



DAY DREAMS.

The children played in the cool morn air. At what they would like to be, they posed as lords and as ladies fair, And folks of a high degree. For life looks fair at the break of day, For little of work and much of play, And all is possible—so they say young— When the heart, when the heart is young.

The morning changed to the heat of noon, And then to the twilight chill; The children wearied of high life soon, And quarreled, as children will. But they ran away home in the fading light, To sob out their wrongs ere they said good night.

And the mother, the mother made all things right; For their hearts, oh, their hearts were young.

And we need not sorrow, as years roll on, If the hopes that have ceased to be, But bring us, when passion and youth are gone,

To the truth at the Father's knee; Who husheth us up, when our prayers are said, Forgetful of sorrow, in restful bed, To awaken again when the night has fled, Where the heart will be always young.—Lily Oakley, in Pall Mall Magazine.

A PHOTOGRAPH GIRL.

BY GEORGE ADE.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lester had a flat on the North side. They were and are the kind of young married people calculated to restore a feeling of confidence as to matrimony.

Many a bachelor, after spending an evening at the Lester flat and rioting in the simple delights of a "Dutch lunch," would remark to some other bachelor, as they were walking homeward: "Say, if I knew where there was another Mrs. Bert Lester, I'd be a married man in less than six months."

The Lesters had a dozen or more friends, mostly of the hotel kind, but Joe Barnet held the record for constant attendance. When there was any sort of a social gathering at the Lester flat, Joe was neither absent nor tardy. He and Bert Lester had been good friends long before there was any Lester flat. Mrs. Lester believed that Joe was an "awfully nice fellow." She had laid certain plans for his future.

Louise Rhodes had been preached to by Joe Barnet for a year.

Her picture was on the Lester mantel and her name went back and forth between the Lesters.

"Oh, Joe, I must have Louise come up to visit me," Mrs. Lester would say, when she had dragged Joe up to the photograph for the hundredth time. "You'll like her immensely. She's as clever as she can be, and pretty—Joe her father has plenty of money, too; think of that."

"I don't see why that would interest me," Joe would reply, with an indifference which was wholly assumed. "Well, if I was a man, there wouldn't be many girls like Louise Rhodes running around single."

"You couldn't marry more than one of them."

"You're very bright to-night, aren't you? Wait till you see her. I know you will fall in love with her, and then it will serve you right if she refuses to look at you at all."

Mrs. Bert Lester and the much-talked-of Louise Rhodes had been classmates in a girl's seminary in Ohio. After graduating Kate Townsend returned to Chicago, and promptly accepted Bert Lester. Louise resumed a country-town existence at Flavius, Ind., where her father owned a grain elevator, a bank, a general store and a hub and spoke factory. His country possessions were marked by white farmhouses and huge red barns. Mrs. Lester once visited Louise at Flavius, and when she returned home told fanciful stories of the Rhodes possessions.

Last spring, while Mrs. Lester was writing to Louise, coaxing her to come to Chicago on a visit, Joe Barnet did a



THE PHOTOGRAPH ON THE MANTEL.

very unusual thing. He wrote a letter to Miss Louise Rhodes, of Flavius, Ind., a young woman whom he had never seen.

Mark the running of the scoundrel. This is the way the letter ran:

"Of course, you dare not overlook my vast presumption in thus addressing you. One fact you must consider, however. I am with the Lesters so much of the time that I am, at all intents and purposes, a member of the household, and this may entitle me to the privilege of joining in the invitations. You may remember that May 3 will mark the third anniversary of their marriage. I am arranging to give a little dinner in their honor, but I want to make it a surprise to them. As you are Mrs. Lester's most intimate friend it would be almost a calamity if you were not present at the dinner. You will understand, of course, that I could not have forwarded this information through the agency of Mrs. Lester. Don't tell her that I have written to you. I do not want her to learn of the dinner, and there are other reasons."

