treated in the same euphemistic way. There was a time when this fish was never seen in the shops. Then some fishmonger genius invented the name of "rock salmon," and bestowed it upon the despised catfish, which now has an established place in the market.

Many a One.

Speaking nearly twenty years ago to a great gathering of women, Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, took occasion to say: "The value of one person's mind or one person's work is steadily diminishing; it is the associate mind, the many hearts beating as one, that now move the world; and this is so well understood by women that they are rapidly learning what can be accomplished in economic, social, and intellectual life by the power of an educated public opinion."

Not a Greek.

"Is your furnace controlled by a thermostat, madam?"

"Well, we have a man come in to look after it, but I don't think he's one of those Greeks you mentioned, because his skin is black."

Got to Live Them Down Again.

"Do you think he will ever run for office again?"

"I don't think so. It will take him all his time living down again the evil things he discovered in his past during the last campaign."

Up and Down and Far and Wide.

"Yes, I believe in seeing America first."

"How much of it have you seen?"

"A lot. I've traveled from Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to Louisville, N. Y., and from Longmeadow, Mass., to Brodhead, Wis."

Not Strong on the Particulars.

"What was that story about Hero and Leander?"

"I don't remember the particulars. There was a woman in the case, but I don't happen to recall her name."

AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

To the Colored People of the South:

This season of the year, for several years, I have spoken a word to you regarding the importance of building up a good, first-class school in every community. Plans are on the way by which during the third week in October, 1913, the colored people throughout the United States will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their actual freedom as a race. In this connection it is of the greatest importance that we be able to show to the world the progress that we have made in sustaining and building up first-class public schools, especially in the rural districts.

During the last 50 years we have succeeded in reducing our ignorance from 97 per cent. to 30 per cent. This is a fine showing for 50 years of freedom. We must not stop, we must go further.

In every case where there are already proper school facilities, the business men, together with the ministers and teachers, should appeal constantly to the public school authorities to see that better provisions are made. Unless we look out for ourselves, we cannot expect other people to do so. As an illustration of what united and constant effort can accomplish, I would state that during the last five years the colored people in Macon county, Alabama, have contributed \$12,133.05 toward the building of new school houses; in addition they have contributed \$14,000 toward the extension of school terms in the county. The result that nearly every school district in Macon county has a first-class schoolhouse, well painted and well furnished; the school term has been extended from four to seven months in the year, and the people are continuing to contribute in the way of extra taxation toward the upkeep of public schools.

We must not cease to agitate the question of education, to keep the white people in our communities informed concerning our educational interests and desires. We cannot get something for nothing.

While in many parts of the south the educational opportunities are so few that it is almost discouraging, in other sections the outlook is bright. For example, at a meeting of the county superintendent of education in Montgomery a few days ago, the following sentiment, relating to the negro, was unanimously endorsed:

"By providing him with schools and churches instead of poison and whisky, he will make a better and more useful citizen, according to one delegate present. Others expressed their opinion on the negro's relation to education, and it was the unanimous opinion that the race should be aided as much as possible by the state."

It is encouraging to note, too, that in many counties in the south, the teachers are under the supervision and guidance of Dr. James H. Dillard, president of the Anna T. Jeanes fund, and are doing much to improve the education of the race and to bring about better relations between black and white people. These Jeanes fund teachers should have the constant support and co-operation of our leaders wherever they are at work.

In conclusion, let me urge ministers, teachers, business men, women's clubs and all classes in the matter of improving the public schools for our race.

(Signed)

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

The conditions surrounding the negro today are critical. They demand strenuous leaders, men of iron will, men of strong physique, men who think right and stick to their convictions. We must have leaders who do not cater to selfish purposes, but who are wholly and solely upon the sacrificial altar for the sake of their people. In earlier days the ministry was considered the leaders of the race, but because of many not proving faithful to their trust the politicians stole his fire, but he, too, has also made shipwreck of his charge, and the negro race must now turn to the advocates of industrialism, and work out the problem of life and conditions along practical lines. Shall we as a race fail to reach the culmination of our desire, because of the fault of many of our leaders? Our greatest and truest leaders are those who many times are silently working out the "salvation" of the race with fear and trembling. They are the men who are attaining while others suggest, are completing accomplishments while others rest.—Colorado Appeal.

By the time a man's wife has trimmed the raw edges off his cynicism, taken tacks in his morals, polished up his manners, ironed the wrinkles out of his disposition and put emerald broderie on his tastes he wouldn't recognize the ghost of his youthful self if he were to meet it on the street.

Never "stoop to conquer" a man or a cat; just sit still and pretend not to notice them, and sooner or later they'll come around, stand on their hind feet, roll over and purr for petting.

In the comedy of matrimony a wife must be able to play chorus, scene shifter, property man and hired applause in private and can be ready to assume the role of leading lady, with brilliancy and éclat, in public at a moment's notice.

You'll not be able to throw any more light on the subject by burning your candles at both ends.

A man weeps for his lost love with his fingers spread wide apart so that he can see the next coming.

We have received and studied with great interest, a copy of the "Negro Year Book—Annual Encyclopedia of the Negro," compiled by Mr. Monroe N. Work of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. The book was planned to meet the growing demand from all parts of the United States and some portions of the old world for accurate and concise information in regard to the history and progress of the Negro race. Probably it would be possible to condense a greater variety of important facts into the same amount of space, but we doubt it. In this book one can find important facts—the essential facts—touching the progress of the Negro in any and all fields wherein he has been a worker. Nor is this all.

All legislation bearing upon his destiny both as a slave and as a free man are given here in condensed form. Negro education before, during and since the Civil war, is treated in an interesting way. In fact it would be difficult to think of any subject, any line of endeavor, with which the Negro is, or has ever been, identified, that is not found here, and the facts put in a form which makes them easily accessible.

Among a number of surprising "first things or persons," may be mentioned these: "The first settler in Alabama was a Negro," Paul Cuffe, noted Negro skipper, was the first person to advocate colonization of Negroes in Africa; "Lot Carey the first missionary to Liberia." "The first slave in surrection occurred in New York." "John Brown Russwurm was editor of first Negro newspaper in the United States, and was one of the first Negroes to graduate from a college in this country." "Daniel Walker, the first Negro to attack slavery through the press." Negroes have been inventing objects since as far back as 1834, when a Maryland free Negro was granted a patent on a corn harvester.

It is curious in the light of later developments to note what strenuous efforts, as given in this book, were made by many of the Southern states to abolish slavery in the first quarter of a century of its existence.

The price of the "Negro Year Book," is, we believe, 25c, and to say that it is worthy many times that much, would be another way of trying to indicate its value.

The book should be in the hands of two classes of people: Those who make some claims to know something of the progress and development of the race, and those who did not know anything at all about the subject—and this, I believe, includes all Negroes and just as large a proportion of white folks.—Dallas Express.

Education as the panacea for all of the illiterate conditions under which the colored race is struggling was advanced by Judge John E. Schwarz in an address before the Negro Civic Improvement League at the Masonic temple in Savannah, Ga.

"Education and Cleanliness—the Poets of Disease and the Friends of Prosperity," was his subject, a very appropriate one for Tuberculosis day. He sketched the progress of the negro from the time slavery was introduced into the southern states until the present day, showing that "no race has progressed so much in the same space of time."

A man's "remorse" in after years appears to be not for the foolish things he shouldn't have done and did, but for the foolish things he might have done and didn't.

Thirteen years ago, when President Cleveland left the White House, a South Bend (Ind.) Democrat vowed he would wear a beard until another Democrat should be elected. His name is Peter Krezmer and his hair is very red. He had to pay 50 cents to get his beard shaved, so rank was the growth of 13 years. He gathered up the fiery red bunch and has had a watch chain made of it, which he will send to President-elect Wilson. Thirteen is generally considered an uncanny numerical combination, and President Wilson will get the full benefit of it "for better or for worse."

Tuskegee, Ala.—A few months ago a few special friends of Dr. Booker T. Washington organized a movement to secure a special gift of \$50,000 to lighten his burdens and encourage him in his work at Tuskegee, to be given annually for five years from a number of selected persons throughout the United States. The movement has been so successful and so spontaneously responded to that \$53,000 a year for five years has been guaranteed.

A true "gentleman," is one who is always chivalrous toward the "weaker vessel" even when it is filled with inconsistency—always tender toward the "clinging vine" even when its clinging has begun to choke him.

In this age of progress, the people who go on before must bear the torchlight of intelligence; must be abreast of every hour; must read between the lines.—The Baptist Rival.

For every hot day gone there's a cold one coming.

What is to a woman a dream of a bonnet is to her husband an awful nightmare.

Hate heats the blood, but it is not a good tonic.

He that plants thorns will not gather roses.

The flirt easily recovers after a discovery.

A little impatience causes great trouble.

IMPORTS OF DRINKS

Consular Reports Show United States Largest Coffee Consumer.

Amount of Cocoa Brought to This Country Nearly Doubled in Ten Years—Japan and China Send Most of the Tea.

Washington.—Imports of cocoa into the United States in the year which ends with December will exceed those of any earlier year and approximate 150,000,000 pounds, against 57,000,000 pounds ten years ago. The growth in the importation of this article in recent years has been much more rapid than that of tea or coffee. The quantity of cocoa, or cacao, imported in 1912 is practically three times as great as in 1902, a decade earlier, while tea imports show an increase of but 20 per cent, and those of coffee are actually less than in 1902, the comparisons being for the nine months ending with September of the years named.

This rapid increase in importations of cocoa has brought the United States to first rank in the consumption of that article, the present consumption, based upon the net imports of the calendar year 1911, being 130,000,000 pounds, compared with 112,000,000 for Germany, 60,000,000 for France, and 56,000,000 for the United Kingdom. Of the world's imported coffee the United States is also the largest consumer, the net imports last year having been 796,000,000 pounds, compared with 404,000,000 for Germany, 245,000,000 for France, 28,000,000 for the United Kingdom, and 26,000,000 for Russia. In imports of tea, however, the United States ranks third, her total imports of that article, 100,000,000 pounds, being exceeded by those of the United Kingdom, 294,000,000 pounds, and those of Russia, 155,000,000 pounds. Germany's tea imports for consumption in 1911 amounted to but 8,000,000 pounds, and those of France 3,000,000 pounds.

Most of the cocoa imported into the United States is produced in the West Indies, Central and South America. Of the 131,000,000 pounds imported in the first nine months of 1912, 31,000,000 pounds were from British West Indies, 28,000,000 from Santo Domingo, 20,000,000 from Ecuador, and 12,000,000 from Brazil; while 20,000,000 pounds were credited to Portugal and 7,500,000 pounds to the United Kingdom, though, in fact, produced in certain of her colonies.

Brazil is the chief source of our imported coffee, having supplied 435,000,000 pounds out of a total of 651,000,000 pounds imported in the nine months ended with September, 1912, compared with 55,000,000 from Colombia, 37,500,000 from Venezuela, 37,000,000 from the Central American American states, 29,000,000 from Mexico and less than 60,000,000 pounds from all other countries, including 42,000,000 pounds imported from Europe.

Japan usually supplies about one-half of the tea consumed in the United States, though in the current year the proportion imported from that country is somewhat less than one-half. Of the 67,000,000 pounds of tea imported in the nine months under review, 29,000,000 pounds were from Japan, 18,000,000 from China, 10,000,000 from the East Indies, and 7,000,000 from the United Kingdom, presumably the product of certain of her colonies.

The relative increase in importations of cocoa, coffee and tea into the United States is illustrated by the following compilation of the Statistical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. It will be seen that in the period from 1880 to 1911 imports of cocoa increased from 6,600,000 to 184,000,000 pounds; those of coffee from 404,000,000 to 800,000,000 pounds, and those of tea from 68,000,000 to 104,000,000 pounds. Imports of cocoa are thus twenty times as much as in 1880, while those of coffee in the same period have about doubled, and those of tea increased about 50 per cent.

ILLITERACY DECREASES.

Illiteracy in the United States has decreased during the last decade from 10.7 to 7.5 per cent., according to statistics just given out by the census bureau. That the decrease has not been even more marked is due to the heavy immigration in the last ten years.

An illiterate in the eyes of the census bureau is a person of ten years or over who cannot write, regardless of his or her ability to read. The number of illiterates in the United States in 1910, when the last census was taken, was 5,516,693, as compared to 6,180,069 in 1900—a decrease of about 600,000. And a decrease of about 800,000 from the figures of 1890.

Compared with most countries of Europe and South America, the United States has a record of which it may well be proud. In Austria the percentage of illiteracy was 28.2 in 1900, the latest figures available. In European Russia, 70 per cent of the population ten years old or over was illiterate in 1897; in Greece the percentage was 57.2; in Spain in 1900, 58.7; in Italy in 1900, 48.2; in Canada the percentage among the people five years old or over was 17.1 in 1901; in Mexico the percentage among persons eleven years old and over was 75.3.

But the United States has not equalled the records of some of the more enlightened European countries in wiping out illiteracy. Among Scandinavian lands it has become so rare that it is

Unanswerable.

In a recent debate at the Wichita high school the woman suffrage amendment was under discussion. "It would be unwise to give woman the ballot," declared a budding Daniel Webster, in attacking the proposition. "Woman could not be relied upon to exercise good judgment in voting. She changes her mind far too often."

The next speaker was a young woman. She arose and cast a pitying glance at her opponent. "I would like to ask my honorable opponent," she

negligible; and the statistics no longer take account of it. In Germany the army recruits showed 9.10 of 1 per cent. illiterate in 1905; in Great Britain the percentage of illiteracy among army recruits in 1903-1904 was 1. In France the illiteracy among the population ten years of age and over in 1906 was 14.1.

NEW HEAD FOR NAVY WIRELESS.

Commander W. H. G. Bullard will head the radio-telegraph office soon to be established at the Navy Department under the Bureau of Navigation. Lieutenant Commander D. W. Todd, in charge of the radio division of steam engineering, will be his assistant.

The radio office is necessary because of the expansion of radio affairs, due to the ratification of the Berlin convention and the radio legislation which has been enacted and which goes into effect on December 13. The London convention will also entail additional legislation.

An important event in wireless communication is the establishment of a radio station at the American Legation in Peking. This station will be operated by the marines on duty at the legation. It has been possible to communicate easily at night with American naval ships at Shanghai, a distance overland of about six hundred miles; also with ships at Chefoo and Tsingtau.

This installation will add materially to the efficiency of the Asiatic fleet, due to the fact that communication can be established between the American Minister at Peking and the American Legation in Peking. It is the either Shanghai or Hankow. It is the only radio station in Peking in an efficient state. In case land wire communication with Peking be cut the value of this station is obvious.

TO SEEK LOST CONTINENT.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson of the American Museum of Natural History, discoverer of the new tribe of "blonde Eskimos" in the Arctic, announced the other day at the Cosmos club, where he was a guest, that he will lead an exploring expedition, which will start from either Seattle or San Francisco in May, 1913, to settle the question whether or not there is, as many scientists believe, another continent in the Arctic.

The expedition has been voted the scientific support of the American Museum of Natural History. Funds will be furnished from private resources. Mr. Stefansson expects to take with him a staff of six scientists. There are more applicants for the positions than there are places to fill, and the personnel of the party has not yet been settled.

The expedition will proceed from the Pacific coast up around Behring strait and will have its main base of operations at Cape Bathurst.

TO BE THE WHITE HOUSE BABY.

For the first time in 15 years, when Governor Wilson becomes president of the United States, the White House will have a baby occupant. The baby is Josephine, daughter of Mrs. Perin Cuthbert, of Raleigh, N. C. Mrs. Cuthbert is the only daughter of Mrs. George Howe, the only sister of Governor Wilson.

Josephine is about 15 months old, and is a favorite of her great uncle. The mother is only twenty-two years old and will probably enjoy the gayeties of Washington life as much as her cousins, the daughters of the president-elect.

BUFFALO COATS FOR SOLDIERS.

More than 4,000 buffalo overcoats which the government has preserved for the past 20 years, or since they were worn by the troops in the northern Indian campaigns before 1891, are to be used by soldiers in Alaska.

Last year nearly 300 of the coats were sold at an average price of \$34, but Quartermaster General Alchire of the army in his annual report submitted to Secretary of War Stimson recently recommended that no more be sold.

FAST BANKING POWER.

Total resources of all the banks in the United States on June 1, 1912, amounted to \$24,986 million dollars. These figures were obtained from the controller of the currency from about 29,500 banks of all kinds. There was an increase in four years of 5,403 millions, or 27.5 per cent.

About one-fourth of the banks reporting were national banks, which had about one-half the total capitalization of 2,080 million dollars.

WHITE HOUSE AGAIN WHITE.

The White House is once more white. It is always supposed to be white, but during the course of a year he gets pretty dingy. Usually it is painted, but this year there was no money to pay for painting it, so the fire department was called on instead, and the hose was turned on the house with very good effect.

Society Man Vows to Die.

Newport society is gossiping over a remark made recently at a dinner by a bachelor society man that he was tired of the world and everything in general. He is quoted as saying:

"In less than two years I will have passed away, and by my own hand."

The woman sitting at his right turned quickly and asked: "Do you mean to commit suicide?"

"That's just what I mean, precisely," he replied.

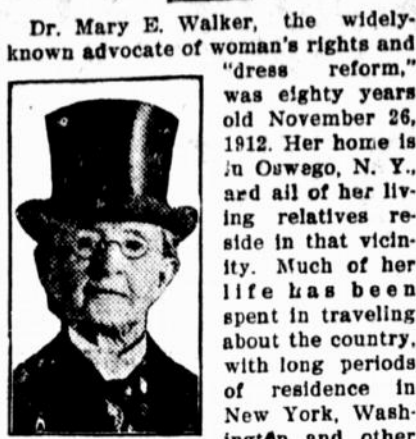
His identity is being closely guarded. Every one at the dinner was pledged to secrecy by the hostess.

On the Altar of Fashion.

Football athletes (in a towering rage)—What's become of my mole skin pants?

His Mother—Now, Everard, there's no use of your raising a fuss. We had to cut them up to make a jacket for your sister.

DR. MARY WALKER, 80, SPENDS TIME ON FARM



Dr. Mary E. Walker, the widely-known advocate of woman's rights and "dress reform," was eighty years old November 26, 1912. Her home is in Oswego, N. Y., and all of her living relatives reside in that vicinity. Much of her life has been spent in traveling about the country, with long periods of residence in New York, Washington and other cities. Last March she passed through a dangerous illness and since then she has lived on her farm near Oswego, devoting much of her time to writing.

Dr. Walker was born in Oswego Nov. 26, 1832, her parents being descendants of colonial settlers. They erected on their farm near here the first free school in this section of the state. She attended this school, and later the Syracuse Medical college, where she was graduated M. D. in 1855. She began practice at Columbus, O., but later located in Rome, N. Y.

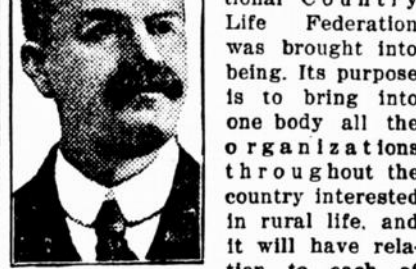
Among other distinctions Dr. Walker has that of being the first woman physician in the world to hold a commission as assistant army surgeon. Upon the outbreak of the Civil war she entered the Union service in her professional capacity. For bravery and valuable services in the field she was awarded a medal of honor, which she always wore conspicuously. During her service in the war she had the unique distinction of being exchanged as a prisoner of war for a man of her rank in the service.

In later years Dr. Walker became a leader in the woman suffrage movement, and she claims to have been the first woman to attempt voting at the polls. She has made suffrage speeches throughout the United States and England.

At the beginning of her professional career Dr. Walker adopted what she called the American reform costume, but later dressed in full male attire and never discarded it. Attired in a man's frock coat, man's trousers, wearing a man's silk hat and carrying a man's cane, Dr. Walker was once a leading topic of discussion when she was touring the country and lecturing upon the proper dress for women.

LAUNCH ORGANIZATION TO IMPROVE RURAL LIFE

A movement of great importance was launched in New Orleans a few days ago when, at a meeting of the Farmers' National Congress the National Country Life Federation was brought into being. Its purpose is to bring into one body all the organizations throughout the country interested in rural life, and it will have relation to each of them like that which the American Federation of Labor holds toward its affiliated bodies. It is believed that such an organization will have power to better farming conditions and reduce the cost of living. It will make country life more enjoyable and it will endeavor to stop the present drift of young men and women from the rural regions to the city. C. F. Sanford, of London, Ohio, is president of the congress. The meeting was largely attended and the launching of the new organization stirred up a great deal of enthusiasm.



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VISION.

I swept the horizon and saw at one glance these glorious elevations on whose tops the sun kindled all the melodies and harmonies of light. I was alone. I disclaimed company. I was a son of God, and I felt eternally, and God and glory. And life!—its murmur was like the murmur of the ocean when you hear the beating of the surf against the shore twenty miles away. Life!—it was like the faintest memory of a fading dream. And the influences that had subdued me or warped me—in that royal hour of coronation I lifted them up, and asked, in the light of other spheres, what are ambition and vanity and selfishness and all other worldly passions? From that altitude I gained anew a right measure of life. I never have forgotten it, and I shall never forget it till that vision lapses into the eternal one. Thus, too, one may stand on a mount of vision, quite apart from life and its seductive influences, and there fashion again and readjust all his moral measurements.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Emily Bronte.

G. K. Chesterton has added his meed of praise to Emily Bronte, the woman writer, who of all others has perhaps won most unstinted praise from a man. A splendid creature, Chesterton calls the author of "Wuthering Heights," and the book itself he finds likewise splendid. "But there is nothing human about it. It might have been written by an eagle."

Very Absent-Minded.

Bill—Gill was nearly drowned. Jill—How was that?

Bill—He's so absent-minded, you know. He went under the water and forgot to come up.

Bright Side.

"Doesn't it annoy you to have a member of your congregation go to sleep?"

"No," replied the patient clergyman. "I take it as an evidence that he has profited by my previous instruction and has a clear conscience."

How She Cured Him.

Edith—Why did she marry him? Ethel—To cure him of drinking. Edith—And did she succeed?

Ethel—Yes; she's so extravagant he can't afford it.

AMERICAN GIRL WIFE OF PRETENDER TO A THRONE



There is another American woman than Anita Stewart, who married Prince Miguel of Braganza, son of the Portuguese pretender, who might sit on a throne in purple and ermine if only the Fates had spun a few threads of a different pattern. This woman is Princess Lazarevich Hrebilovich, wife of the present head of the old royal and imperial family which ruled for many hundred years in Serbia. She was in New York a short time ago, where with her husband she helped recruit soldiers for the Serbian army and add to the Red Cross funds of the allied forces. But, although she is called Princess and in European society is treated with the courtesies due her rank, it hardly seems likely that she will ever attain royal honors, for the present king,

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negative, W. A. Brown and son. The
last week with Mrs. M. O. Culbertson.
The services at the Second Baptist
church were well attended both Morn-
ing and evening. Christmas morning
at 10 o'clock a service will be held,
followed at noon by a dinner, served
by the W. W. club. In the evening a
program will be rendered and a
Christmas tree held.

The program for Monday night,
December 17, will be very interesting.
Mrs. S. Joe Brown of Des Moines,
Iowa, will be the feature of the even-
ing.

The wedding bells are ringing. Oh
ye preachers.

Mrs. Leola Wilson, Westella Gar-
rett, Pearl Simmons and Ida Poe,
who have been on the sick list, are
able to be out again.

Lloyd Robinson and wife of Ogden,
after a short visit with relatives in
this city, returned to their home
Wednesday.

In an unknown way the parsonage
caught fire Wednesday night, burn-
ing the house completely up and all
contents therein.

The Mission Circle will meet at the
home of Mrs. Agnes Taylor on Thurs-
day, December 19.

CHARITON, IOWA.

(Last Week.)

Mrs. Henry Farrier, who has been
ill for some time, left Sunday for
Kansas City, where she will be treated
by a specialist.

Mrs. Fannie Parker has been ill for
a few days.

Mrs. Ethel Gipson, who has been in
Omaha for some time, has returned
to this city.

Mr. Galard Nash has returned home
from Omaha.

Rev. Franklin, pastor of the Sec-
ond Baptist church, was in Bedford
last week.

(This Week.)

Rev. Morgan, pastor of the A. M.
E. church of this city, will hold
quarterly meeting in Bedford, Sun-
day, December 22, 1912, and from
there he will go to Ottumwa to spend
the holidays with relatives, before re-
turning home.

Rev. Franklin expects to spend
Xmas with relatives in Kansas City.

A winter picnic will be given at the
Second Baptist church for all the
little children of the city in the eve-
ning. A program will be rendered
under the management of Mrs. E. B.
Cook.

Invitations are out announcing the
grand musical banquet to be given
Tuesday evening, December 24, 1912,
by the members of the Golden Eagle
Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias at
their hall, 917 Garfield street. Every-
body is anticipating in having a
grand time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker royally
entertained Mrs. Fannie Parker and
daughter, Miss Jessie, and Mr. and
Mrs. Nora Stevens to dinner Sunday
at their home on East Garfield.

Mrs. Josephine King has been ill
the past few days, but is some better
at this writing.

Mr. Andrew Baker will leave Sat-
urday for Cheyenne, Wyo., where
he will spend the holidays with his
son, Joe Brown, and family.

Mr. Walker Dickerson left Friday
for Red Oak, his wife and daughter
will leave after the holidays for that
city, where they expect to make their
future home.

Mrs. Phyllis Pemberton and chil-
dren of Red Oak will spend Xmas with
relatives in this city.

Little Bertha May Dickerson has
been very sick the past few days.

CLINTON, IOWA.

The members of the Bethel A. M.
E. church and friends were very
much disappointed in not having the
Rev. Bishop B. F. Lee with them
on Wednesday, December 11th. On
that occasion, the Bishop was ex-
pected to deliver a lecture, under the
auspices of the Mite Missionary so-
ciety, but during the afternoon word
came that he could not be present.
Nevertheless, a large audience gath-
ered and a very enjoyable evening
was passed, with a program, which
has been prepared for the occasion,
followed by the serving of refresh-
ments.

The celebration which was planned
to be given on January 1st, 1913, by
the citizens of Clinton, has been aban-
doned. It being found impossible to
get the people sufficiently interested
to make it a success.

A robbed choir, composed of little
boys and girls is a recent addition to
the A. M. E. church. They make a
credible showing.

We are glad to see Mr. George
Robinson around again, after his
recent illness.

Rev. G. W. Slater was out of the
city last week. Sunday evening Mrs.
W. I. Hayes spoke at Bethel A. M.
E. church on the Tuberculosis cru-
sade. She is well informed and an
ardent worker for the cause, and her
talk proved very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland Williams
were the host and hostess at a most
enjoyable dinner served in three
courses at their home on Wednesday
evening, December 11th, at 6:30, in
honor of the Rt. Rev. Bishop B. F.
Lee, who was to have been their
guest while in the city. Covers were
laid for ten persons. Mrs. Boyd of
Cedar Rapids was a guest of the
evening.

Mr. Henry Robinson announces a
concert at Bethel A. M. E. church
Christmas night. The proceeds are
to be devoted to the trustee depart-
ment.

A present, which would be greatly
appreciated by the Bystander, is the
payment of your delinquent subscrip-
tion.

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last week with Mrs. M. O. Culbertson.

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followed at noon by a dinner, served
by the W. W. club. In the evening a
program will be rendered and a
Christmas tree held.

Mr. and Mrs. Fine arrived the
last of the week for a visit with Chas.
and Oscar Thompson. Mr. Fine has
gone to Cedar Rapids, his wife re-
maining here indefinitely.

We are always glad to receive items
of interest, especially from our sub-
scribers.

Mrs. Hattie M. Cook has returned
from a most pleasant visit with
friends in Rock Island.

Give a year's subscription of the
Bystander to your friend for a nice
Christmas present.

ST. PAUL BUDGETARIAN.

Death has been in our midst often
of late, cutting down on the right and
left. Yet at no time did its work
cause more sorrow than when on
last Saturday evening a few minutes
before 9 o'clock Miss Margaret E.
Adams fell a victim to its death deal-
ing scythe. Margaret, as she was
known to all of us, was the second
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Adams
of the Appeal. She had been ill for
some time, suffering with that dread-
ful disease, tuberculosis. Yet, during
her long illness, she did not murmur
nor grow despondent. No matter when
you saw her, she always had that
same sweet smile of contentment.
She had just passed her 18th year. She
was loved by all who knew her. The
end came so peacefully that not even
her mother, who was constantly at
bedside, realized it was so near.
Slowly repeating the Twenty-third
psalm, with the usual brightness in
her face, she passed peacefully over,
never to return. The funeral was held
Tuesday afternoon from St. James
A. M. E. church and was one of the
largest ever held in the church. The
floral tributes were numerous and
beautiful. Margaret was laid to rest
in Oakland cemetery. She leaves to
mourn her loss a father, mother, two
sisters, one brother, besides other re-
latives and a host of friends. "May
she rest in peace."

Theodore Barber, who has been con-
fined in the asylum at St. Peter for
some time, died last week.

The social and literary of the Ba-
ptist church met at the residence of
Mrs. E. H. McDonald Monday evening.

You should get a copy of the Tri-
City Age, official organ of the Afro-
American Women's Federation of
Minnesota. It's a hummer.

Please see the agent, those in ar-
rears and settle up for the Bystander
for this year. She is desirous of
seeing you.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. James of St.
Anthony entertained at a musical last
Monday evening for the benefit of St.
Phillips Episcopal church.

Mrs. Lula Howard has returned
from California, where she spent the
past year with her daughter.

Mr. W. J. Utley has moved his
barber shop just a few doors west
from his former place, to a more
commodious quarters. He now has
an up-to-date place of business for
the boys.

A Des Moines man had an attack
of muscular rheumatism in his shoul-
der. A friend advised him to go to
Hot Springs. That meant an expense
of \$15.00 or more. He sought for
quicker and cheaper way to cure it
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THE NEGRO FIFTY YEARS AGO.

By N. Wiley, Des Moines.
(Written for Bystander.)

This article is written for experi-
ment and cannot be compared with
the standard works of today. Fifty
years ago the Negro was informed
that the daybreak of freedom would
soon be in reality and not an imagi-
nary dream and the prayers of the
ex-slaved and friends were still ring-
ing in their masters' and mistresses'
ears. Lincoln, who was a Moses to
the Negro, and John Brown, who was
as John the Baptist, seconded. Their
deeds are too well known for me to
even dwell upon the subject. There
is a day set aside to commemorate
those that died in the cause that rose
with shame and fell with dishonor.
This is not an article of fine spooned
theories on what to do with the Ne-
gro or what either race have done to
him. It is a few gathered things of
his actual accomplishment for the
past fifty years.

At first many members of the race
entered the ministry. But under the
leadership of such men as Frederick
Douglass and Blanch K. Bruce and
many well wishers of the Negro the
lesson was soon taught that we must
not only have men to speak the di-
vine word, but farmers to till the
soil, doctors to heal the sick, teach-
ers to instruct the mind and to train
the statesmen to help promulgate
new laws, undertakers to bury the
dead, musicians to lighten the heart
and cheer the soul.

As a physician there is no better
example than Doctor Will Hapen,
who was born in Amherst county,
Virginia, in 1870. He graduated from
Virginia Normal in 1891; in 1893 he
entered Yale university at New Hav-
en, Conn., in 1897. He not only grad-
uated with high honors, but was the
first Negro ever chosen as editor of
the class book in the medical depart-
ment. He was also one of the lead-
ing spirits at Freedman hospital in
Washington, D. C.

A large portion of the Negro
wealth is in farm land and city prop-
erty.

We have published 500 books. 300
newspapers, 2,000 lawyers are at the
bar, 3,200 doctors, 1,400 homes.

Real estate and personal property
more than \$920,000,000.

There is none able to philosophize
of what the progress will be fifty
years from now.

Washington, D. C., 1,302 firms and
professions Negroes. Capital, \$700,-
000. There are thirteen building and
loan associations, 100 life insurance
companies and benefit companies,
eight banks, several mining compa-
nies, one street railway, one iron found-
ry, one cotton mill, one publishing
house with a plant valued at \$45,000.