The letter closed with a final plea for pardon, and Joe mailed it in the consciousness that he had done a very clever thing. He believed that any young woman, no matter how strict her early training had been, would have

to answer that kind of letter. He was not mistaken. The reply came three days later, and it was in a bold and peaked handwriting in which both ink and space were lavishly wasted. The letter called him "Mr. Barnet," and said, among other things:

"Under these extraordinary circumstances I suppose I am justified in writing to you—a stranger. No, not a stranger, either for I have heard so much about you (through Kate) that I suppose I can already claim a half-way acquaintance. Alas, to say it! I cannot come to Chicago for your little dinner, which will doubtless be lonely. We are in the throes of preparation for a wedding here (my cousin), and until she is safely away on her wedding tour I shall be deliciously busy. It's too late. Perhaps next month I shall be in Chicago, and you may be sure I will be prepared to feign proper surprise and embarrassment when Kate presents you. I wouldn't for worlds let her know I had written this letter."

"Say, she's all right." This is what Joe Barnet told himself as he read her letter and grinned like a veal boy over his first love note.

Joe studied the letter again, and concluded that the young woman had not been seriously offended. So he wrote another letter, setting forth some of the June attractions in Chicago, and hoping, rather more fervently than in the first letter, that she would accept the Lester invitation. He received an answer expressing regret that no absolute promise could be made, and incidentally suggesting that the writer would be pleased to learn some of the particulars in regard to the little dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lester. Joe construed this as an open consent to keep up the correspondence, and in one short month thereafter his letters ran: "My Dear Miss Rhodes," and she addressed him "My Dear Mr. Barnet," this being the set and accepted form, although not commonly used between young people who have never met.

In the meantime Mrs. Lester continued to show the photograph to Joe and lecture on the superlative merits of her



THE GIRL FROM FLAVIUS.

ringsmate. In her letters to Louise she eulogized Joe.

All this was preliminary to her subtle plan for match-making.

In July the correspondence had become so cordial in its exchange that Joe felt at perfect liberty to slip away to a night train and go to Flavius, Ind. He told the Lesters an elaborate lie about going to Indianapolis to settle a tax claim against some property left to him by his uncle. Miss Louise Rhodes, having been advised of his coming, told her parents an unblushing falsehood to the effect that she had become well acquainted with Mr. Barnet while she was attending the seminary in Ohio.

That day at Flavius settled it. They strolled under the maples and went driving along a winding creek road, an ardent Flavius couple in the front seat and the overhanging bows sweeping the canopy top of the Rhodes family carriage.

They sat side by side in the big dining-room, while State Senator Rhodes, at the head of the table, ordered the timid hired girl to deliver immense portions of spring chicken to the young man from Chicago.

From that time on the development came with the rush of closing chapters in a novel. Joe wrote almost daily, and after an interval of two weeks, he was called to Indianapolis to settle another tax claim. On the occasion of his second visit to Flavius he proposed, but he was not definitely accepted, with the full consent of the state senator, until he had paid a third visit.

All this time he was pretending to be carelessly indifferent to the photograph in the Lester flat, and Louise Rhodes, in her letters to Mrs. Lester, sometimes mentioned that she would be glad to meet Mr. Barnet, having read so much about him.

Last week the Flavius girl came to Chicago for the long-delayed visit.

Joe had been advised that the photograph girl was coming. He appeared at the flat promptly at eight o'clock. Mrs. Lester, fluttering with importance, met him at the door.

Joe did not wait to be welcomed. He slammed his hat and coat on the rack, rushed into the parlor and then and there threw his arms around Louise Rhodes and kissed her.

Mrs. Lester shrieked and then tottered over against an armchair, actually faint with terror. She thought that Joe had gone stark, staring mad.

There had to be an immediate explanation, but it did not satisfy Mrs. Lester. She said the two of them were no better than the people who go to matrimonial agencies or put slobby "personals" into obscure weekly papers. She was shocked beyond expression, and did not fully forgive them until they had pleaded for at least five minutes.—Chicago Record.

Salty Slang.