Mr. J. B. Grave of Kansas raised
seventy-five bushels of potatoes each
year.

Mr. C. C. Lester of Charleston, S.
C., has \$30,000 invested in a firm mar-
ket. Charleston, S. C., leads all cities
of its size for negro business firms.

MASON CITY, IOWA.

We are sorry to report that Mrs.
Myrtle Edwards has left the city and
will now locate in Denver, Colo.

The Maskerade entertainment given
by the Tabernacle was a success. A
large crowd was there to witness the
different masks.

We are indeed sorry to report that
Mrs. Walter Davis of Warren street,
is sick at this writing.

Mrs. Marie Allen was called to Ft.
Dodge on the account of the illness
of her uncle, Mr. Tom Davis.

Mr. John Mitchell, who has just
closed the season with Yankee Robin-
son Annex Band, was a business cal-
ler in the city last week.

Mrs. Walter Davis, Jr., is on the
sick list.

Miss Bernice Davis and Mr. J.
Kelley spent Sunday with their par-
ents in the city.

Mr. J. D. Keeler has been on the
sick list for the past few days.

Mr. Lacy Lewis was compelled to
take his bed last week on the account
of sickness.

Miss Mary Cecil is still on the sick
list.

MOLINE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Scott are the
proud parents of a baby boy. The
little fellow is named Marion Scott,
Jr.

Mrs. Emanuel Gorman has returned
after two weeks visit in Peoria.

Mrs. Ella Woods and Mrs. John
L. Jones are on the sick list.

Mrs. Holme is not improving rapid-
ly. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ben Walkup has been sick
with an attack of La grippe.

Mrs. Clifford Hardin has been on
the sick list.

OTTUMWA, IOWA.

The Faithful Few society will meet
this week with Mrs. Campbell on
Plum street.

Mrs. Ruth Bright, W. G. M. O. E.
S. will visit Esther Chapter, No. 4,
Monday evening, December 30th.

Mrs. Jackson of Delavan, Ill., is
still in the city visiting with her two
sons, George and William, and ex-
pects to remain until after the holi-
days.

Mr. W. S. Tyler of Garry, Ind., is
in the city at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Milligan.

The bazaar and chicken pie supper
given by the stewardsesses of the A.
M. E. church was a decided success,
both socially and financially. Quite
a neat little sum was realized.

Mr. Isaac Patten has purchased a
home at 1282 Center avenue and has
moved his family into it.

Mrs. Jas. H. Robinson is still on the
sick list.

Mrs. Hattie Stevens and son, Al-
bert, have returned to their home in
Fairfield.

Little Lawrence Magill fell down
the cellar and cut a severe gash over
his eye and several other bruises.

Mrs. Abbie Campbell has been quite
ill at her home on Plum street.

Mrs. Gooch of North Jefferson
street and two children are confined
to their home with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen have purchased
on the South Side.

Mr. James Fields of South Ottum-
wa, who has been sick for the past
four weeks, is able to sit up a little.

Mrs. Queen Taylor of South Moore
street is confined to her bed at this
writing.

Mr. John Harris remains about the
same.

The Old Folks' concert given by the
Sewing Circle of the Second Baptist
church was a success and a neat sum
was realized.

Mrs. John Cheshire, 624 West Me-
chanic street, entertained Wednesday
at a 3 o'clock dinner in honor of Mrs.
B. F. Abner, who will leave soon for
Oklahoma, and Miss Beulah Williams
of Omaha, Neb. Covers were laid for
ten and a delightful repast was
served.

Rev. Lee of Kansas filled the pul-
pit at the Second Baptist church on
Sunday and preached a splendid ser-
mon in the morning. The sacred con-
cert given by the choir in the evening
was greatly enjoyed by a large and
appreciative audience.

Mr. Bertrand Thompson, 325 North
street, entertained Sunday at a 2
o'clock dinner. Mrs. B. F. Abner and
Miss Beulah Williams were the guests
of honor.

Mrs. Willa Woodley, who has been
very ill at her sister's, Mrs. Saun-
ders, on Benton street, we are glad to
report, is improving.

Cupid has been very busy in Ot-
tumwa in the last few months and
rumor has it that there are still
other victims in the near future.

Miss Gertrude Wagner has been
suffering with appendicitis and we
regret to learn that it is necessary
for an operation to be performed.

ROCK ISLAND NEWS.

The Wayman Mission church will
run a three night bazaar, beginning
December 19th. There will be a pro-
gram rendered each evening and re-
freshments served.

There will be a Christmas tree at
the McKinley Baptist church Christ-
mas eve and they will have Christmas
exercises Christmas night in connec-
tion with the Old Folks' convention.

The public is cordially invited to
attend the Literary society held at
the McKinley Baptist church every
Tuesday evening. There are some
very excellent programs being ren-
dered each week.

Rev. B. R. Peen is in the city this
week attending to business.

KEOKUK NEWS.

Mr. David Saisle successfully pass-
ed the desired requirements as an
applicant for police officer in the civil
service examination recently held.

The marriage of Miss Margaret
Gross to Mr. Amos Johnson recently
occurred. Many friends extend to
them heartfelt congratulations and
wish them bon-voyage upon the mat-
rimonial sea.

Mrs. Sallie Vaughn has returned
from a visit with her sister, Mrs.
McFadden, at Hannibal, Mo.

The marriage of two of our other
young people occurred last week,
when Miss Lillian Bender and Mr.
Harry Stuart were united in the holy
bonds. The groom is of the mature
age of 17 years, while the happy
bride is just sweet sixteen. May
their lives be long happy and pros-
perous.

Mrs. Sarah South, who was con-
fined to her bed for a few weeks, has
now recovered.

Much sorrow is expressed by re-
latives and friends over the death of
Mr. Chas. Goins, which occurred in
Mt. Pleasant hospital last Thursday.

His demise had been expected for
some time past, he having been a pa-
tient sufferer for the past year. Fun-
eral services were held at Bethel
church last Sunday afternoon, con-
ducted by the Rev. J. P. Sims. The
deceased was a plasterer by trade
and recognized among the best in our
city. We are sorry that space will
not permit further comment on his
life. He was police officer here at
one time and acquitted himself with
credit to our race. The floral offer-
ings, which spoke silent words of
deepest sympathy to the bereaved
relatives, were numerous. Of near
surviving relatives he leaves a wife,
Mrs. Etha Goins; his mother, Mrs.
Jane Goins, and three sisters, Mrs.

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Carrie Crump and Mrs. Lena Baily
of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mrs. Bertha
Cook of Peoria, Ill. All of whom
were present at the funeral.

The death of Rev. Wm. Greene, an
aged Baptist minister, occurred last
week. His death was primarily due
to complications resulting from old
age. His funeral was held at the
Union Baptist church last Friday
afternoon, conducted by his son, Rev.
E. D. Greene of Macon, Mo., assisted
by Rev. Collins of this city. Rev.
Wm. Greene of Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
former pastor of Pilgrim's Rest Ba-
ptist church, is a son of deceased. An-
other surviving son is Mr. Henry
Greene of this city and two daugh-
ters living in St. Louis, Mo.

The body of Larkin Webb, an aged
and respected citizen of our vicinity,
was found in the woods a few miles
distant from his home last Friday
morning near Sandusky. Upon in-
vestigation it was found that he had
started a fire, which somehow or other
being unable to extinguish the
flames, he was forced to meet death
in this deplorable state. He was 68
years old and a widower, two sons
surviving. Had lived in that com-
munity for some time.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Sims are now
comfortably located in the new pa-
ronage of Bethel church. The dedi-
catory services were conducted last
Sunday afternoon by the Rev. Dr. A.
J. Carey of the Institutional church
of Chicago. Bishop B. F. Lee was to
have been present with us on this oc-
casion, but because of other pressing
duties was unable to do so and sent
to us the distinguished Rev. Dr. A.
J. Carey. As this was quarterly
meeting day the presiding elder, Rev.
I. U. Daniels, was also present and
eulogized with much emphasis the
work that has recently been accom-
plished by this congregation. Mr.
Alonso Drain presented the keys to
Dr. Carey, who responded in a force-
ful and impressive manner. May the
memory of this beautiful service lin-
ger long in the hearts of those per-
mitted to be present.

Rev. Dr. Carey lectured at Bethel
church last Monday night. Seldom if
ever before have we been honored
with the privilege of listening to
such a descriptive picture of existing
conditions of vital subjects, which
concern our race of today. The speak-
er briefly referred to the recent Chi-
cago racial episode which the press
is giving world-wide fame. During
his discourse he touched upon certain
things pertaining to our United
States government that gave some of
our hearers a new vision. We wish
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A SURVEY OF THE

KANSAS CITY NEGRO

Mr. A. E. Martin Presents Some Interesting Facts and History in The Kansas City Star.

A. E. Martin, teacher of history and civics at the Westport High School, spent three months, working from six to eight hours a day, collecting data regarding the Negroes of Kansas City, and after he had collected the data he spent one month, working eight hours a day, in writing it, and the result is thirty thousand words and more facts about the Negro in Kansas City than ever were gathered together before. In collecting his data, Mr. Martin visited hundreds of Negro homes and talked with thousands of Negroes. After he had written what he had found out, he used the article for a thesis for a master's degree at William Jewell College at Liberty Mo., and he received the degree. The material for the study was collected in January, February and March of this year.

Mr. Martin found that the white population of Kansas City is 24,680, and the Negro population 23,566, and that of forty thousand property owners, eight hundred are Negroes. He found that real property owned by whites was assessed in 1911 at \$123,037,780, and that property owned by Negroes was assessed at \$7,942,894, and personal property owned by Negroes at one-half million dollars. The white per capita realty wealth is \$543.69, and the Negro \$59.40. Fifty Negroes own property valued at above \$10,000, one hundred between \$5,000 and \$10,000; two hundred between \$1,000 and \$5,000, and 450 between \$500 and \$1,000. The comparative figures show that the Kansas City Negro is worth \$28.01 more than the average United States Negro.

Only 2,000 Paid Taxes. Mr. Martin found that about half of the Negro property of Kansas City is in the possession of fifty persons, that of this half, one fourth is in the possession of eight persons and further, that of this \$237,500 more than one-half, or \$140,000, is owned by one man, thus showing that the wealth of the Negro, as well as that of the white man, is concentrated in the hands of a few men. Mr. Martin found that only about two thousand of the seven thousand Negro men over 24 years of age in Kansas City paid taxes, either personal or real, during 1911, so that not more than one Negro man out of every three pays any form of taxes.

Mr. Martin says: The city takes little interest in any of the Negro districts except to have them well patrolled by policemen. The streets and walks are poorly kept, and no provisions whatever is made for parks, playgrounds or public baths. Nevertheless the Negro takes great interest in his yard and house.

Mr. Martin made a house to house canvass among one hundred and ninety-seven Negro property owners and obtained the following facts:

The incomes given in the table represent the incomes of both husband and wife. The figures show that seventy out of 197 wives work. The majority are laundresses.

Mr. Martin deduces that lack of religion is conducive to Negro poverty. He found that ninety per cent of the property owners were church members, and that the Negro churches of the city own about \$300,000 worth of property, on which the debt does not exceed more than \$50,000.

What the Negro Does. Of the 23,566 Negroes in the entire city about 7,000 live north of Eighth street; 8,000 on the "Bowery," the Negro district between Troost and Woodland and Sixteenth and Twentieth streets, and about 1,000 in the West Bottoms. Less than one per cent of these 16,000 persons own real estate.

The 32,566 Negroes of Kansas City he found classified as follows: Negro children, 14 and under... 6,300 Men, 14 to 60... 8,150 Women, 14 to 60... 8,000 Negroes, male and female, over 60... 1,206

A careful investigation of the employment of the more than 8,000 Negroes in Kansas city between the ages of 14 and 60 resulted in the following classifications:

Barbers	240
Dentists	4
Doctors	23
Janitors	350
Laborers	5,006
Lawyers	6
Police service	8
Postal service	20
Porters in barber shops	375
Porters in hotels	140
Porters in saloons	600
Proprietors independent	90
Pool hall owners	75
Preachers	25
Pullman service	140
Railway service	250
Teachers	30
Teamsters	210
Waiters	510

The total annual wages received is \$3,811,140. Nine hundred of the 5,006 common laborers are employed at packing plants, eight hundred are hod carriers, two thousand work on the street for the city or for the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, and the remaining 1,306 are engaged in various forms of labor.

We Pay \$421,000 in Tips. There are about 1,415 Negroes employed at waiters and porter in hotels, barber shops and on trains, who receive an average guaranteed salary of \$26 per month, \$312 per year making a total annual income

of \$441,480. According to information personally given by about seventy-five employees, the average annual income is \$609.90, which gives a total annual income of \$863,000. In other words, the people of Kansas City pay annually in tips \$41,520.

Mr. Martin finds that the 8,150 wage earners are idle 140,925 weeks annually, which is an average of 17.4 weeks for each individual. Few provide for the idle weeks, he says, and idleness breeds crime and immorality.

Among the females the gainful occupations are divided as follows, with a total annual income of \$608,000.

Cooks	500
Housekeepers	400
Hotel maids	100
Incidental	300
Laundresses	1,600
Nurses	40
Seamstresses	90
Teachers	54

Mr. Martin made a house to house canvass of 248 representative Negro families and found that the expenditures of the average family may be classified as follows:

	Annual Expenditure	Per Cent
Food	\$202.41	38.46
Rent	116.29	21.27
Clothing	49.15	7.62
Fuel and light	24.81	4.20
Car fare	18.80	3.00
Other expenses and savings	228.29	25.45

The Negro and The Saloon. Only seven of the 596 saloons in Kansas City are operated and owned by Negroes. About fifty white saloons east of Troost Avenue on Eighteenth street, Nineteenth street and Vine street that sell to the Negroes of that vicinity about \$150,000 worth of liquors each year.

"The following table," Mr. Martin says, "gives a comprehensive view of the different items of expenditure for this entire Negro population of the city."

Alcoholic drinks	\$ 400,000
Barber work	114,000
Car fare	150,400
Clothing	393,200
Church	78,000
Dues, insurance and fraternal orders	175,000
Food	1,619,280
Fuel and lights	193,440
Funerals	60,000
Pool halls	45,000
Theaters	30,000
Tobacco	30,000
Taxes	21,170
Rent	900,320
Other expenses and savings	249,330
Total	\$4,419,140

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Rev. Morton, of Tabernacle Baptist church, has returned from Des Moines. Rev. Lewis gave a fine discourse Sunday morning. Rev. Morton in the evening, subject, "Walking With God." Mrs. C. Perkins is reported quite sick. Mrs. Goodwin convalescent. Rev. Garrison is still separating the wheat from the ears, the church is still on an upward march. In two months he has received seventeen new members and he foretells a greater success in the near future.

Xmas exercises at Bethel A. M. E. church will be observed by the Sunday school. Xmas tree and exercises by the children Xmas eve, December 24. Regular services Xmas morning, 10:45 o'clock.

Golden Rule club will meet with Mrs. Charles Hall Tuesday evening. It is for the benefit of the pastor.

Dinner will be served Xmas day from 12 a. m. throughout the evening. Extensive exercises by the Sunday school, and a large Xmas tree. All are invited to come and partake of the feast. Mrs. Ross will assist Mrs. Field in purchasing the Xmas presents for the little folks.

Stewards of Bethel A. M. E. church will give an entertainment on December 23rd. Program will be rendered by Mr. B. Burk, assisted by the talented young people of Council Bluffs. Chicken pie supper will be served by the stewardesses.

Union prayer meeting Wednesday at Tabernacle Baptist church. Choir at Bethel A. M. E. church is fast improving under its present leadership. A grand success it will make in time.

Mr. William Caves is looking for a farm, "a producer as well as a consumer." Success for him.

ENTERPRISE ITEMS.

Last week was a very busy week in Enterprise.

The Executive Board of the Iowa and Nebraska Baptist Association met at Mt. Olive Baptist church from the 10th to the 12th of last week.

The Woman's Home Foreign Mission Circle and the Mt. Olive Progressive club gave a dinner in honor of the board members.

The presidents of the two clubs delivered welcome addresses which were responded to by Rev. Woodward in behalf of the board.

Rev. Woodward, Rev. Toomey and Rev. Burton preached stirring sermons during their stay.

The Executive Board ordained Mr. W. D. Miller and Mr. R. Brown as deacons, Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. W. Divers and Mrs. Mammie Vandergriff entertained the Board at dinner Thursday at 1 o'clock. Covers were laid for eight and a delightful four course dinner was served.

The Board adjourned to meet next quarter in Marshalltown.

The turkeys and chickens, what few are left, are mourning over their last weeks lost.

The Mission Circle met last week

at the home of Mrs. Hannah Brent and adjourned to meet with Mrs. Hickman.

The Progressive club did not meet last week but will meet this week with Mrs. Vandergriff.

The Mt. Olive church is doing nicely, both spiritually and financially.

The I. C. W. A. of Des Moines entertained a full house last Monday night. A nice sum was realized.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Henry Jones has been improving his property in the west end of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson and son, Bennie Grayson, of Hocking was in Albia on Saturday.

The A. M. E. church people and the citizens of Albia will observe Emancipation day January 1, 1913, in Albia this year.

Lawyer Geo. H. Woodson of Buxton was in Albia on business this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butler entertained friends at dinner on Sunday.

Mrs. Virginia Burns of Hocking attended services in Albia on Sunday and visited friends.

Mr. Wm. Harris was an Oskaloosa visitor Sunday.

Mr. Eudell Lewis and son, Willis Lewis, of Oskaloosa are guests at the parental home of B. T. Lewis the past week.

The R. B. M. Literary society is growing in interest this winter. They are having some very nice programs. The Hocking society and Albia will give a concert during the holidays.

QUINCY, ILL.

The quarterly meeting, held on December 8th at Bethel A. M. E. church, was a success both spiritually and financially.

Rev. Henry Simons, presiding elder, left Friday morning en route to Jacksonville, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith, Mr. Robert Payne and Mr. George Wilson left Saturday morning for St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Adalaide Price, who on the account of her health, was compelled to give up her studies at Wilberforce and come home, is improving nicely.

The wedding of Mr. Frank Johnson and Mrs. Griffin was solemnized at the home of the bride on last Friday evening. Dr. Sandy Osborn officiating.

The Culture club is progressing



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nicely, and Mr. J. W. Tull was re-elected president. The program was very good.

Miss Doris Smith is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Grace Bates and daughter returned on Thursday evening, from a pleasant visit in Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. Rosie Coleman is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Martha Cole are on the sick list.

Mr. G. M. Giles, who has been in the city several weeks, left Thursday morning for his home in Bloomington, Indiana, via St. Louis.

Miss Vanner Coffey has returned home from Paris, Mo., after a delightful visit with Mrs. B. Lasley, her niece.

DAVENPORT NOTES.

The funeral of the late William Garner, who was found frozen to death last Thursday, occurred Sunday afternoon at the Hartwig and Nissen undertaking parlors. Rev. M. G. Neuman of Oskaloosa, Iowa, officiated. The body was incinerated Monday morning at the Davenport crematorium. Two sisters survive him, in Mrs. Louise Parks of Oskaloosa and Mrs. Ella Gatlin of Burlington, Iowa.

The Sunday schools of both churches are busy arranging for their Christmas exercises. The Third Baptist church will treat its school to a Christmas tree Christmas eve. Bethel will treat its Sunday school scholars to a banquet Christmas night.

At a meeting held by the Boys' Athletic club the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: G. H. Young, president; S. Cain, vice president; O. W. Richardson, recording secretary; K. L. Marshall, corresponding secretary; A. Roberts, Jr., treasurer.

Mr. Edward Sample, who was reported ill last week, is able to resume his occupation in Sylvis.

Mr. John Greenup, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. S. Johnson, for the past month, returned to his home in Mount Pleasant by way of Fairfield.

The following remain on the sick list: Mrs. Geo. Hawkins, Mrs. Lena James, Mrs. Clara Martin, Dr. David Delward, Mrs. Mary Sackett, Mrs. Ida Cunningham, Mr. Henry Pitts, Mr. Henry Draper.

Rev. M. J. Newman preached at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. O'Neil entertained for supper Monday evening. Revs. T. B. Stovall and M. J. Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Green entertained last Thursday evening in honor of Miss Effie Neal of Monmouth, Ill.

The fuel and light committee will keep open doors at the A. M. E. church all New Year's day and evening.

The fuel and light committee's marked down entertainment proved to be quite a novelty.

Mrs. B. B. Bright, G. W. M., of the Iowa jurisdiction, is making her annual visits in the interest of the O. E. S.

Mrs. Hattie Lambert of South Rock Island was missed very much from her post of duty Sunday on the occasion of the stewardesses' rally, she being confined to her home on account of sickness.

The local correspondent and her nephew, Mr. Allen Bean, will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Bean in Crystal City, Mo.

MACON NEWS.

Mrs. Jane Finney was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Homer Houston of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. J. B. Harris is spending a few days in Quincy and Rock Island, Ill.

Miss Ruth Gleaves was quietly married at her home at 204 S. Missouri street to E. E. Escot of Muskogee, Okla. We wish them much success and a long, happy life.

Misses Addie and Lucile Harris and Miss Elva Braxter spent Thanksgiving in Moberly, Mo.

Mr. Sylvia Marshall made a business trip to Kirksville on Thursday.

Macon will be highly entertained Wednesday evening by Blind Boone and his excellent musical talents.

Mrs. E. L. Scruggs will render another one of her favorite musical entertainments Friday evening at her home on Jackson street.

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YOUNKER BROTHERS

Mr. Ralph Tebeau spent Thanksgiving in Moberly, Mo., and while there was the guest of Miss Edna Tynion. Miss Edna Harris made a business trip to Moberly on Sunday.

The Baptist Sewing Circle is preparing to give a tackey social Monday evening.

The A. M. E. church held their quarterly meeting Sunday. Two excellent sermons were preached both morning and evening.

Mr. John Lang made an able address to the students of Western college Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. T. Harris of Winnipeg, Canada, is expected home in a few days to visit his wife and relatives of this city.

Mrs. Alice Crews is preparing to give a drama, entitled "Under the Shadow of a Crime." Macon is preparing greatly for Xmas holiday.

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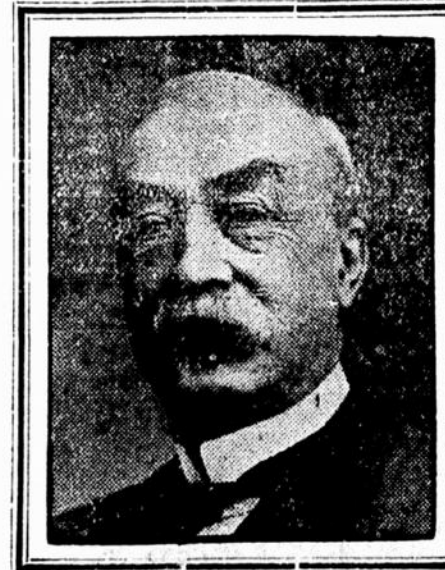
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Mrs. F. P. Johnson is indisposed the past week with a cold.

Christmas program and trees will be at all the churches Tuesday night.

How can the Bystander celebrate Xmas when so many of our subscribers still owe them for this year.

Miss Rachel Jefferson has been seriously sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Woods.

Mr. B. N. Hyde and Willie Warrick have been put on the U. S. post-office clerk force during the rush for the holidays. They are clean, representative young men.

Mrs. S. Joe Brown, superintendent of the Social Science department of the National Association of Colored Women, visited and lectured in the interest of her work before one of the clubs in Buxton last Monday.

Atty. S. Joe Brown is in receipt of the sad intelligence of the death of his only sister, Mrs. Bertrand Brent, of Everett, Washington. She will be remembered by her Iowa friends as Miss Lou Ella Brown.

The Birthday club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Cottoms in a business meeting and Mrs. Andrew Morris was elected to membership in the club. The next meeting will be December 31st with Mrs. Dellinger at 818 East Fifth street.

The Progressive Choral Study club is making rapid headway under the leadership of Prof. Geo. I. Holt. They opened their doors for the reception of the members. A good time reported.

Miss Alice Bell of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived home to the sick bedside of her mother, Mrs. Peter Bell, who is a little worse again. Miss Alice has taken ill since she arrived here, due perhaps to the climatic change.

At the last meeting of the Intellectual Improvement club Mrs. C. C. Johnson read a splendid paper on "Ideal Womanhood" and Mrs. H. W. Hughes gave an instrumental selection. The meeting this afternoon will be with Mrs. C. C. Johnson, 1313 Day street, at which time Mrs. S. Joe Brown will deliver the principal paper on "The Mission of the Woman's Club."

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The regular weekly meeting of the Progressive Choral Study club was held Tuesday evening. The two solos which were an added feature to the program were rendered by Mr. E. B. Elliston and Mrs. A. M. White. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the preparation of song to be rendered at the celebration January 1st. We are especially desirous to have the entire membership of the club present at the next meeting, which will be Monday evening, December 23, at Burns M. E. church.

The Dramatic Art club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Rush and studied Canto 3 of Dante's Inferno. Meet next Tuesday with Mrs. Wm. Marshall and study cantos 4 and 5, with a general review as follows: Inferno, Mrs. Geo. Patton; Canto 2, Mrs. Warricks; The Ninth Muse, Mrs. Marshall; Canto 3, Mrs. Hammit; Achonon, Charon, Limbo, Mrs. J. H. Brown; The Life of Virgil, Beatrice, Mrs. Rush.

Mrs. W. L. Perkins and mother, Mrs. Anderson Perkins, arrived in our city this week from Buxton, Iowa, their former home, on their way to Allensworth, California, where they are going to make their future home. They were the first to open up a hotel in Buxton and run it until it was accidentally burned down about one year ago, and they never rebuilt again, but decided to go out to California on the fourteen acre farm that they have. Ye editor has known this family from his boyhood days. While in the city Mr. W. L. was the guest of John L. Thompson. We regret to lose such a valuable family from our state, but what is Iowa's loss is California's gain. We wish them success in the west.

THE LYCEUM.
At the semi-annual business meeting of the Des Moines Negro Lyceum association last Tuesday evening at the residence of Dr. J. A. Jefferson, Atty. S. Joe Brown, Mr. Jesse A. Graves and Miss Julia Bailey were elected alternate delegates to the Inter-State Literary meeting to be held in Topeka, Kans., next week, and the ensuing term: Mr. Rufus Jackson, president; Miss Eldora Burton, vice-president; Miss Hazel Cousin, secretary; Mr. W. P. Warricks, assistant secretary; Dr. J. A. Jefferson, treasurer; Atty. S. Joe Brown, constitutional adviser; Mrs. W. H. Warricks, critic; Mr. Jessie A. Graves, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. B. Rush,

EDITORIALS

CHRISTMAS.

As the year rolls around it brings the natal day of every person. Some are honored more than others, yet all bring gladness to each individual when they have lived to witness another birthday. Well might the Christian world say that it is good that we pause in this busy world to properly celebrate and commemorate the natal day of the greatest of all persons that was born, the birth of our Saviour. At Christmas time we should make proper use of the good things by distributing them to the needy and let our minds dwell upon the surroundings of his birth. In our imagination we see the frightened shepherds upon Bethlehem's plain and we hear the solemn words of the Angel of God as he says, "Fear not, glad tidings, for this day the King of Kings is born." Let us then rest until we appropriate this meaning to ourselves and as we gather around our festival board on Christmas day and let our Saviour this day save us from all our sins that we may become humble and love one another as he loves us, and in that condition we will be better able to help humanity and exemplify the Christian spirit.

WHY STAND YE IDLE.

Young people of my race, this editorial is an earnest appeal from my heart. Why are so many of our people standing around in idleness upon the street corners, in the barber shops or pool halls or so-called club rooms, indulging in shallow, low gossip or complaining about not being given a fair chance in life with the other race. The time has come when we must cease complaining, get down to hard work, make an opportunity for yourself. If you have any leisure time go to your home or our public libraries, read good books, improve your talent, seek good and noble thoughts, keep off the street corners or away from the depots; let the world know that you are trying to live and be a better man. Cast off foolishness, learn a trade or profession; be a man and help make the world better by being a good, industrious, honest citizen.

HOME LIFE MAKES CHARACTER.

Parents, we too often neglect our home life, the family ties, the sacred altar and go out after society or the fashions of the world. We sometimes seek the company of friends rather than the members of our families, thereby failing to inculcate into the minds of our children what true happiness and true life is. Our children often roam the streets seeking company or amusements, because we ourselves go away when we should remain at home and provide amusement for the children. Let us pay more attention to our children while they are young.

NEGRO BANKER AND EDITOR HONORED.

Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., the game editor of the Richmond Planet and president of the Mechanics Savings bank, the oldest Negro bank in America, received notice of his election as life member of the Royal Society of Arts of London, England. This is a rare and high honor and is especially noticeable since he is a colored man. The society is the third oldest in the British empire, having been incorporated by Royal Charter in 1754. Its purpose was for "The Encouragement of the Arts, Manufactures and Commerce of the Country," by bestowing rewards for such productions, inventions or improvements as tend to the employment of the poor, to the increase of trade, and to the riches and honor of the kingdom, and for meritorious works in the various departments of the fine arts for discoveries, inventions and improvements in agriculture, chemistry, mechanics, manufactures and other useful arts. The society's officers are: Patron, His Majesty the King; council, H. R. H., the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K. G., president of the society; Lord Sanderson, G. C. B., K. C. M. G., vice president and chairman of the council; Sir Henry Trueman Wood, M. A., secretary.

The election took place November 20, 1912, and the diploma, with the title M. R. S. A., was issued to John Mitchell, Jr., Richmond, Va., U. S. A., ten days thereafter. It will be hung in the offices of the recently organized The Anglo-American Finance Corporation.

DR. WM. D. CRUM DEAD.

We are shocked to announce to our readers the death of Hon. Wm. D. Crum of Charleston, S. C., who held the important diplomatic position as minister to Liberia, Africa. Dr. Crum took the African fever and came home about two weeks ago to regain his health, but of no avail. He was born in South Carolina over fifty years ago, educated in the medical department of Howard university and practiced in Charleston, S. C., most of his life. He was very successful and wealthy and was highly esteemed by both races. He was appointed collector of customs by the late Roosevelt. His confirmation was held up because Senator Ben Tillman did not want a Negro appointed. President Roosevelt wrote his famous letter stating that he would stand by Dr. Crum and not close the door of hope of opportunity against any man because of color. It was at this point in Africa that Iowa's beloved diplomat, Hon. Alexander Clark of Muscatine, died.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

It is indeed but fitting to the colored race that they should assemble in their various churches and halls and commemorate the first day of

January, 1913, as the day of Golden Jubilee in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of their freedom, made possible through the issuing of the proclamation by President Lincoln emancipating all the slaves in the United States, which numbered about 4,000,000. This event cannot even occur again, and if it could occur it would not be so unique and so fitting as it is today. Some of the greatest fundamental questions of life have been solved by the bondsman, namely, that he was capable, having so lived in ignorance, slavery and debauchery for 250 years, he emerges from that terrible condition and began life amidst strangers and oftentimes under horrible conditions, yet showing his honesty, integrity, long suffering and hard working as any other race. He has produced a generation of men and women who are a credit to any race upon the face of the globe and in many instances equally, if not surpassing them in ability, skill and qualifications, for amidst all the trying scenes of this nation's peril the Negro race was found upon the side of right and justice, shedding his blood and freely giving his life to maintain our flag and her institutions. I again say that January 1, 1913, should be not only a day, but the entire year should be one of thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for being permitted to demonstrate the worth of this downtrodden race.

states and that two of these men actually occupied seat of election in United States senate. Their record was in all cases satisfactory, and in many instances the men in this list showed unusual brilliance. This was especially true of Senator Revels, Senator B. K. Bruce, who at one time occupied the position of vice president of the United States, by acting as presiding officer of the senate. John R. Lynch of Mississippi, Robert Smalls of South Carolina, John M. Langston of Virginia and many others proved themselves the peers of their white colleagues.