The tendency of the modern society swell to everything extraordinary in the way of fresh slang is more than passing strange. The would-be up-to-date young man must needs avail himself of the first flow of "fly" phrases or he is "strictly not in it." The Chicago Tribune makes the following note which may be used in corroboration of this assertion:

"Since the white squadron has been maneuvering off Charleston everything in that town has taken a nautical and salty flavor. The following conversation was overheard on the streets of that city a day or so ago between a couple of society young men: 'Aho, there, messmate, heave to and give me your duke, old buoy. Wedge my turret, but I'm glad to see you. But what's the matter? You look as if you had been scudding under bare poles before a stiff nor'easter.' 'O, I'm feeling as tough as a marine spike this morning, shiver my toplights if I don't. Went out to a cold swarthy last night and conveyed a young lady to supper, and dang my lee scuppers if she didn't eat so much plum duff that she went over on her beam ends and it cost me six dollars for a cab to get her home. If it hadn't been for that I should have had a routine good time.'"

A doting father recently presented his daughter with a handsome opal bracelet on her birthday. The stones were beautiful in their prismatic scintillations, with the slumberous glow of fire within their stony hearts, and the girl was, of course, enraptured over them, but her happiness was marred by the thought that they were unlucky. She did not want to return them or let them rest unworn in her jewel casket, and she was in a quandary. But at last a happy thought flashed through her mind. She invested a quarter in a silver mounted rabbit's foot and with that pious talisman in her pocket she wears her gems with all the grace of a queen and with a heart unmolested by even the remotest fear.

If all Kentucky physicians are in the habit of receiving such communications as one that came to a Ballard county doctor the other day their lot cannot be truly happy. Here is the epistle: "At Home, February 3, 1897.—Dr. — has been mending up till three days ago, and he has the colic so bad that he can't eat or drink any thing it is heavy aiking in breast and stomach and side, I have gave him asafetida and camphor, pepper tea, turpentine, saults, he has it worse at night. He craves something to eat all the time and he eat nitty harty such as cornbread, meat, molasses, sweet milk, please send him something to ease him. He drink nine cups of coffee a day."

Those who expect ice to get down to a reasonable rate per carat this summer are likely to be disappointed. The ice men say the weather was too cold to gather the crop with any comfort, and, besides, there was so much of it that new houses had to be built to store it and an extra number of hands employed to get it in the houses. The result is the ice men have been put to so much extra expense that they will have to keep the prices up.

A new sort of whisky is paralyzing the advocates of prohibition up in Maine. So potent is it that a few drinks of it causes temporary insanity of the victim, with homicidal and suicidal tendencies. The ordinary "forty-rod" is said to be benign in comparison with the new candidate for favor at the hands of the prohibitionists of Penobscot, Kennebec and Molly-chunkamug.

The people of Norwich and Montville, Conn., are anxious to have their state purchase a big detached boulder, locally known as Chegan rock, in Millville. It is said to be one of the largest in the country, and of great interest to geologists, it being about 80 feet long, 78 feet high, and weighing, it is estimated, 1,000 tons. We wonder if those people are afraid somebody is going to come along and lug that rock off.

An old rail fence that Lincoln is said to have built is pointed out to strangers on the premises of a Marion county (Ky.) distillery. Lincoln's father and the father of Jefferson Davis were neighbors in that region, and are said to have fought side by side in a little brush with Indians near where the town of Springfield, Ky., now stands.

The Atchison (Kan.) Globe man casts a severe reflection upon boarding-housekeepers of that town when he suggests that the inventive talent of the country should devote special efforts toward inventing a sugar bowl small enough for the housekeepers to keep filled.

An official who ought to know says that, while Cleveland has over 500 Chinese residents and Toledo over 50, Detroit now has only two. "Detroit is a city thoroughly detested by the Chinese," he says. "When Detroit is mentioned to a Chinaman, he turns away in disgust."

Careful perusal of western records shows that the south does not monopolize odd names. This is evident from the divorce in Missouri of Buck Sigerfip and the marriage in Kansas of Pete Juggersnap. At Carthage, Mo., Miss Trott is secretary of the Keep Pace club.