Illinois Elects Colored Man.
Coming to the borders of our own state it may be surprising to know that the great state of Illinois has had a representative of the colored race in the legislature of that state for the last twenty or twenty-five years. Hon. J. W. E. Thomas served two terms of two years each. James E. Bish one term. George Eckton, one term. John C. Buckner, two terms. William L. Martin, one term. John G. Jones, one term. Edward D. Green two terms. Dr. Alexander Lane, one term.

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AL WALKER.

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owns a beautiful modern home in the city. Al was born in Toledo, Iowa, and has worked his way up through hard knocks. He is a single man and his sister, Jessie, keeps house for him. Miss Jessie is well known over Iowa, ex-president of the Colored Woman's club of Iowa and honorary member of the National Federation. His other sister is Mrs. Mattie Lemma of Philadelphia, where she also owns a farm.



MESSRS. R. N. AND B. N. HYDE.

The above cut represents father and son, Mr. Robert N. and Mr. Branhan N. Hyde, successful business men and real estate dealers. Mr. Robert N. is grand trustee of the Elks grand lodge of the world and district deputy of the state of Iowa. The next year's

meeting will be held the last Tuesday in August, 1913, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Branhan N. is a graduate of the West Des Moines high school, business manager of the Electric Carpet Cleaner Co., a member of the board of directors of the Masonic Temple association, an exemplary young man.

COLORED MEN HAVE HELD MANY OFFICES OF TRUST.

In the United States congress at Washington, D. C., no less than twenty-two men of color have occupied seats. Two senators and twenty members. Hiram R. Revels, United States senator, served twelve months and ten days in 1870-71. B. K. Bruce, six years, 1875-1881. Joseph H. Rainey, M. C., forty-first to forty-fifth congress, ten years. R. B. Elliot, M. C., two years. Robert Smalls, M. C., six years. George W. Murray, M. C., four years. Thomas H. Miller, M. C., two years. Alonzo J. Rainier, M. C., two years. Jerre Harrison, M. C., two years. Benjamin S. Turner, M. C., two years. James T. Rapier, M. C., two years. Robert D. Large, M. C., two years. John H. Hyman, M. C., four years. H. P. Cheatam, M. C., four years. George H. White, M. C., four years. John R. Lynch, M. C., six years. Jeff Long, M. C., two years. Charles E. Nash, M. C., two years. John M. Longston, M. C., two years. From this list, by consulting the congressional record, it will be seen that men have served in congress from every one of the southern

OBITUARY.

One many friends of Mrs. F. D. Jackson will doubtless be grieved to learn of the death of her older daughter, Miss Bessie, who departed this life at the residence of her mother, 1122 West Eighth street, Thursday morning, December 19, at about 7 o'clock, aged 26 years, and after a lingering illness of several months' duration.

Deceased was the daughter of the late Fred D. Jackson, who served for nearly a quarter of a century as a member of our City Fire Department immediately prior to his death, which occurred several years ago.

Miss Jackson was a charter member of Princess Zorah chapter, of the order of the Eastern Star and the funeral services, which will be held from the residence Saturday morning, December 21st, at 10 o'clock, which will be in charge of said order, the Rev. Brive U. Taylor, pastor of the A. M. E. church, acting as officiating minister.

She leaves to mourn her loss her mother, one sister, Miss Lula, and a host of friends and admirers in this city where she was reared and educated and where she resided practically all her life.

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BAD ROADS WASTEFUL

Antiquated Methods in Illinois Cause Big Loss.

Conference Held at Peoria Approves Program for "Pulling Illinois Out of Mud"—Recommend State Prisoners to Be Used.

Bankers, farmers, automobilists, educators, labor and business men from all over Illinois met at Peoria the other day and approved unanimously a general program for "pulling Illinois out of the mud."

After three rousing meetings they prepared a resolution to the next state legislature setting out the lines on which they think state legislation should be based.

The Illinois highway improvement commission, which called the meeting, declared \$55,000,000 will be wasted in Illinois during the next twenty years unless the present antiquated methods are changed.

To prevent this waste the conference urges the creation of a small state railway commission to replace the present army of local commissioners, more active assistance by the state for the trunk lines, and more active insistence by the public on good roads.

It is proposed that prisoners in the state penitentiaries be used not only for the preparation of road building materials, as at present, but, if possible, for actual construction work through the state.

It is proposed to follow the Colorado method, using the honor system, and sending the gangs out with guards.

The legislation recommended by the conference would provide:

State and county co-operation in the construction and maintenance of main highways and bridges.

A non-political state highway commission of at least three competent members, who shall devote their entire time to their duties.

Improvement in such counties as elect to come under the provisions of the law, of main, continuous inter-county highways connecting county seats and other important cities, principally at the expense of the state and county; such roads to be selected and improved by county authorities, subject to the approval of the state highway commission and after improvement to be turned over to the state for perpetual maintenance.

Improvement, maintenance, and control of remaining roads (about 80 per cent. of the whole) under supervision of county and township authorities.

Effective measures to guarantee maintenance after roads are once constructed.

Use of the state automobiles tax, together with such other funds as the legislature may appropriate in the improvement of highways.

Use of state prisoners—under state direction—on an honor system, in actual road work when practicable.

Payment of all road taxes in cash. Compulsory dragging of all earth roads.

Proper construction and guarding of crossings at railroads and intersection of streets and highways.

The "platform" of the conference includes resolutions in favor of federal aid for postroads and national highways, and calls attention of Illinois congressmen to this position.

Jesse Taylor of Jamestown, O., told the convention the difference between hauling cost in Belgium and America, 13 cents a mile, meant a waste of \$127,500,000 in this year's farm crops alone.

Egg Material.

The laying mash has become generally recognized as the most convenient as well as economical method of providing a hen with egg material. The following is a good formula: Coarse wheat bran, coarse middlings, ground corn and oats, alfalfa meal, meat scraps, each 100 pounds, linseed meal forty pounds, fine table salt ten pounds. This 550 pounds of feed, costing around \$10, should be enough to last a flock of 100 hens one month and should produce during that time, at December and January prices, from \$50 to \$60 worth of eggs. There is not another animal on the ranch that will show this profit from the same amount of feed given in addition to the regular rations.

Plant Food.

When plants run to vines and tops it is a sure indication that the soil is full of nitrogen and lacking in potash and phosphoric acid. This frequently comes from the use of large quantities of stable manure. A fertilizer low in nitrogen and rich in potash and phosphoric acid will balance up the plant food ration.

Difficulty With Guinea.

One difficulty about raising guinea is that the young birds are very easily killed by mites and lice.

Grit.

Grit and shells are comparatively cheap, but the cheapest of all ways is to haul a load of sand and gravel and dump it in the poultry yard. Sand and gravel from some streams contain a large percentage of broken shells, which the hens will soon devour with a relish. It will be surprising to see how soon an average-sized flock will make away with a box of grit.

Cull Out Poor Layers.

Call out all the poor layers and give the good hens a chance.

WASTING OF ROAD MATERIAL

Estimated That \$9 Out of Every \$10 Uselessly Squandered Annually in States of Corn Belt.

It would be difficult to give in actual figures the amount of money that is annually wasted in road work in the states of the corn belt. To say \$9 out of every \$10 is uselessly squandered would be putting it too strongly for some communities, but it would not be wide of the mark in others, says the Iowa Homestead. Strange as it may seem, those very localities having the worst roads are stanchest in their support of the old-fashioned system whereby the highways are in charge of those who know absolutely nothing about the scientific construction of roads.

We are not assuming to give advice on how to build roads, because road making is not our profession, but it is sometimes in order to point out how not to build them. While traveling recently on a highway that has almost a nation-wide reputation for its excellent condition due to dragging, we found at one place twenty or thirty teams plowing gravel. Already several miles had been graveled, application being made to a surface that was in many places at least thirty feet wide without the slightest attempt having been made to make a grade. For a distance of many rods in places the center of the highway was considerably lower than at either side and yet these faithful "gravelers" were dumping their loads in the very middle of what might be called the "saucer" grade. No attempt whatever was made to pack down the loose gravel, so that all traffic was being diverted to the sides. Heavy traffic following wet spells had resulted in cutting the entire surface into well-nigh impassable ruts, the situation therefore presenting the pleasing prospect of having the ground freeze up this fall with the surface in frightful condition.

It requires no expert knowledge of road making to conclude at once that labor expended in this way is practically wasted. Instead of first getting rid of the water, which has always been the fundamental principle of road making, and then applying the gravel, those in charge of the road simply because the cash was available for putting so much labor on the surface began at the wrong end and it may safely be predicted that not two years will elapse before this gravel has disappeared into a bottomless bog. Here was an expenditure of \$500 a mile that was in our opinion worse than wasted because this loose unpacked gravel by its diversion of traffic to the sides simply means that where formerly some good could be accomplished with a drag, now this benefit cannot be expected because dragging the soil to the center will only the more quickly bury the surface material—the gravel.

While we have given but one instance we believe that similar cases could be found in a great many counties of the corn belt where gravel is available and if this is true it is high time that some system is developed whereby every dollar that is spent on a highway must be for labor that is superintended by someone who is schooled in a practical way in the scientific principles of road making.

BETTER ROADS ARE COMING

Recent Convention Held at Peoria Gave Powerful Impetus to the Movement in Illinois.

The recent good roads convention at Peoria gave a powerful impetus to the good roads movement in Illinois. Prospects are that some sort of road legislation will be passed by the legislature this coming winter.

Opposition to the hard road movement will come mainly from two sources. The first is that class of people who do not trust the state to spend money wisely and economically. They believe that the township or county can use the road money more effectively. The second and largest source of opposition is from the northern part of the state, where the main roads are now pretty thoroughly graveled or macadamized. The people there say with some justice that after having taxed themselves to build their own roads, they should not be compelled to help build roads for the rest of the state.

This should not block the progress of the good roads movement, however. It should be easily possible to devise a law to provide for an equitable distribution of the state road money. In the sections which already have macadamized roads, the money could be spent for concrete pavement on the roads where traffic is heaviest.

As for the first objection, the state, with a force of trained road makers, ought to be able to put in permanent roads much better and at less cost than the township or county. Experience does not show that misuse of funds is any more likely to occur under state than under county administration.

It is important that the good roads question be thoroughly threshed out this fall and winter. We should like to hear from our readers on this subject, and will be glad to give space in the paper to as many letters as possible.—Prairie Farmer.

Kicking Habit of Mule.

If a mule is properly trained he will not develop the kicking habit any more than a horse will. Mules have a bad name on this score simply because they are not as well broken as horses are.

Disposition of Cripples.

The cripple and the malformed chicken should be put to death immediately after hatching. Such little unfortunates will bring nothing but disappointment. They will give you more care than ten well and whole ones. They will make you sick of the chicken business and give your entire flock a black eye from the first. Kill 'em the instant they are born.

Green Feed Necessary.

A hen should have all the green feed she will eat every day of her life.

IN CLOTH OR VELVET?

Women Are Finding It Hard to Make a Choice.

Really Comes Down to a Personal Matter as to Which of the Two Fashionable Materials is the More Desirable.

NEW YORK.—"Shall it be a suit of cloth or velvet?" This is the question that is perplexing many a feminine mind. There are so many advantages in either of these fabrics that the problem resolves itself into a purely personal one. If a woman already possesses a cloth suit, which may be made wearable by a few up-to-date alterations, she will make a wise choice in selecting a second suit of velvet, but the woman who must depend upon one suit for fair and stormy weather will find the suit of cloth far more satisfactory. No hard and fast line can be drawn between the suits of velvet and those of cloth. There are cloths quite dressy enough to be used for handsome reception costumes, and velvets which may be fashioned into the simplest and severest of tailored costumes for the street during the morning promenade hours.

Appearance of New Shades.

For the cloth suits these materials as velours de laine, veline, peau de souris and the boucle goods are the most fashionable, and even at this date they are appearing in new shades to arouse afresh the interest of women who have delayed ordering their tailored suits on account of the mild weather. Among the new red tones, now so stylish, there is an intense ruby, taking its color from the priceless ruby, and another in the terra cotta line which blends with the red the artist Bernard has made famous. The most unusual of the new colors is that called "frosted grape," which is a clever imitation of the grape after the frost has touched it with its snowy breath. Green is still another color which bids fair to supersede the brown and gray tones. Despite this fact one of the most admired costumes at a morning concert recently was a diagonal striped velours de laine in a soft gray tone. The skirt was straight and narrow, as are all the fashionable skirts this winter, yet it was not so tight as to cause the wearer to walk with mincing Japanese steps—a sight by no means uncommon on the avenue these days. In deference to the dictum of fashion that skirts shall reach to within an inch of the ground, oftentimes as close as half an inch, this one was quite long. The narrow silhouette was further retained by a band of opossum fur edging the skirt, and extending at least six inches up from the bottom. The coat suggested the popular Russian blouse, fastening at the side with large smoked pearl buttons and extending well below the hips. A strip of the fur, about two inches in width, outlined the side fastening, though it did not extend around the bottom of the coat, as is sometimes the case. The collar was a close, high one of the fur, and there were also cuffs of the same fur.

Velvet the Rival of Cloth.

The suit of cloth, even when it is severely tailored, has a strong rival in the velvet costume. Many of the smartest velvet suits are fashioned on the same simple lines which give the cachet to the cloth suit. The skirts of these velvet suits may be plain or slightly draped, and the jackets are cut on the lines of the Russian blouse or the jaunty cutaway. One of the most admired costumes at the horse show was of black velvet in the Russian blouse style. Black lynx was used for the collar and also for the cuffs of the long sleeves, which were set into the regulation size sleeveholes. A strip of this effective fur finished the opening at the side and added a dressy touch to the bottom of the coat. The skirt was cleverly slashed in the front to permit perfect freedom in walking, and yet not so boldly that the woman with conservative ideas would find food for discussion. The slashing was edged with a band of fur, which, likewise, extended around the bottom of the skirt. The black velvet had such a harmonious complement to the suit that it deserves description. The lines of the hat were similar to that of the Russian turban, which is worn low on the head, the only trimming being two single sprays of coque feathers, worn directly in front.

Black velvet, by the way, seemed to be the material most strongly favored by the well-governed woman. Another suit of this fabric was fashioned with a medium cutaway jacket. The curve of the fronts was not too extreme to be unbecoming to the woman with large hips, as is the case with the cutaway jackets which curve back abruptly to the elongated back. The attention, however, was immediately attracted to the large sailor collar and deep cuffs of blue fox. The skirt was cleverly draped to the side, the drapings kept well to the bottom of the skirt so that the slim silhouette might be preserved. On another black velvet suit the collar and cuffs were of white fox. This costume illustrates the popular vogue for a skirt of contrasting material, the skirt worn with this velvet jacket being of black and white striped peau de mouton, cut straight and narrow, and without any trimming.

Contrasting Materials.

The effectiveness of two contrasting materials was interestingly displayed in a coat of taupe velvet worn with a draped skirt of broadcloth. With its

Burns' Howl.

It is little less than a panic that has come into the town of Dumfries, Scotland. The reason therefor is that the Globe tavern of that town, known as Burns' "Howl" (which is Scottish for the German word "Howl"), is in the market, and there is fear that some American may buy the tavern and its relics and ship them to the United States. These relics include the poet's chair, in which he sat while enjoying himself "wi' reaming swats that drank divinely," a punch bowl and a pane

short back narrowing to a slight point and straight fronts rounding a little at the bottom, the jacket rounded the new note. It was semi-fitting, suggesting rather than revealing the figure, and was fastened across the chest with one button. There was a collar of taupe fox, one of the dried furs which has created much gossip, and cuffs of the same fur to finish the three-quarter sleeves. Despite the general belief that the long sleeves will appear on the new coats, there are two or three of the leading designers who cling to the three-quarter sleeves for all coats not intended for general utility wear. Before leaving the subject of jackets with the skirts of another material, one other model must be mentioned. The coat was of rose maitelasse and did not extend more than 24 inches. It was quite short enough to show off to good advantage the panner drapey on the broadcloth skirt. This drapey was carried well to the back, where it was decidedly bouffant, and would have been becoming only to a figure as lithe and slight as the wearer. The fullness was belted in below the knee by a sashlike fold of the material.

Hats Show Hats Simple.

The hats worn at the horse show were noteworthy on account of their simplicity. The majority of them were small, resting low on the head, and were trimmed with a single mount of a feathery consistency placed directly in front. Sometimes it was a single spray of osprey, or an egret, which nodded over the velvet or broadcloth crown. Again, it was one of the manufactured fantasies. The draped crowns were a feature of the best-looking hats, and there was a very soft and becoming felt bent by the flexible, stirred or pulled crowns, which may be adjusted to suit the face of the wearer. The latest idea shows the crown pulled down into a point at either side.

That fur is one of the fads of the season was clearly demonstrated by the quantities of it used in decorating the fashionable headgear. Any one who owns a bit of fur, even though it may be only a scrap, should utilize it in some way this season. It requires only a scrap to make one of the ears

WHAT DID HE MEAN?

Miss Gusher—Oh! how I wish I could paint a pretty face!
De Auber (the artist)—You wouldn't if you possessed one!

The Gift Horse Idea.

Wiseman—I see a dentist says a man intending matrimony should look carefully at the teeth of the young woman selected.

Bathing Suits, Mayhap.

Hub (looking up from newspaper)—My dear, have you seen any of those invisible suits yet?

Wife-Invisible suits! What are you talking about?

Hub—Why, here's a New York ladies' tailor advertising: "Suits made to order with or without material."

Promise Well.

Intimate Friend—Squiggles, how does it seem to have a baby in the house?

Young Father—I didn't think much of him at first, but the little—beggar improves wonderfully on acquaintance.

The Anxious Husband.

"My love, I don't want you to do your work when we are married."
"That brings me to a delicate question. Have you enough money to enable us to keep a hired girl?"

Charming.

"I've just been introduced to Prof. Smythe; such a charming man to talk to. He doesn't make one feel a fool in spite of his cleverness."

Ah, my dear, but that's because of his cleverness.—Punch.

A Correction.

"We are drifting toward a paternal form of government," said the economist. "Pardon me, if I correct you," responded the suffragette, gently; "to be accurate, you should say a maternal form of government."—Case and Comment.

Appropriate.

"Tinkers, the watch-mender, is often heard to quote Shakespeare." "What is his favorite quotation from Shakespeare?"

"The time is out of joint."



WHY SOME MEN LEAVE HOME

Wife Could Not Clearly Understand Husband's Explanation of Ossified Man's Hard Life.

"Circus men must leave a hard life!"

"Indeed they do. Especially the ossified man."

"The ossified man?"

"Yes, the ossified man, see? A hard life. Hard—ha! ha! ha!"

"You don't mean that really, do you?"

"Of course, dear. Don't you see, a hard life! H-A-R-D hard, life. I think that's a pretty smooth one. Ha! ha! ha—don't you get it?"

"But I don't understand. The ossified man certainly doesn't have any work to do—"

"Of course not, but you see—"

"Then if he doesn't have any duties to attend to, how can he lead a hard life?"

"He doesn't! He doesn't! He doesn't! It's the married man that leads it. Well, I've got to be getting to town."

His Tip.

Billy—Then your engagement with Maud is off, old fellow, eh?

Tom—Yes; I'm rather afraid Maud will be contrary in matrimonial harness. She will not care for team work.

Billy—No? How did you reach that conclusion?

Tom—Well, I asked her, supposing we were married, if she would vote as I did.

Billy—And what did she reply?

Tom—She said: "No, I should vote the other way."—Judge.

Do You See?

"Why is Mrs. Wombat wearing such dowdy clothes lately? She spends half her husband's income on dress. But why is she wearing such bum clothes just now?"

"Her husband's mother is visiting her just now. See?"

The other woman saw.

Shifting the Scheme.

"Did you strike copper on that land?"

"Nope."

"Then I suppose you will return the money and take up the stock you sold?"

"Not exactly. We shall promote an orange grove on the land. Two shares of the new stock for one of the old."

Metropolitan Ways.

"But you really can't call Metropolitanville a city."

"We can't, huh? Why, we've got a street car strike on that lasted a month, two murders, mysteries, the mayor and the chief of police under grand jury indictments and thirty-seven dictaphones in the city hall."—Life.

His Pet Play.

Edith—That Mr. Phan is conversationally impossible.

Ethel—Why so?

Edith—We were talking about the theater, and when I inquired what was his favorite play, he said if he had any favorite it was seeing a man steal second.

Didn't Wait.

First Newsboy—A guy handed me a half-dollar for a paper this morning. I went out de depot to get de change an' when I came back he was gone.

Second Newsboy—How long has you gone for de change?

First Newsboy—Bout two hours.

The Deceased.

"Unfortunately the girl in the boat with him when he rocked the boat did not know how to swim."

"That was unfortunate."

"For him, yes. You see she claved him under the surface and stood on his face to keep her head above water."

Law in New York.

"Your honor, I ask for a special venire of 500 talesmen. It will take us some time to select a jury."

"Why so?"

"The defense will accept only married men with blue eyes and warts on the nose, just like the defendant."

Another Needed.

Wife—Oh, George, dear, do order a rat-trap to be sent home today?

George—But you bought one last week.

Wife—Yes, dear, but there's a rat in that—London Tailor.

Poor Mrs. Noah.

Mrs. Styles—And you say they only had two of each kind in the ark?

Mr. Styles—Yes, my dear.

Mrs. Styles—And did poor Mrs. Noah only have two dresses?

And Fairly Tales.

Mr. Crimmonbeak—Why, dear, your hair is turning white!

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—I guess the ghost stories you have told me, John, have something to do with it.

Unafraid.

Goodman—And do you expect to face your maker with the smell of liquor on your breath?

Rounder—Oh, I don't expect to have any breath when that happens.

And She Knew.

Patience—What is Will doing now?

Patrice—He's writing breakfast-food poetry.

Patience—Well, he always did write the mushy kind.

WHY HE CONTINUED TO CALL

Extremely Busy Man Finally Understands Why Caller Insists on Intruding His Presence.

"See here," said the great man when the caller had finally been permitted to enter the private office, "this is the sixth time you have come to discuss this matter. I told you in the beginning that I would notify you when I was ready to take it up. Why do you insist on bothering me about it?"

"I'm sorry it's a bother to you to have me call."

"You must understand that I'm a very busy man. I can't understand how you are able to afford to waste so much time hanging around here, waiting to see me, when you must know that your coming isn't going to do you any good. I'll take up your case when I come to it in its regular order, and not before. I've told you that a number of times."

"Yes, I know you have; but that pretty girl who sits in your outer office, telling people you are busy, is one of the most entertaining girls I ever met."

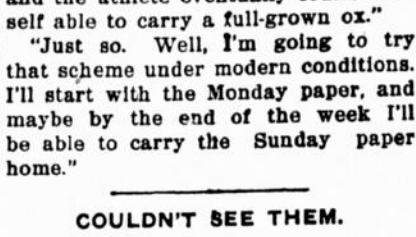
Little by Little.

"Do you remember that ancient hero who trained himself by carrying a calf a certain distance each day?"

"Yes; the calf grew day by day, and the athlete eventually found himself able to carry a full-grown ox."

"Just so. Well, I'm going to try that scheme under modern conditions. I'll start with the Monday paper, and maybe by the end of the week I'll be able to carry the Sunday paper home."

COULDN'T SEE THEM.



She—Women like to be admired by men.

He—Then why do they always try to knock out men's eyes with their umbrellas?

Best Way to Wash Windows.

There is a right and a wrong way to wash windows. The work should be done on a dull day, for when the sun shines on windows it causes them to dry streaky, no matter how much they may be rubbed. Before washing the windows, dust them off well, both inside and out; then wash all the inside woodwork. The windows should be washed carefully with warm water to which a little ammonia has been added. Soap should never be used. A small cloth on the end of a pointed stick is a very valuable instrument to get the dust out of the corners. When the windows have been washed thoroughly, wipe them dry with a piece of cotton cloth. It is never good to use a linen cloth, as linen will leave a great amount of lint on the glass. When the windows are thoroughly dry, polish them with tissue paper or old newspaper.

Here and There.

A good, sweet sandwich filling is made of dates and powdered sugar.

To make baked potatoes tender, put a fork at least twice into each potato to let the steam escape.

Try mixing pancakes in a pitcher of the bellish shape, one that an eggbeater fits in nicely. It is much easier to pour directly from the pitcher on to the griddle instead of lading the batter out of a bowl.

Celery and lettuce may be kept fresh by sanding the roots in cold water and throwing over them a damp cloth or dry manila paper. They should, before using, be washed thoroughly, soaked in ice water and dried on a towel.

To prevent the gas oven from getting on fire when broiling put some water in the drip pan.

Greeting Cards.

Cream together a half cup butter, and one cup sugar, add three beaten eggs, one cup of milk, one cup washed and seeded raisins, dusted with flour, three and a half even cups sifted flour, two teaspoons baking powder. Mix all together gently. Bake in small pans in quick oven. When cool, frost in white, and when the frosting is firm, decorate each with a loop outline framing the greeting, "Merry Christmas." Sprinkle the greeting and edging with sugar, which will readily cling to the wet frosting and shake off from the dry frosting. It gives an attractive "frosted" effect.—Harper's Bazar.

Beefsteak Chowder.

Cut slices of salt pork into small lots, with one onion minced fine; cook until a nice brown; add one quart of boiling water, let simmer five minutes, then add one pound round steak cut into strips one-half inch thick and two inches long; bring this quickly to a boil, then simmer until meat is tender; add four or five pared and sliced potatoes, season with salt and pepper, add more boiling water and when potatoes are tender add one and one-half cups of good rich milk or cream; split six or eight crackers, put into soup dish and pour chowder over them, serving at once.

Home Hints.

The finger marks on a door can be removed by a clean flannel cloth dipped in kerosene oil; afterward wipe with a cloth wrung out of hot water in order to take the smell away.

Dingy towels may frequently be restored to normal whiteness by putting in kettle of cold water, adding white soap shavings and lemon juice, and letting come slowly to a boil. Rinse in tepid water, then blue water, and hang in the sun.

PUDDINGS ALL ENJOY

OLD AND NEW RECIPES THAT ARE ALWAYS IN SEASON.

Substantial Dish Composed of Lean Meat and Kidney—Steamed Fruit a Dessert Delicacy—Orange Cream Also Favored.

Meat and Kidney Pudding.—Sift a quarter of a pound of flour into a

WHEN THE HARE WON

As In This Case, Old Proverbs Sometimes Prove to Have Exceptions.

By M. DIBBELL.

"Mother, I am going to try to write stories."

Little Mrs. Harrison breathed a patient sigh and answered, "Yes, dear. Do you think you can find a market for your stories?"

This tall, handsome, imperious daughter had always been a problem too deep for her to solve. Why anyone whose family was in comfortable circumstances should persist in efforts to be self-supporting was utterly beyond her comprehension. But, also, since it was Ruth who was attempting it of course it must be right.

"Yes, mother," continued the girl. "I really think I can write quite as interesting tales as the general run of those with which the papers and magazines are filled—at least I mean to try."

Later when Ruth informed her father of the new field of labor she intended to enter he simply laughed and wished her every success in her undertaking.

At once she set to work and her first effort in the literary field was sent out to all the available markets. After the regular return of the manuscript at last, did not discourage her.

When over six months of unrequited effort had passed Mrs. Harrison said to her daughter:

"Ruth, child, don't you think you might succeed better with your home-made candies than you do with the writing? You know that every one who has ever tasted your candies always longed for more and I am sure you could get any number of orders for them."

Ruth smiled at her mother's suggestion as to her change of occupation, but answered:

"No, mother, I mean to keep on trying; I have just finished a dear little love story which I am sure will be the very thing for Up-to-Date Romance, and I shall start it at once. I have never sent the editors anything."

At last her patience and perseverance were rewarded. After a short time, instead of the usual bulky envelope, came one of the ordinary business size with "Up-to-Date Romance" printed on its corner and enclosing a check for her story.

The letter contained also the encouraging information that if she could send them anything equally good they would be pleased to see it. After this the regularity with which Up-to-Date Romance accepted and printed everything coming from her pen seemed remarkable. Ruth, though, enjoyed this new work and devoted all her spare time to the production of some very readable stories. Success had had a good effect both on the writer and on her writings.

For nearly a year this state of affairs continued. Then, upon entering her daughter's room one afternoon, Mrs. Harrison found Ruth dissolved in tears.

"Why, Ruthie, what is the matter?" queried her mother.

"Mother, I shall never write another," answered a doleful voice. "It has been a farce all through. Frederic Mortimer owns a large interest in Up-to-Date Romance and he has made them accept my stories just because he thought it would please me—I shall never forgive him."

"Why, child, how did you find that out? And if it is so, surely it was kind of Frederic to want to make you happy. Why should you be angry with him?"

But Ruth was not to be comforted. Mrs. Harrison gazed at her daughter in perplexity. What could one say to such an unreasonable young person as this?

The desire of her heart had long been that Ruth would wed the son of her dearest friend, Jane Mortimer, and settle down to a life of peace and happiness. And now, because Frederic had tried his best to do what would give her pleasure, everything apparently was at sixes and sevens. For four years Frederic Mortimer had been trying to win Ruth Harrison's promise to become his wife, but her reply was ever the same—that she wanted to have her own share in the battle of life, not become merely an onlooker.

Frederic Mortimer was an energetic young man, comfortably supplied with this world's goods and continually adding to his store. He admired the untiring vigor that Ruth displayed in her desire to be something more than a mere nonentity; but he wished above all things that this bright particular star of womanhood might shed its light upon his own house.

The incident of the stories was only half as bad as Ruth considered it, for unless they had been written printing they never would have been published in Up-to-Date Romance, even with Frederic's influence.

It took time and patience for him to make his peace with the offended young woman, but before many weeks they were apparently on their usual terms—all a lover's devotion on Frederic's part, friendship on Ruth's.

Not long after Ruth's sad fall from the pinnacle of fame a cousin of Frederic Mortimer's arrived to spend the summer with him. This was the cousin's first trip east, for he had been born and reared on a big ranch in California.

He was a fair type of the breezy west, tall, straight, handsome, full of life and vigor and with a happy disposition. From their first meeting there seemed a mutual attraction between Ruth Harrison and Guy Atkinson. When his dark eyes looked into her own Ruth experienced a feeling utterly new and strange to her. The even beating of her heart changed to a fitful flutter, and instead of returning his gaze with her wonted serenity her eyes soon sought shelter beneath their own long lashes.

Guy Atkinson had heard of his cousin's love for Ruth, for Frederic could not keep some mention of her out of his letters and the cousins had corresponded for years. He was prepared to admire her as Frederic's sweet heart, with no thought of danger to himself.

There were many picnics and other social gatherings during that summer and Ruth often met the Californian. Mrs. Harrison was delighted with the way in which her daughter had changed. She said to her husband: "The child really seems to be growing fond of her household duties and I never hear a word about any new effort at earning money. I believe Frederic's faithfulness is beginning to touch her heart."

The friendship between Ruth and the western cousin continued through the summer. Then a rather rude awakening came to them both.

Toward the end of the season a party of young people planned for a sail down the river; the party to have a picnic supper on a small island which was a favorite resort for such affairs, and take the homeward sail by moonlight.

The program was carried out perfectly until the point of getting supper on the island. Here some of the number wanted to make a fire to boil the kettle for a pot of tea. They all set to work collecting sticks and soon had a merry blaze.

Ruth and Guy were left to tend the fire while the others were busy spreading their repast on a convenient knoll. After a few moments Ruth, with the impetuosity of youth, bent over the fire to see if the kettle was heating as rapidly as it should.

Suddenly, the hem of her dress touched an outlying brand and at once blazed up. Guy was a few feet away and saw the accident. Tearing off his coat he quickly wrapped it about her, and in a few seconds the flame was smothered. He had fallen to his knees to reach her flaming skirt, and now looked up into her white face.

"Darling, you are safe," he said simply—then he realized the term he had used and a slow flush spread over his face. It was matched by the scarlet of Ruth's own.

He rose to his feet and their friends came rushing up. Guy donned his slightly scorched coat and Ruth's friends assisted her to make repairs.

The next morning Ruth received an early call from the Californian. She was wandering about the beautiful rose garden which was the pride of her father's heart when Guy found her.