The Public Land Problem.

The United States has either given away or sold at a merely nominal price a domain of nearly 154,000 square miles—a territory nearly equal to that of France. Nor does this include mountain, desert and morass-covered regions, as any estimate referring to the whole of any country would; it means the good and choice land only, the equivalent of which, possibly, France and Germany combined would be unable to supply. The United States still has left, states the Youth's Companion, exclusive of Alaska, a domain of 5,000,000 acres; but this is to a large extent either mountain or desert country. All the best of the land is gone. Our nation has not followed, with respect to its landed estate, the policy which a wise parent would follow, namely, to keep its land for its own children. It has bestowed that land with a free hand upon all comers, until now a generation of its own children is coming up which has no free domain of land to look to. Uncle Sam is no longer "rich enough to give us all a farm." The relief which the attraction of free lands in the west has always afforded hitherto for the congestion of our more thickly settled country has already practically ceased to exist, and the advance of social problems upon us for settlement—old problems for the old world, but new to us—has been greatly hastened by the exhaustion of the arable free lands of the west. It is well to have the public lands occupied; but we are now facing the question: Would it not have been wiser to have them occupied more slowly by our own people, rather than to give them away, almost all at once, to strangers? Whatever the answer to this question may be, we certainly must ask what is best to be done with what remains. It will not be necessary to repeal the homestead law; that will repeal itself by the disappearance of the lands which anyone would take as homesteads. Two things it seems wise to do: To stop giving land to railroads; and to reserve as much as practicable of the remaining domain for forest purposes and to serve as collecting basins for irrigating operations. Thus we may lay the foundation for the best use of the public land we still have.

The antipathy felt toward filled cheese in legislative quarters seems to be well-founded, although it may be, after all, a revulsion caused by excess of fastidiousness. A good article of filled cheese is made, it is said, by using the very thinnest milk imaginable and adding 30 pounds of pork fat to every 100 pounds of milk, and seasoning to the taste with sugar of lead, bisulphate of lime, boracic acid, orris root, tartaric acid, glycerine, cupric acid, sulphuric acid, butyric ether, caustic potash, castor oil, slippery elm bark, oil from sunflower seeds, dried blood, and adding a little coloring matter.

Taking a hint from a Louisiana drummer, a Tampa (Fla.) proprietor of a shooting range where business has become slack because people were tired of firing at a negro's head, had a new target made representing Weyler and his bull's-eye over the heart. Immediately Cubans and their sympathizers swarmed about his place, forming in line to await their turn at the rifles. Some of the excitable ones offered a bonus to be allowed to stab it and to beat the effigy with clubs.

The adjutant general of the regular army has laid before congress, as provided by law, a statement of the number of men in the United States physically able to perform military duty if called upon to do so. The number of such men is 10,024,584. The number is important, because it shows that the United States has more men available for war than any other nation in the world. The foremost place was held previously by Russia.

A society which disseminates moral literature sent a Chicago railway agent a bundle of free tracts to place in the time table rack. One of the tracts was entitled "A Route to the New Jerusalem." The letter to the society received from the general passenger agent declining the tracts contained as the closing sentence: "We cannot place the tracts, as the N. J. is not on our route."

"You can get them the best way you can," said a Jersey City girl to her rejected beloved, who had asked for the return of his rings and things. The youth took her at her word, turned robber, and, while his ex-sweetheart slept cleaned out her jewel box. He also took one of papa's cuff buttons, and now he is in durance for burglary.

A prisoner of the Stillwater (Minn.) jail who ran away while on parole in 1895 has written the warden a letter asking if he may return. Transportation was sent him, and he returned alone to serve the remaining seven years of his term. Stillwater must have a homelike jail.

One of the latest discoveries of the power of the press is that it can attract a man's undivided attention while his wife is performing a war dance about him and talking like an excited hen. This, notwithstanding its value to line carpets, will alone immortalize it.

A machine that splits a hair lengthwise into 37 strips has been invented. The utility of this machine will be appreciated by those persons who are in the habit of doing the work by hand.

Tommy's Ambition.

Tommy had been reprimanded by his father for playing in the dirt with the children who live down the street. "When I see a man," he sobbed, through his tears, "I see going to be a politician." "What put that into your head?" asked his mamma.

"Uncle told me they are always throwing mud at each other."—Pittsburgh News.

A Modern Habit. Renshaw—That was a sad accident that happened to Mrs. Higgins. Flagg—What was it? Renshaw—Why, she fell out of the window. Flagg—You don't say so? Renshaw—Yes, there was a family moving in next door and she was trying to see what kind of furniture they had.—Up-to-Date.

Ornithological. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. No woman will quibble with that; The song may be sweet of the bird in the bush, But the bird in the hand trims a hat.—Chicago Record.

IT EXPLAINED THE DIRT.



Mother—Johnnie, your face is very clean, but how did you get such dirty hands? Johnnie (smartly)—Washin' me face, mamma.—N. Y. World.

World Reviser It. Oh, doubly hard his task who tries To read his fate in woman's eyes; For even though the truth he find, To prove him wrong she'll change her mind.—Chicago Journal.

Beyond the Dreams of Avarice. "Oh, dear, I wish I were rich," said Miss Spear. "But you are rich," said a friend. "You inherited two millions." "Oh, I didn't mean to be a mere millionaire. I want to be so rich that a bargain sale would not appeal to me."—N. Y. World.

A Lesson. Maude Landes—I hear that your yacht ran aground yesterday. Jack Manes—Yes, we were hugging the shore too close. Maude Landes—That ought to teach you to take some girls along next time.—Up-to-Date.

Out of Place. Wife—I suppose there will be a crowd at our silver wedding next week, and it might not be a bad idea to have a policeman in the house. Husband—No, my dear. It would never do to have a copper at a silver wedding.—Boston Transcript.

Premature Acquaintance. Harlow—There's a new family up the street. Mamma—What's their name? Harlow—Dunno; but I've licked their boy already and sassed the servant girl.—N. Y. Truth.

An Easy Job. Fitz-William—It's no use talking, you can't make a square article fit a round receptacle. Dusty Rhodes—I'd be willing to try a square meal on my stomach.—Philadelphia Press.

Making a Record. "So, witness, you say the prisoner passed you at a rapid gait?" "Yes, sir; when I see him, sir, he were a-goin' faster'n a ton o' sof' coal."—Detroit Free Press.

A Sensible Girl. He—If I should kiss you unaware, would you resent it? She—Certainly I should. I have a one-sided arrangement.—Philadelphia Press.

Good Medicine. "Well, nurse, is the patient taking that table-spoonful of brandy that I ordered him this morning?" "Rather, doctor; he's 20 ahead."—Fun.

Why They Object. "Why do your parents object so to Mr. Longstop?" Edith—Mamma objects to his shortcomings and papa to his long stayings.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

The Discontented Part. Husband—I don't believe you can keep account of the money you spend. Wife—Oh, yes, I can. It is the money I cannot keep.—Brooklyn Life.

HEAD OF PEOPLE'S PARTY.

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"I have known Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy for many years, and in many cases where great benefit has been derived from its use. Especially in the case of the lady who was best-ridden and on whom all other remedies had failed, who used it and got great help. She now goes around the house and is comfortable. All the reports that have come to my knowledge, put Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy above everything in the line of popular remedies. My wife's mother has used it. She was troubled with nervousness and general debility and was much benefited. She now sleeps quietly after using it. I know it is a good remedy or I would not recommend it."

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Local Items.

Announcements.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

To the voters of Marion District. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, for Marion district, and ask the support of the people. Election 4th Thursday in May 1897. W. V. BIRCHFIELD.

We are authorized to announce Cornelius W. White as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the East end of Marion district. Election 4th Thursday in May 1897.