With western frankness he went at once to the point.

"Miss Harrison, I wish to apologize for speaking as I did to you. I have known all along that you were to become Frederic's wife and I did not know until I saw your danger how I loved you. Forgive me—I wish you and Frederic every joy."

For a moment Ruth did not answer, and she said slowly: "I shall never marry your cousin. I do not care for him except as a friend." She hesitated. "I too, made a discovery yesterday."

Poor Frederic was forgotten by them both; the light of hope and happiness came into Guy's eye, while he asked, trying to speak calmly:

"Can I dare to ask what that discovery was?"

Ruth lifted her gaze to his without any of her old timidity—and the answer must have been in her eyes, for she spoke no word.

Letter Writer's Scheme. Dozens of persons write plainly and legibly until they reach the page where they sign their name. The signature trails off vaguely, vowels and consonants running into one another until the unfortunate person who receives the letter is puzzled to ascertain from whom it has come.

A woman who receives a great many letters from the outside public is sometimes compelled to paste the signature of a correspondent on the envelope that carries back her reply to an interesting letter. She has decided upon this plan as the only one of saving herself from misunderstanding and of lessening the burdens of the officials in Washington who open and return dead letters.—Christian Herald.

Duly Apologized.

On one of the Highland passenger steamers the sailor in charge of the passengers' luggage was having a hot time. One old lady especially so. Not only was she a passenger, but she was a sailor's wife. She had a cordial invitation to go to St. John.

The indignant old dame stalked to the captain and breathed forth threats about headquarters knowing, and so on. The captain advised the sailor, for his own good, to apologize. After some persuasion the Highlander sided with the aggrieved passenger and, up to the point of departure, he was looking sheepishly at her, said, in his imperfect English:

"Are you the old lady that was told to go to Jericho?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Well—with a gulp—the captain says you needn't."

Dead or Alive.

Two Irishmen were working on the roof of a building one day when one made a misstep and fell to the ground. The other leaned over and called: "Are you dead or alive, Mike?"

"O'm alive," said Mike, feebly.

"Sure you're such a liar O! don't know whether to believe you or not."

"Well, then O! must be dead," said Mike, "for you would never dare to call me a liar if O! was alive."—Philadelphia Record.

Unfettered.

"Those framers of the United States Constitution did great work," said the patriot.

"It seems to me they did it pretty easy," replied the member of congress.

"They worked with comparative free hands. No legal expert could arise to contend that the things they were putting into the document were unconstitutional."

Round and Round.

He—Do you approve of dancing?

She—No.

He—Why not?

She—Why, it's mere hugging set to music.

He—Well, what is there about that you don't like?

She—The music.—Tit Bits.

Jones' Windfall.

"Poor old Jones! He had a wind fall last week."

"A windfall? Then why do you say 'poor Jones'?"

"Well, you see, he's an aviator."

PROPER WASHING OF DISHES

Methods That Take Time but in the End Produce the Results Most Desirable.

The bacteriologist finds no kitchen clean enough and the ordinary method of washing dishes he is likely to call a "smear."

Dishes have been tested to determine the number of organisms that remain on them after "ordinary" washing as compared with a method that requires an application of hot water with the help of soap or, better still, carbonate of soda, a thorough rinsing in hot water, and wiping with a sterilized cloth (that is, one which has been in boiling water since it was used before). By this latter method the dishes were practically sterile, while many organisms were left on the dishes that were washed by the "ordinary" method.

One might ask, what harm will they do? Oftentimes none, but if the bacteria are those which convey disease, dirty dishes may be the means of giving it to well persons. But most of all, persons who are at all thoughtful of such things do not want any dirt which may be prevented by good methods, simply because dirt in itself is sufficiently unpleasant.

In washing milk utensils it is first necessary to remove with warm water all traces of the milk before scalding water is used. Because of the cream adhering to the sides, soap is used also, but the greatest care must be taken to remove by repeated rinsing every trace of soap. A telltale flavor of soap in the morning cream has more than once revealed careless habits in the kitchen, and made it evident that all the soap was not removed in rinsing. The utensils must then be dipped into absolutely boiling water for a moment.

It is an important matter to wash the milk bottle in which milk is now commonly delivered to customers. By this we refer to the washing of the full bottle before it is opened. It is safe to say that this is seldom done. But notice the bottle as it is brought into the kitchen, the milkman grasping it with his hand over the top.

EXCELLENT FOR THE DESSERT

Little Better Can Be Devised Than the Two Recipes That Are Given Below.

President's Fruit Cake.—This recipe must be measured exactly. Two cups of flour, one cup of sugar, two teaspoons of soda, a pinch of salt, one teaspoon of cinnamon, one tablespoon of cornstarch; sift twice. Mix one cup walnuts with one cup seeded raisins (chopped raisins), add both to dry ingredients; one-half cup melted butter, one and a half cups cold unsweetened apple sauce. Bake one hour in slow oven.

Frosting.—On teaspoon melted butter, one cup powdered sugar, two tablespoons sweet milk. Stir to desired stiffness and spread on cake. Divinity Fudge.—Three cups sugar, one cup corn syrup, one-quarter cup water. Cook until it cracks. When cooled in water, set aside. One-half cup sugar, one-quarter cup water. Cook until it hairs. Whites of three eggs beaten to a stiff froth; pour last of sirup over beaten whites and beat constantly, then add first sirup; beat about 15 minutes and add a cup of nuts.

Pressed Corn Beef.—Cold.

Soak over night if very salt, but if beef is young and properly corned, this is not necessary. Pour over it cold water enough to cover it well, after washing off the salt. The rule for boiling meats is 25 minutes to a pound, but corned beef should be placed on a part of the stove or range where it will simmer, not boil, uninterruptedly from four to six hours, according to size of the piece; remove from liquor, then place in a tin; put sufficient weight on top to press the parts closely together; set where it will become cold. This gives a firm, solid piece to cut into slices, garnish with sprigs of parsley or celery and serve with fancy pickles or French mustard. A brisket or plate piece is the best, removing bones when done.

Alabama Delight.

Mix one cupful of stale bread crumbs, half cupful of finely chopped beef suet, one cupful of grated sweet potato packed down, half cupful of molasses, one egg, well beaten; one cupful of raisins, one cupful sweet milk, in which dissolve a level teaspoonful of baking soda; half a teaspoonful each of cloves, mace and nutmeg, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon and salt. Boil in a greased mold. Set in boiling water for three hours. Serve with either hard or liquid sauce.

Curried Eggs.

Fry two sliced calons in butter to a golden brown, add one pint of good stock and one teaspoonful of curry powder and stew the onions tender. Then add one cupful of cream, thicken with arrowroot or rice flour and let simmer a few minutes. Cut eight or ten hot, hard boiled eggs in halves, arrange in a deep dish, and pour the sauce over them. A plain salad of head lettuce or shredded lettuce with slices of stuffed olives adds to the dish.

Inexpensive Chocolate Cake.

Two eggs, one-half cup butter, one cup sugar, two cups flour, one cup milk, two teaspoonful baking powder, one teaspoonful vanilla. Butter and sugar beaten first, then add mixed baking powder and flour. Add butter, eggs and milk. Bake 40 minutes. Put on chocolate icing.

Frizzled Meat.

Take meat that is too tough to boil, put on ice and freeze. Then shave in small pieces; have a hot griddle or frying pan, grease and put the meat in to cook. Turn quickly, then serve with gravy after adding salt and pepper.

Fried Summer Squash.

Take three of four small and tender summer squashes—crooknecks are the best. Cut in slices about half an inch thick, taking out the seeds. Boil them half an hour, or until tender, in slightly salted water. When done fry them in butter a delicate brown.

HAS LOST STATIONARY HEN

Death Finally Takes Remarkable Bird, the Property of a Farmer in New Jersey.

A stationary hen owned by a farmer in New Jersey is dead, after a career of nearly a year as the only one of the variety. The farmer expected that the hen would live only a short time, and consequently does not feel as bad as he might. She became stationary at the time her owner laid the new concrete floor in his henry. The hen, a fine example of the Irahma



variety, wandered into the roost a few hours after the concrete had "set" and was anchored. As it was impossible to get her out, a seat was provided for her. One point that is said to have interested chicken fanciers of the section was that the egg-laying ability of the hen was not impaired in the least.

MATTERS OF FACT.

The great anaesthetic, chloroform, was discovered about the same time (1831), by Guthrie, in America. Liebig in Germany, and Soubeiran in France, and was first employed in surgical operations in 1847.

Women in Burma propose to men whom they seek in marriage, and when they tire of them a divorce can be had for the asking.

Gibraltar is the smallest British possession, and measures less than two square miles. Canada is the largest, with 3,746,000 square miles.

Wire hairpins were first manufactured in England in 1545. Before that time the female coiffures were held in place by fine wooden skewers. In every 1,000 marriages in Great Britain, 21 are solemnized between first cousins. Among the nobility, the rate is much higher, amounting to 45 in 1,000.

Miraculous Fish.

In a suburb of Constantinople is a Greek Catholic church dedicated to the Virgin of Baloukii. One may see there a basin fed by a spring, in which swim a number of red fish. The pious pretend that these fish have a miraculous origin which dates from the epoch when Mahomet II. took Constantinople. At the end of the siege a holy man was engaged in frying some fish, when it was announced that the Turks had entered the city. He responded: "That is impossible; I would only believe it if these fish were to return to the water." Immediately the fish leaped from the frying pan and threw themselves into the water. The orthodox later constructed a church at the very place where the miracle occurred.

Turkish Landscapes.

Sir Charles Elliot gives a dreary impression of the regions on which the world's eyes are now fixed. "Where ever one goes toward Adrianople, Saloniki, the sides of the railways look desolate and lifeless; hills overgrown with dwarf oak alternate with plains whose bareness is half covered with scrubby signs.

"There are few signs of cultivation, and fewer of human habitations. Oriental railways have a way of only skirting the edge of cities, and stations are sometimes several miles from the places whose names they bear.

"The deserted appearance of the land is intensified by the Turkish habit of constructing towns in depressions of the undulating plains, where they are invisible at a short distance.

Balkan Names.

Little difficulties of pronunciation are worrying all of us as the war goes on and we want to talk about it. A few hints may be useful. Here is a list which a Slavonic scholar assured us may be relied on:

Cettinje—Tee-tin-yeh.
Scutari—Skoot-ta-ri.
Uskub—Oos-kyub.
Salonica—Sa-lo-ni-ca.
Vranje (or Vranja)—Vra-yeh.
Bielopolje—Bie-to-po-lyeh.
Tirnov—Teer-no-vo.
Prishtina—Presh-tin-ah.
Podgoritz—Pod-gor-itza.
Mitrovitz—Mit-ro-vitza.
Dunabue in Russian and Bulgarian is Doonayee, and Constantinople is Tsargrad, which means "Emperor's Town."

Cure for "Cold Feet"

A remedy for the cold feet habit is to immerse them in a tub of cold water, and keep them there for fully two minutes before going to bed. If there is not an immediate reaction upon drying them with a rough towel, rub them vigorously until the skin is aglow. There are very few cases in which the heat thus generated will not last through the night. If, however, this does not succeed, the hot water bag must be called into requisition.

Repairing Famous Bridge.

Musselburgh (Edinburgh Co.), "Auld Brig," a bridge over which, in the course of centuries, many notable battles, such as Oliver Cromwell, Mary Queen of Scots and Prince Charlie, as well as countless troops or armed men, have passed, is being repaired by the local town council, and to prevent further damage by water from the "weep-holes" short outshoot pipes are being introduced.

He Knew.

"Do you know where the ball ground is?" asked a stranger in the neighborhood. "Say, mister," returned the kid, "I know every knothole on the four sides of it."—Judge.

SOME RULES FOR LONG LIFE

Englishman, in Splendid Health at 81, Tells How His Time Has Been Rejuvenated.

Five golden rules of health were given the other day by Mr. Frederic Harrison, the English author, critic, bibliophile, ex-professor, barrister, historian, traveler, and amateur gardener, on his eighty-first birthday, celebrated at his home at Hawkhurst, Kent:

1. Abstain from tobacco, spirits, made dishes, and all dreadful things. I am satisfied with a little bit of mutton and rice pudding.
2. Rise from a meal with an appetite. I believe people eat too much.
3. Walk every day for two hours. I am too old to play at tennis, and golf is too slow.
4. Sleep eight hours. People cannot sleep who smoke themselves black in the face, eat too much, and have not walked enough.
5. More important than all—be contented with what you have got. Take things quietly.

CLOCK WITHOUT A SPRING

Marvel of Mechanism Put Together by Los Angeles Man—Does Away With All Winding.

A unique timepiece has recently been invented by Eugene Waiser, a watchmaker in Los Angeles. Four years of work has perfected a clock which keeps accurate time but is without a spring in its makeup. The motive power is gained by the clock rolling down an incline, regulated by a wonderful arrangement of weights on the inside of the clock. There is no winding to be done, but every thirty days the clock is lifted to the top of the incline and begins to slide downward. The dial does not revolve with the case, but remains as an ordinary dial with the figure 12 at the top. The incline is of polished wood, sixteen inches long, with an 8-1/3 per cent grade. There is no relation between the wood and the clock; it is simply a matter of properly adjusted weights which move the hands and control the downward motion of the timepiece.

HARD LUCK, INDEED.



The Small Boy (as He Gazes at the Lost Box of Apples)—"An' me full of Turnips."

Origin of Common Phrases.

The origin of the common expressions in daily use is often highly interesting. Thus we often use the phrase "belated earl," without knowing that from Saxon times down to 1615, a newly made earl was invested with his dignity by the girding of "belting" on of his sword. This belting was then declared unnecessary, and later was dispensed with by a clause in the patent, until today it is only recalled by the phrase itself. Again, we hear the expression that he is not "worth his salt," though fed of us are aware that long ago Roman soldiers received a daily portion of salt as part of their pay, and when through time this was commuted for money, the amount was termed salarium, salt money. Hence arises our word "salary," so that "worth his salt" really means worth his salary or wages.

Gladstone on the Balkans.

The traditional opposition of Bulgaria to Turkey constituted, according to Mr. Gladstone, one of the chief factors of European progress. Speaking of the Balkan peoples, he once said:

"They are like a shelving beach which restrains the ocean. That beach it is true, is beaten by the waves; it is laid desolate; it produces nothing; it becomes perhaps nothing save a mass of shingle, of rock, of almost useless seaweed. But it is a fence behind which the cultivated earth can spread and escape the incoming tide, and such was the resistance of Bulgarians, of Servians, and of Greeks. It was that resistance which left Europe to claim the enjoyment of her own religion and to develop her institutions and her laws."

Making Pisa's Tower Plumb.

The mistress noticed that the picture of "The Leaning Tower of Pisa" hung crooked. She straightened it and said nothing. The next day the picture was again crooked. Finally, one morning, chancing to be in the room, the mistress said to the maid, as she dusted: "Mary, you've hung that picture of the tower crooked. Just look at it!"

"That's just what I say, mum," returned the domestic. "Look at it! The only way I can get that old tower to hang straight is to hang the picture crooked."—Christian Intelligencer.

May Mean New Industry.

An attempt is about to be made to manufacture tobacco dip and nicotine from South African grown tobacco. The estimated tobacco crop for the coming year is put at about 8,000,000 lb. and of this a very large proportion is available for purposes of extract. The works are proposed to be established at Vereeniging.

Why He Objected.

"I've made up my mind to leave this town."

"What's the matter? Don't you like the people, or do you find it difficult to get work here?"

"Oh, the people are all right and there seems to be plenty of chances to get work, but you have such blameworthy scenery."

Lively Cheese.

Mrs. Gotham—This cheese needs something.

Mr. Gotham—Well, it's certainly not a crutch. It can walk without that all right.

WILDS OF AFRICA RENO FAR BEHIND

Series of Thrilling Adventures of American Mining Engineer.

Attacked by the Tsetse Fly, Hordes of Mosquitoes and Cannibals—Ran Into Herd of Hippopotami; Man Killed by Huge Gorilla.

New York.—With a story of a series of thrilling adventures in the wilds of Africa, Robert Overton Talte, a mining engineer, 35 years of age, arrived in New York the other day on the "Capland." He was on his way to his home near Los Angeles, Cal.