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for Marion District, if elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. R. M. GOODELL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for Marion District, if elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Election 27 of May 1897. W. F. HESTER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for Marion District, if elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Election 4th Thursday in May 1897. Resp. THOS. J. WYDAL.

FOR CONSTABLE.

At the earnest solicitation of many of my friends I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Constable for Marion district, and if elected I promise to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Election 4th Thursday in May next. H. H. ROSENBAUM.

Leather belts at Weiler's.

U. S. Walker of Saltville, was in the city Thursday.

Big lot of Straw Hats for sale at Groseclose Bros. & Co.

M. D. Dungan, of Saltville, was in Marion last Monday.

Hon. H. E. McCoy, of Bristol, is spending the week in Marion.

The fruit is not so much damaged as many had feared last week.

A DAISY SUIT of FURNITURE for only \$17.00 at R. F. Nickels.

Wise men learn more from fools than fools learn from wise men.

If you want a mattress as soft as downey pillows, go to R. F. Nickels.

We have a few sacks of Plaster we will sell cheap. Groseclose Bros. & Co.

The farmers are putting in full time now preparing for the coming corn crop.

The appointment of school superintendents for Virginia will take place about the middle of May.

Chas. Richardson, Esq., and family, of Graham, are spending the week in Marion visiting relatives.

It is said that never within the memory of "the oldest inhabitant" has there been such an enormous apple bloom.

Col. Jno. W. Richardson, Register of the Land Office, at Richmond, is spending the week in Marion, visiting his family.

A LITTLE PHYSICIAN always ready in every emergency—OXYDONOR "VICTORY." Rev. E. W. Leslie, Atkins, Va., Agent.

It is said that there is an effort on foot to get the Old Plantation Comedy Co. to appear at the Asylum in the near future.

That tired feeling is due to impoverished blood. Enrich the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be strong and vigorous.

The largest stock of MATTING is at R. F. Nickels, who gives the best quality and the lowest prices. Go and see for yourselves.

We call attention of our readers to the new announcements, for magistrates and constable, which appear in this issue of the News.

Straw hats and big bargains at Weiler's.

Prof. F. A. Kelly and family, of Chilhowie, were in Marion Thursday attending the funeral ceremonies, of his nephew, George Groseclose.

Some thief broke into the home of Henry Pickle Esq. last Saturday, while he was attending church, at Pleasant Hill, and stole \$35 cash.

Our townsman John H. Musselwhite, who has been confined to his room for the last six or seven weeks from the effects of a broken leg, we are glad to note, is able to go to the street again.

Children and boys suits at Weiler's. If you need job work have it done at THE NEWS office.

We want 2000 cords of Tan Bark as soon as it can be gotten. See us. VENABLE & CO.

OXYDONOR "VICTORY" cures liquor, opium, morphine, chloral and tobacco habits.

Spruce Pine or Hemlock and Chestnut Oak Tan Bark wanted by Groseclose Bros & Co.

The fires raging for the past week in Walker and Little Brushy mountains, especially in the latter, have been the fiercest and destructive we have ever seen. At this season, when the sap is up, such fires are said to be unusually injurious to timber.

Potato bugs plentiful in prospective potato patches. 'Tis said in some sections they have procured prominent positions in prospective patches' waiting for the first appearance of a potato! Push, perseverance and Paris green paralyze these pests.

New upright pianos from \$350.00 to \$550.00; second-hand uprights from \$125.00 to \$165.00; also second hand square pianos from \$50.00 to \$150.00, all of which are fully warranted. Sold on easy payments, without interest, by Hobbie Piano Co., Roanoke. Write them for particulars.

The Old Plantation Comedy Co., under the auspices of Adam Hutchinson and Wm. Simpson, gave an entertainment at Seaver Opera House Tuesday night. The entire performance was given by home talent. Gilmore's band in minor was the highest grade of music ever introduced here in public by the colored people. The tone and pitch of the voices showed good talent. A large audience greeted the actors and all expressed themselves as having an evening of mirth and solid fun.

County court is still in session, several criminal cases have been disposed of. Hugh Hart and Manny Coe, who were charged with the offense of rape, were tried, found guilty, and their terms of confinement fixed in the State penitentiary at 10 years each. The warrants in the appeal case of the town of Marion vs. W. R. Richardson and others were quashed and dismissed at the cost of the town—court will continue through the week.

Staple and fancy groceries at R. F. Nickels, cheap for cash.

Adwolfe, Va., Apr. 25, 1897.

To THE MARION NEWS.—The colored members of Johns Chapel Baptist church take this method of returning their thanks to their white friends for their support in this the hour of our great need. They realized from their two entertainments (Holstons Mills \$2.20, Adwolfe, \$4.37.) six dollars and fifty-seven cents, for which we feel very grateful indeed. Respt: F. C. ROBINSON.

Elizabeth, N. J., Oct. 19, 1896. ELY BROS., Dear Sirs:—Please accept my thanks for your favor in the gift of a bottle of Cream Balm. Let say I have used it for years and can thoroughly recommend it for what it claims, if directions are followed. Yours truly, (Rev.) H. W. HATHAWAY.

No clergyman should be without it. Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50c. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it. ELY CROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

Death of G. G. Groseclose.

George G. Groseclose, the son of our esteemed townsman Mr. J. L. Groseclose, died at Big Stone Gap last Wednesday morning. He was about 21 years old, and one of the most promising young men of whom we had the privilege to know. His death was quite a shock to his relatives and many friends in Marion. We learn that he had been sick only about 10 days. He was stricken with typhoid fever, which afterwards turned to meningitis. His mother and sister reached his bedside just a short time before he died. His remains arrived in Marion Wednesday evening and were taken to the home of his father where a funeral service was held at 7 p. m. after which they were laid in Round Hill cemetery. The sad warning of the death of this young man, who but a few weeks ago was so full of life, and buoyant with bright prospects for the future, tells us that we should be ever ready, and prepared, to obey the summons when it is presented at our doors.

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Lutheran Conference.

The conference of the Lutheran church held at Pleasant Hill from 23rd inst. to the 25th inst., was a most enjoyable and profitable occasion. Large audiences assembled on each day and night. On Sunday there were perhaps more people present than ever before at that church. The citizens of Pleasant Hill entertained conference and a large assemblage right royally. Besides the transaction of regular business a number of interesting subjects were ably discussed, and the sermons were more than ordinary ability. The next meeting of conference will be at Bland C. H. including the 5th Sunday in October. On Sunday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society of the conference had an interesting service consisting of recitations, addresses, etc.

We want all the spruce pine and chestnut oak bark we can get, will commence shipping next week. Venable & Co.

RYBURN-KREGER.

Again we are reminded of the oft repeated and beautiful utterance of Tennyson, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," and that however hard he may try to escape—nothing will render man impervious to the darts of the cunning little archer. On last Wednesday morning Mr. J. C. Ryburn, attended by Messrs. Jno. G. Buchanan, D. B. Ryburn, Ed. L. Clark, A. E. Buchanan and Dr. J. D. Buchanan, left this place for Abingdon, where were to be celebrated the nuptials of Mr. J. C. Ryburn and Miss Laura Kreger. At 2:30 an elegant dinner was given the groom and his attendants at the home of Miss Kreger, and only those who were fortunate enough to be present can appreciate the hospitality of these estimable people. After spending a pleasant afternoon with the family and a few of their nearest relatives and friends the beautiful and impressive ceremony, which linked the destinies of two lives, was performed at 6:15 by Rev. T. A. Wharton, of Abingdon. The bridal party now including Mr. and Mrs. Ryburn, Misses Margaret and Sarah Kreger, Miss Gertrude Sexton of Martha Washington College, Miss Maggie Buchanan of Stonewall Jackson Institute and Miss Maggie Preston of Abingdon, and Mr. George Kreger and those previously mentioned, were driven to the depot where they boarded the 6:48 train for Marion. Here they were entertained by the hostess of the Valley House. The party left yesterday morning for Rich Valley where a reception was tendered them at the home of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryburn were the recipients of innumerable handsome and valuable presents, which space will not permit us to mention in particular. The contracting parties are well known in Southwest Va. Mr. Ryburn is one of Rich Valley's most prosperous business men, now connected with the firm of Taylor, Buchanan & Co., and the bride is a daughter of the late Jno. R. Kreger and sister of Jno. R. Kreger, Jr., present clerk of the court of Washington county.