"I sailed for South Africa some ten months ago to prospect for gold in hitherto unprospected regions," he told the reporter. "At Cape Town I met up with Gordon Campbell, a learned Scot of my age. Campbell, I heard, was a great hunter and had penetrated many sections of the dark continent. We agreed to strike out with an expedition to the eastward of Cape Town, planning to cross the continent in our quest of the yellow metal."

"Our troubles began to come thick and fast after we reached Zanzibar, in German East Africa. We struck out for Lake Victoria Nyanza, where we camped at a small town called Kagehi, on the southern end of the lake."

"The second night the camp was aroused by a series of nerve-racking screams, to find that giant crocodiles had slipped ashore and seized two of our negroes. One of these we managed to rescue, but he was so terribly mutilated that he died within two hours."

"After prospecting vainly for some time in the Victoria Nyanza country we set out for Stanley Falls, on the Congo. Then came the tsetse fly and hordes of vicious mosquitoes. Beside these troubles we had camped exactly on the equator, and suffered greatly from heat."

"Although we located some placer gold that gave every indication of proving better all the time, we could not stand the hardships and struck out for Stanley Falls. There we built a raft and proceeded down the Congo. For three weeks we floated through a wild country, suffering indescribable hardships."

"One day we ran into a fleet of nearly 100 hippopotami. They raged about the raft, bellowing fiercely, although they seemed to be frightened and desired only to get away. In the excitement the raft was overturned and party and baggage hurled in among the rampant beasts. Five natives were drowned by being trampled under the hoofs of the hippos. Campbell, myself and three natives managed to reach shore, but with no weapons except two revolvers, hunting knives and cartridge belts."

"We found ourselves in a wild jungle, inhabited mainly by cannibals. Then for three weeks we wandered aimlessly about, dodging the clusters of native huts and seeking what food we could get by use of our revolvers. "All were weary and ill and half crazed from our terrible sufferings. The only water we could find to drink was brackish, and made all of the party ill."

"In the dead of one of those awful nights screams awoke our half-stupid senses. In the grasp of a giant gorilla was 'Obo,' one of our men. The gorilla was the largest animal of its kind I ever saw and must have been more than seven feet tall."

"Big Tim," knife brand, sprang at the gorilla. The animal dropped his victim and charged the oncoming savage. 'Big Tim' struck again and again, but to no avail. He was crushed almost to a pulp in the great arms of the monster and carried into the forest. We made no attempt to follow, as all of us had had enough and 'Big Tim' already was beyond human aid, the gorilla having broken his back against his hairy knees."

Then came a fight with cannibals, a thrilling scene and finally rescue by a party of Belgian rubber hunters, who conveyed the half-crazed adventurers to Leopoldville. From there they were sent down the river to the coast and thence to Cape Town."

Mr. Talte asserts that after the Christmas holidays he will return to the field of horrors with a stronger party and a physician. Campbell, he says, is awaiting him in Cape Town.

FAILS TO DIE; SUES DOCTOR

Spokane Jeweler Brings Strange \$15,000 Action for Damages Against Physician.

Spokane, Wash.—Because he did not die, Henry Goldblatt, a Spokane jeweler, brought suit against his physician, Dr. G. H. Rohr, for \$15,000. Goldblatt alleged in his complaint that Dr. Rohr told him he had cancer of the stomach. Believing that recovery was impossible and wishing to leave his property in cash, Goldblatt states that he sold his jewelry business at a sacrifice, he estimates it at \$15,000, and waited for death to claim him.

Becoming impatient at his continued presence among the living, he consulted eastern specialists and was told that he was perfectly well.

Buys Entire Tobacco Crop.

Louisville, Ky.—John Brown, a Louisville tobacco man, has practically closed a deal for the entire pooled tobacco crop of the Bowling Green "One Sucker district," amounting to 11,000,000 pounds. The price is approximately \$800,000.

All Cut Up.

New York.—Joseph Cahalan, who displaced vital organs in a marathon, has undergone 12 major operations. Still unscathed, he is being prepared for the thirteenth, this time on the kidneys.

RACE ECHOES.

The colored people of Brooklyn, New York, are to have an up-to-date restaurant. Edgar M. Miller and Isaiah Walker are the proprietors.

Fred M. Johnson, one of San Juan Hill heroes, has invented a belt feed rifle that will fire 300 shots in succession, at the rate of 20 shots a second.

Allensworth, California, a Negro colony, is completing a new grammar school. "One of the best colony schools in the state," the neighboring papers say.

In a recent ten days campaign the Negroes of Baltimore, Maryland, pledged \$31,000 towards a Young Men's Christian Association building. This is another one of the cities to cover the \$25,000 offered by Mr. Julius Rosenwald, the Chicago philanthropist.

The National Reflector, Wichita, Kansas, has an interesting article on George M. Fox's steam laundry. Mr. Fox runs five delivery wagons and one automobile. During the past year he has installed four thousand dollars worth of improved laundry equipment.

The North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association of Durham, North Carolina, has decided to invest its surplus earnings in securities that will yield the safest return. Following this plan the company invested \$20,000 in Georgia State bonds, on Saturday, November 23rd.

CALL NEGRESS FOR JURY.

Spokane Woman First of Sex to Have This Honor.

Spokane, Wash.—Dorothy Coates, a Negress, summoned for jury duty in the Superior Court here, is believed to be the first woman of her race in the United States to have the opportunity.

Mr. William H. Lewis, assistant attorney general of the United States, has sailed for Europe, and will include in his itinerary a visit to Paris, where his wife and children have been living for the past year or so. London, Liverpool, Berlin and other points of international interest. At the French capital the Lewis children are taking advantage of the superior educational facilities offered. Mr. Lewis will return to America in January.

The feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated with solemn high mass on last Sunday at 11 o'clock. Mass at St. Francis Xavier's Catholic church, the oldest colored Catholic church in the United States, the golden jubilee of which will be celebrated in October. The altar was handsomely decorated with cut flowers and palms.

PROGRESS OF THE NEGRO IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

More Negro saints. The church has already raised to her altars Saint Benedict, the Moor, under whose invocation a church has long stood in New York City, and Blessed Martin Porres, a South American, a son of a Spanish father and a Negro mother.

The beatification cause of 22 native black men, martyred a few years ago in the Nyanza, is now being opened at Rome. Most of these were converts of Cardinal Lavigier's White Fathers, and were baptized only in the '80s.

Some had previously been Protestants; others, Mohammedans. At the test they met death as bravely on the hill of Kampia, and torments as frightful as those of the martyrs of the Coliseum in Pagan, Rome.

In the matter of the Negro martyrs, their prayers must be helping the spread of the faith amid their race in America, for New York has now its second church for them, and a house of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament—Mother Katherine Drexel's order, founded exclusively for the service of the Negroes and Indians—has been opened in this city.

Messrs. A. Dejele and T. J. Howard two very successful business men of New Orleans, Louisiana, has opened a fine shoe store.

The New Orleans Business Journal a Negro weekly, has been changed to a Negro daily. It is henceforth to be known as The Daily Spokesman.

Baltimore.—The Maryland State Teachers association will hold its annual meeting Monday and Tuesday, December 30 and 31, 1912, at Morgan college, is authority for the statement are Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Prof. Kelly Miller and Dr. L. B. Moore.

Dean Hubbard, of Meharry Medical College, is authority for the statement that Texas has more reputable colored high schools than any other southern state.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Dr. J. Max Barber, formerly editor of The Voice of the Negro, but now a practicing dentist, was married to Miss Harriet B. Taylor.



MISS GERTRUDE L. HYDE.

Miss Gertrude L. Hyde is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde, a graduate from the C. C. C. C. and is the stenographer and book-keeper for father and son's business. She has elocutionary ability and will leave next week for Topeka, Kans., as a delegate to the Inter-State Literary society.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

We hope that Dr. Carey may return again and help us to wake up. Mrs. F. D. Fields has returned from a very pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Quincy, Ill.

A dance will be given by the Masons at Woodman hall on Christmas night.

Miss Kittie Owens has returned home from Breckenridge, Ill., where she has been employed as nurse for several weeks.

Don't forget the dance that is scheduled for January 2nd, given by Messrs. Chas. Owens and W. A. Frye. Rev. O. E. Jones, presiding elder of the Hannibal, Mo., district, was in our city last Monday, coming up to attend the lecture that was delivered by Dr. Carey.

Mrs. M. J. Dove of Chicago is visiting friends in our city. She was entertained at 6 o'clock dinner last Friday evening by Mrs. M. E. Dixon. Mr. Edward Bryant has been confined to home with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Emmanuel Proctor was drawn as juror for this term of court.

Miss Kittie Owens entertained at a six-course dinner at her home last Monday evening Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Sims, Presiding Elder I. N. Daniels, Rev. D. E. Jones, presiding elder of Hannibal, Mo., district, and Rev. Dr. A. J. Carey of Chicago.

And the wedding bells are still ringing, this time to record another of our most favorable young ladies, Miss Edna King Henderson to Mr. Oscar Albert. Numerous friends extend heartiest congratulations. Miss Henderson is an intelligent young lady graduate from our public high school and an ardent worker in the First African Baptist church. Mr. Albert is employed as chef for Stone & Webster Co.

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EDITOR'S OBSERVATION OF BUXTON, IOWA.

Some of Her Business Men and Her Homes.

There are many towns that are admired and talked about because of their age, their history or some event connected with it. Yet I am to tell you in as brief a manner of a town not noted for its age or her great men, but one that is perhaps the most unique American town on the map. It is Buxton, Iowa, an un-

incorporated town of about 6,000 people, located in Monroe county, north of Albia, the county seat, about twelve miles, on the county line between Mahaska and Monroe counties. Truly to do justice I would need to get out a regular edition, but in the small space I have for this observation I must necessarily be brief. Buxton was founded about twelve years ago by Mr. Wm. Buxton, a large mine operator, who was then manager of the coal mines at Muckaknock. He moved the mining camp from Muckaknock to this place and named the town in honor of him. It has grown from a little village to nearly 6,000. It is unique that its chief occupation is mining and grain the first mining camp to build a \$20,000 Y. M. C. A. and a \$5,000 boys' Y. M. C. A. Then again it is unique that about 5,000 of its people are colored; hence the town is run and controlled by colored people. The postmaster is and always has been a colored man. Mr. P. Mills has been postmaster for several years. All of his deputies are colored. There are four drug stores, of which two are colored—Mr. B. F. Cooper and I. K. Hutchins. The former is the oldest in the town and is one of the wealthiest men of our race in the state. Unfortunately Frank is still single, yet we hope that he will not always be single. There are six grocery stores, of which four are colored. There are five barber shops, all colored, and all the restaurants, four, are colored. There are three meat markets, of which two are colored. There are several colored confectioneries and notion stores, two lunch wagons, one colored bakery, owned by J. B. Lucas. It has a first class plant and does first class work and has a large trade. He cannot supply the demands. One blacksmith shop. Mr. Roberts runs it. There are several pool halls, two dance halls, one shoe shining parlor and one of the three livery stables is owned by the colored people. There are two colored physicians, Dr. E. A. Carter, a graduate from the State university, who is employed by the company. He is very successful. And Dr. G. S. Robinson, who has a good practice among the people. There are two lawyers, Hon. Geo. H. Woodson and J. S. Spears. Both are Howard university graduates. One hotel, managed by Mr. Oscar Peterson, a very efficient and experienced man. It is a new hotel, called "Hotel Buxton," two stories, completely modern, with steam heat in all the rooms. It was built and owned by Ruben Gaines, one of the wealthiest men in Buxton, costing \$10,000. This hotel is a credit to the Negro race. It is built of cement, fireproof. There are one colored tailor and two white ones. Dentist, Dr. L. R. Willis, who has a good practice. There are three colored churches and two white. Rev. F. B. Woodward has charge of Zion Baptist, the largest in the town. He is a very able, progressive Christian minister. Rev. J. L. Wharton is the new minister at the A. M. E. church. He is an eloquent pulpit orator, a young man who if he will can become a strong minister. Rev. C. H. Mendenhall, formerly of the Zion Baptist, is now at the Second Baptist of St. James Baptist. His ill health has compelled him to go to Hot Springs, Ark., and just recently he met with still more reverses. His house was burned and he lost everything. Rev. Mendenhall is a strong man when at himself. The secret societies flourish to a large degree. The leading societies are the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Pythias, Knights of Tabor and Modern Woodmen. There are about sixteen teachers in all, of which ten are colored. Of course the schools are mixed. The two justices of the peace are colored, also the constables. There are fourteen colored clerks of the sixty odd clerks in the large department company store. Most of them are girls. Hobe Armstrong, who runs the regular meat market of the company's store, has been in this business for more than

twenty-five years. He is perhaps the richest colored man in Iowa. He owns a little more than 1,100 acres of Iowa farm land in Mahaska and Monroe counties. Some are very valuable farms. He recently purchased 200 acres at a cost of \$100 per acre. His son, Charles, runs the meat market, while his oldest daughter, Lottie, until recently was the cashier of the Buxton bank. Ruben Gaines, Sr., is a very rich man. He is a real race man, has built the beautiful Buxton fireproof modern hotel costing fully \$10,000. B. F. Cooper is perhaps the richest colored bachelor in Iowa, the oldest druggist, a real race man, a gentleman in every respect. The London Bros. run the only music and millinery and insurance office, doing well. E. A. London is the vacationer of this firm. The Jeffery restaurant is the oldest and best restaurant, doing well. Mr. J. W. Neely has moved his grocery store out in South Buxton on his own property and is doing nicely. He owns a beautiful home.

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WASHINGTON, IOWA, NOTES.

Howard Motts is at the parental P. D. Motts home sick with the quinsy. He came from Centerville, where he has been employed for the past several months.

Mrs. A. G. Clark of Oskaloosa visited at the Jas. Redd home recently.

Mrs. Rhodes of Kentucky came in from Indiana last Saturday morning for a visit at the home of her son, Henry, and incidentally will care for Mrs. Rhodes during her illness with the grip.

Mrs. Lyons of Tennessee, niece of Mrs. Sarah Armstrong, expects to return to her home after the holidays. She has been here caring for Mrs. Armstrong during her sickness, who is some better at this writing.

Mr. Lewis H. Wallace is expecting to start for Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday, December 23, for a visit at his old home. He expects to be gone about three weeks.

Relatives in the city have received word to the effect that Mrs. Mary Holmes is very sick at her home at Moline, Ill. Her many friends here wish her speedy recovery.

Samuel Hall, Jr., is the new janitor at the German Lutheran church. Those people were wise in their selection.

The A. M. E. church has been fortunate in getting equipment for its kitchen and dining room, as recently there has been donated a full complement of dishes, utensils and dining room furniture by Miss Sadie Hamilton and brother, William, warm friends of the congregation, who have gone to California to take up their abode. The church people seem very appreciative, and so they should.

The Rev. D. W. Brown was very fortunate in securing such a worthy and well equipped evangelist as he has in the person of the Rev. Geo. W. Slater of Clinton, Iowa, who is conducting the revival services at the A. M. E. church, as his efforts are being felt and indications are that quite a few new members will be added to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams contemplate moving to the farm in the near future. The more simple and independent life is the thing nowadays.

Monday, December 16th, at 9:30 p. m., after the church services, occurred the marriage of Miss Ruth L. Black and Mr. Wm. F. Kipper of Peoria, Ill. The Rev. D. W. Brown of the A. M. E. church performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives, only a few being present. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Black, who has grown to womanhood in this city and is well and favorably known. The groom, Mr. Frank Kipper, has been a resident of Washington for some time and during his residence here has proven himself to be a straightforward young man and well worthy of the flower he chose for his helpmate through life. He has been employed, since coming here, by the Spencer Bros., cement contractors. The young couple have a host of

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Philip Rushing, who has been spending the summer at Fairfield, has returned home for the winter.

Beebe Gwinn is expected home soon from Keokuk, where he has been working on the big dam.

The Christian Culture club will meet with Miss Geneva Murray at the home of Mrs. Fred Turner on Thursday, December 19th, when some of the current events of the day are to be discussed. An interesting session is expected. No club was ever organized in this city where the interest was more intense than in this club.

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