How's This! We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh cure. F. J. Cheney & Co. Props, Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

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Oak Point High School Closes.

The current session of Oak Point High School closed on Friday, the 23rd inst., with an unusual but highly enjoyed program. It was announced a week beforehand that the day would be given to the pupils for their own enjoyment. They accordingly determined that a picnic, a base ball game and an address before the Literary Society should be the features of the day.

In the early forenoon pupils, parents and friends began to assemble and soon the house was crowded. A demand was made upon the elocutionary talent of the school and several young ladies and gentlemen responded with impromptu but well rendered pieces. Any community should be proud that its young people could thus entertain a crowd. These Oak Point patrons manifested their appreciation by presenting for the picnic dinner one of the most delightful, toothsome and bountiful spreads that it has ever been our happy lot to investigate. The day was sunny, enervating, appetizing. The eating was prolonged, thorough, and satisfying.

In the afternoon the Riverside team of baseballers appeared upon the Oak Point diamond. In the early part of the game frequent "skunks" were exchanged till at last Pat Hamilton of the visitors knocked the ball into upper ether and several home runs were scored. The game closed 11 to 3 in favor of Riverside.

The Literary address was delivered by Judge A. P. Cole of Marion. The Society was especially fortunate and happy in this entertainment. The Lecturer's subject was "The Pre-historic Man," which is the revised, gilt-edge edition of "The Man in the Moon." The Judge assumed the role of orator, elocutionist, comedian, tragedian, satirist, etc., with projectoscope precision and rapidity, and at times was greeted with prolonged and howling applause. It did everybody good to enjoy the hearty laughter that greeted his renditions of the ridiculous. He will be welcomed back whenever he chooses to come. Our neighbors came from miles around and all went home well satisfied. Thus closed one of the quietest and most successful sessions of Oak Point High School.

The closing exercises of Riverside High School, will take place Friday May 7th. Exercises beginning at 10:30 a. m.

For underwear go to Weiler's.

Dr. Robert Preston, Superintendent of the Southwestern Hospital at Marion, accompanied by his wife arrived in the city today. They will attend the Newman-Preston nuptials tomorrow morning.—Bristol News.

The autograph letters testifying to cures made by Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other preparations are kept on file at the J. C. Ayer Co.'s office, Lowell, Mass. They are from all over the world and are cheerfully shown to anyone desirous of seeing them.

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For every variety and phase of the many diseases which attack the air-passages of the throat and lungs, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will be found a specific. Its anodyne and expectorant qualities are promptly realized, and it is always ready for use.

Epidemic of Hydrophobia.

Wytheville, Va., April 27.—The inhabitants of Sand Mountain, about four miles south of this place, are in a high state of excitement and apprehension on account of an epidemic of hydrophobia, which has made its appearance among the canines of that neighborhood.

On last Friday, one of the several dogs belonging to Mrs. Martha Grunnells developed dangerous symptoms and sprung at her face, but only inflicted a slight abrasion of the skin on the fore-arm, after which the brute took to flight down the public road, snapping at everything in sight. Mrs. Grunnells' son, coming in soon after, pursued the animal, and succeeded in killing it after it had quite a number of fights with other dogs.

The surprising vitality of a dog after it becomes rabid is demonstrated by the fact that one of the dogs thus afflicted was shot eighteen times before it was finally killed.

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We are now receiving a new line of Buggies, Surries, &c., and all expecting to buy anything of the kind this year will do well to look at our line before purchasing elsewhere.

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